



DSST

CUS Policies, Info. Guide and Course Equivalencies

Life Directions Center

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I know if I will receive credit for passing a DSST exam?

You will need to contact your particular institution to determine how the DSST exam will transfer for credit toward your degree.

- If you are in the College of Undergraduate Studies (CUS) at Colorado Christian University (CCU), see the end of this packet for a detailed list of test/course equivalencies and the corresponding passing scores in order to receive credit.
- If you are not a CCU student, you may or may not receive credit. Often, schools will only award credit for specific exams that they accept as equivalent to a specific course.

2. At CCU, is there a limit to the number of credits a student may earn by testing or are there any other conditions on earning credit that I should be aware of?

Please refer to the current catalog's non-traditional credit in the academic policies for active policies. The active catalog policies will supersede the policies listed in this document.

Yes, you must consider the following conditions:

- A student may earn a maximum of 45 credit hours by examination.
- A student may not receive credit by examination for a course in which he or she has been registered at CCU and received any grade or is currently registered for the course at CCU past the drop date.
- A student may not receive credit by examination for a subject in which the student is currently attending or has already successfully completed a higher-level course or test. For example, a student may not receive credit for Beginning Spanish Level II, and then receive credit for a subsequently taken test in Beginning Spanish Level I. In other words, there must be an upward educational progression in courses that are considered sequential in nature.
- A student may not receive credit for an examination after already receiving credit for completion of an equivalent course or test. For example, a student may not receive credit for a standard, classroom-type English Composition course and then receive credit for a DSST test for English Composition. This policy is intended to prevent duplicate credit for specific courses, not general areas of study.
- Residency requirements (in order to earn a CCU undergraduate degree, the following semester hours must be earned through CCU courses):
 - A minimum of 30 overall credits



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- Within your major, at least 50% of the course requirements & at least 12 upper division (300 or 400 level) credits.
- Within your minor, at least 50% of the course requirements.

3. How soon are the exam results available?

Exam results are available to the test taker immediately after Internet-based exams are taken. Score reports are sent to the school/institution you designated on test day. Your school/institution should receive your score report within 90 days of your test date. A delayed score may be the result of an incorrect institution code.

4. How do I send my exam transcript (official score report) to CCU?

At the time of your exam, make sure to enter our school code into the "Score Report Recipient" field in order to have your official score report sent to CCU free of charge.
DSST: 9960

5. What if I do not receive a passing score?

For DSST, you may take the same exam again after a 30 day wait period.

6. What if I am already registered for a class I would like to test out of?

You should schedule to take the test prior to the add/drop date in order to receive your test score in time to drop your class, in the event that you pass the test. If you do not pass the test, you will still be able to continue taking the class as normal.

7. Is there a deadline to complete a test in order to participate in Commencement?

Yes! Students who anticipate earning required credits by taking DSST exams must complete these tests and have the test transcripts submitted no later than registration their final semester to have the test results count toward fulfillment of their degree requirements and participate in Commencement. Students are normally expected to complete all requirements toward fulfillment of their degree prior to participating in Commencement.

8. Where can I take DSST exams?

Please use the following links to find test centers that are near you...

DSST: <http://getcollegecredit.com/institutions/search/>

9. What study resources are available to prepare?

DSST publishes comprehensive study guides found in most bookstores and available for reference in many libraries. Extensive practice exams can be found online as well. There are also plenty of resources available free of charge on their websites (such as a breakdown of each test's subject matter, limited sample questions, study tips, etc.)

DSST: www.getcollegecredit.com/testprep

NOTES:

DSST is a third party testing agencies which changes scores and content several times a year. CCU reflects these changes accordingly. Please check with your CCU advisor to find the most current standards and verify course equivalency.



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Petitions to accept scores below the ACE scores noted on this document will not be entertained by CCU administration as the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE) does not recognize scores below the noted standard.

If you are a College of Adult & Graduate Studies student, please contact your Student Service Advisor before scheduling an exam.



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DSST Score Standards: CUS			
Exam Title	Minimum Score	Credits U = Upper Level	CUS Equivalents
Mathematics			
Math for Liberal Arts	400	3	MAT 112
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	3	MAT 114
Principles of Statistics	400	3	MAT 212
Social Science			
A History of the Vietnam War	400	3	HIS Elective
Art of the Western World	400	3	General Elective Only
The Civil War & Reconstruction	400	3	HIS 340
Criminal Justice	400	3	General Elective Only
Foundations of Education	400	3	General Elective Only
Fundamentals of Counseling	400	3	General Elective Only
General Anthropology	400	3	GLS 301
Introduction to Geography	400	3	GEO 270
Introduction to Law Enforcement	400	3	General Elective Only
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	400	3	PSY 245
History of the Soviet Union	400	3/U	HIS Elective (Upper Level)
Substance Abuse	400	3/U	PSY Elective (Upper Level)
Business			
Business Ethics and Society	400	3	General Elective Only
Business Mathematics	400	3	General Elective Only
Human Resource Management	400	3	MGT 315
Introduction to Business	400	3	General Elective Only
Computing & Information Technology	400	3	General Elective Only
Management Information Systems	400	3	General Elective Only
Money and Banking	400	3/U	Elective (Upper Level)
Organizational Behavior	400	3	General Elective Only
Personal Finance	400	3	General Elective Only
Principles of Supervision	400	3	General Elective Only
Principles of Finance	400	3	FIN 301
Physical Science			
Astronomy	400	3	General Elective Only
Health & Human Development	400	3	General Elective Only
Environmental Science	400	3	General Elective Only
Introduction to Geology	400	3	General Elective Only
Technology			
Ethics in Technology	400	3	General Elective Only
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	400	3	General Elective Only
Technical Writing	400	3	General Elective Only
Humanities			
Principles of Advanced English Composition	400	3	ENG 102
Ethics in America	400	3	General Elective Only
Introduction to World Religions			NOT ACCEPTED
Principles of Public Speaking*	400	3/U	COM 103

*Must pass written test and recorded speech.