

# University of St. Thomas Policies

## CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

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### SCOPE

All Undergraduate Students.

### PURPOSE

The University participates in several programs – AP (Advanced Placement), CLEP (College Level Examination Program), IB (International Baccalaureate), and ACS (American Chemical Society) – that recognize college-level academic achievement before matriculation and encourage students to pursue areas of special interest at an advanced level. This policy describes the tests, scores and hours that acceptable by the University.

### POLICY/PROCEDURE

#### 01. Hours Accepted

The maximum number of credit hours the University will grant by examination is 30. Students are responsible for completing a Request for Credit by Examination Form in order to receive credit by examination. This form is available online at the Registrar's site or in the Office of Academic Advising.

For transfer students, the University accepts as transfer credit examination credit applied to students' transcripts at other institutions. No additional test transcripts are required. Credit by examination will not in any circumstance obviate the University's residence requirement that a student must take the last 36 credit hours on campus.

#### 02. Department Standards

Department	Minimum Score	Credit for
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##### Accounting

CLEP Principles of Accounting	50	1341, 1342
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##### Art History

AP Art History	4	1350
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##### Biology

AP Biology	4	1341, 1342
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AP examination applies to non-majors ONLY. Biology majors must take BIOL 1341 and 1342. To receive credit for required laboratories (BIOL 1141, 1142) that parallel BIOL 1341 and 1342, consult the department chair. The examination alone does not fulfill the requirement for core curriculum, minor, or major program credit.

##### Chemistry

CLEP Chemistry	50	1341, 1342
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AP Chemistry	4	1341, 1342
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ACS Exam	Review for Credit	1341, 1342
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IB Chemistry (Higher Level) 6 1341, 1342  
 To receive credit for the required laboratory that parallels 1341 and 1342, consult the department chair. The examination alone does not fulfill the requirement for core curriculum, minor, or major program credit.

### **Drama**

Comprehensive Final Exam 80% 1330

### **Economics**

CLEP Principles of Macroeconomics 65 1331  
 CLEP Principles of Microeconomics 65 1332  
 AP Macroeconomics 4 1331  
 AP Microeconomics 4 1332

### **English**

AP English Literature & Composition 4 core\*  
 CLEP English Composition with Essay 50  
*and* CLEP Analyzing and  
 Interpreting Literature 50 core\*  
 IB English (Higher Level) 7 core\*

\*Students receive 3 credits (lower division) for the core requirement and then complete the core sequence: 1341, 1342, 2312. Honors program students will receive AP, CLEP, or IB credit for 1342.

### **History**

CLEP History of the U.S. I 50 2333  
 CLEP History of the U.S. II 50 2334  
 AP U.S. History 4 2333 & 2334  
 AP European History 4 1336  
 AP World History 4 1336  
 CLEP Western Civilization I 50 1335  
 CLEP Western Civilization II 50 1336  
 IB World History (Higher Level) 6 1336

To be granted CLEP credit, students must submit a research paper in history to the chair of the department demonstrating proficiency in research and writing. History majors granted AP or CLEP credit for U. S., Western Civilization, European or World History must fulfill the required 36 hours of the major with other history courses.

### **Mathematics**

AP Calculus AB 4 1431  
 AP Calculus BC 4 1431-1432  
 AP Mathematics AB 4-5 1431  
 AP Mathematics BC 4-5 1431-1432

For information on additional credit allowances and placements, contact the department chair.

### **Modern & Classical Languages**

#### **Classics, French, German, Other LOTE (languages other than English), Spanish**

AP Language 3 1331-1332

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AP Language	4 or 5	2331-2332
AP Literature	4 or 5	2331-2332
IB Standard Level	6 or 7	1331-1332
IB Higher Level	5	1331-1332
IB Higher Level	6 or 7	2331-2332

CLEP Written and ACTFL Oral both required for any credit through either.

Six (6) credits of any language will be given only after completing 3 hours in the same language at UST. Regardless of which examination the student takes or the grade received, the department will not award more than 6 credit hours.

### Music

AP Music Theory	3	2362 or 2363
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### Philosophy

IB Philosophy (Higher Level)	6	3 credit hours
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Restriction: credits will fulfill core requirement only for students who complete the 9-credit core sequence (historical or systematic), in which case the IB credits can be counted as a fourth course toward the core requirement.

### Physics

AP Physics B	4	1331, 1332
AP Physics C	4	2333, 2334

To receive AP credit for Physics, students must take the corresponding one-credit hour laboratory. Both course and lab are necessary to fulfill the science core curriculum or minor program requirement.

When a student qualifies for credit for Physics 1331, 1332, 2333, or 2334 by virtue of an AP examination, the corresponding laboratories, Physics 1111, 1112, 2111 2112, are not included in these AP credits. Laboratories must be taken for credit when they are offered in the fall, spring or summer I regular sessions of the University.

### Political Science

CLEP American Government	59	2331*
AP Government and Politics: U.S.	5	2331*.

### Psychology

AP Psychology	4	1332
CLEP Introductory Psychology	50	1332
CLEP Human Growth and Development	50	2332
IB Psychology (Higher Level)	6	1332
AP Statistics	4	3433

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