COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

CLEP Tests are designed to provide able students an opportunity to secure college credit through testing. Through this program, students are able to shorten the time required to earn a degree, lighten the academic load, receive credit for previously attained knowledge, and save money.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students who plan to take a CLEP Test should first confirm with their college that CLEP credit will be accepted. Each college reserves the right to set its own academic standards, therefore some colleges may not accept the CLEP Testing results for credit, or may require higher score levels than those set by CLEP. Each student is responsible to check on this issue for him/herself.

Students earn credit by passing examinations based on comparable courses at MCC/ECC. A standard score of 50 is required. Not all of the CLEP exams are approved for credit at MCC/ECC.

CLEP approved tests (and corresponding MCC/ECC course equivalents) include:
- American Government – POL111
- Biology – BIO105 **(as of July 1, 2016)**
- Calculus – MAT210
- Chemistry – CHM122 **(as of July 1, 2016)**
- College Algebra – MAT121
- College Composition Modular – ENG105 (NOTE: A writing sample is also required.)
- Math for Liberal Arts – MAT110
- Financial Accounting – ACC121 **(as of July 1, 2016)**
- *Foreign Languages – FLS141, 142, 241 (Spanish, German and French),
- History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1876 – HIS151
- History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present – HIS152
- Human Growth and Development – EDU160
- Introduction to Educational Psychology – EDU240
- Introductory Business Law – BUS185
- Introductory Psychology – PSY111
- Introductory Sociology – SOC110
- **Natural Sciences – Elective
- Precalculus – MAT129
- Principles of Macroeconomics – ECN120
- Principles of Management – MGT110
- Principles of Marketing – MKT110
- Principles of Microeconomics – ECN130
- Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648 – HIS112
- Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present – HIS113

   **Foreign Language credit is awarded based on the score received. At MCC / ECC, a maximum of 12 hours credit can be awarded. Foreign Language credit is awarded as follows:
   - 0-49 – No credit awarded.
   - 50-55 – Elementary Spanish I (4 hours) awarded.
   - 56-62 – Elementary Spanish I and II (8 hours) awarded.
   - 63 or higher – Elementary Spanish I and II, plus Intermediate Spanish I (12 hours) awarded. Do not choose the Spanish with Writing. Make sure you sign up for Spanish Language Levels 1 and 2.

*Natural Sciences is available only as elective credit at MCC/ECC. This will not fulfill the science requirement for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree.

CLEP registration and testing instructions

CLEP Registration & Testing Process

- CLEP requires all students seeking to take a CLEP Test to first create an account online at the CLEP website: https://clep.collegeboard.org/

    1. At the top of the web page click on **"Sign In"** to create an account and to purchase the desired CLEP Exam. (**Note**: Be sure to clarify the CLEP Policy at the college you plan to attend. If MCC, call 641-844-5710 or 641-844-5741.)
    2. If you plan to take the CLEP Exam at MCC or ECC, call one of the phone numbers listed below to arrange a testing day and time.
    3. Students are encouraged to spend significant time studying the specific exam subject area. Remember, you are seeking to earn college credit by "testing out" of a college-level course.
    4. On the day of the exam **you must bring**:
        o **"CLEP Exam Registration Ticket"** (copy from CLEP "My Account")
        o **One form of official government-issued picture ID** (e.g., Driver's License, Passport). CLEP requires that your specific ID be entered into the CLEP Testing System.
          Note: CLEP does **not** accept a Social Security Card or Student ID as an "Official" ID.
    5. At MCC, check-in at the Admissions Office at your appointed time. At ECC, check-in at The Hub at your appointed time.
    6. The following CLEP Test fees apply (as of January 2016):

        CLEP Fee is $95 per test – This fee is paid directly to CLEP on the "My Account" website, when registering for a specific exam. You should make a copy of the required "CLEP Exam Registration Ticket" to bring with you on the day of the exam.

        MCC/ECC Test Administration Fee is $75 per test – This fee is paid to Ellsworth if testing at Ellsworth. Marshalltown if testing in Marshalltown. The fee will be paid at Ellsworth Community College upon arriving on the day of the exam, and prior to taking the exam unless arranged ahead of time.

        Additional **Transcript Credit Fee**: For students who want to apply CLEP credit to their MCC/ECC transcript, the charge is $25 per credit hour payable to MCC or ECC. However, for many CLEP testers the "Test Administration Fee" (noted above) will also help to cover the credit fee. For example, if you are taking a CLEP Test worth 3 credits at MCC/ECC, then the $75 Test Administration Fee will cover the entire Transcript Credit Fee. (Most CLEP Tests are worth 3 credits. The main exceptions are the Western Civilization tests worth 4 credits, and the Foreign Language tests worth up to 12 credits.) If you take a Foreign Language CLEP test and earn 12 credits, then the credit fee would be calculated as follows: *12 credits x $25 = $300 - $75 Test Administration Fee = $225 Transcript Credit Fee due*

- A study guide for CLEP is available in the MCC or ECC library and online at the College Board website.

- Currently, MCC/ECC is an "Open" testing center. Students attending other colleges may test at MCC/ECC for credit at their institutions. As noted above, students need to check the CLEP passing scores for their institutions. Also, other CLEP Tests are available in addition to the ones listed on this form. (Students at ECC and IVG can set up appointments for testing at MCC or ECC by using the contacts below.)

- At MCC, ECC and IVG, a maximum of 30 hours of CLEP credit can be awarded and applied toward an Associate of Arts (AA) degree.

For additional information and to schedule an exam, contact Allie Osmundson, MCC Associate Dean of Enrollment (641-844-5702 or allie.osmundson@iavalley.edu) or the MCC Admissions Office (641-844-5710 or mccinfo@iavalley.edu).

Or Tracy Crippin-Haake, ECC Director of Student Success (641-648-8513 or Tracy.Crippin@iavalley.edu).

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