

UNDERGRADUATE STANDARDIZED TEST ACCEPTANCE & TEST SCORE CRITERIA

All standardized testing must be completed within one calendar year of a student's matriculation to CIU. A maximum of 30 credits of standardized test credit may be earned toward a bachelor's degree; a maximum of 15 credits of standardized test credit may be earned toward an associate's degree. CLEP and DANTES credit must be earned prior to the student's graduating semester. CIU will accept credit by examination through the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program; Cambridge International Examinations; the International Baccalaureate Program, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP); and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) consistent with fair and equitable application of these policies. Credits earned by examination are not counted toward residency requirements for graduation.

Advanced Placement Exams (AP Exams)

Columbia International University participates in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Credit may be awarded to students who perform satisfactorily in certain college-level courses in secondary school and who receive a score of "3," "4," or "5" on the Advanced Placement Examinations. The amount of credit (if variable) and where the credit fits into the respective student's program requirements will be determined by the CIU Registrar's office, in consultation with the specific program director.

Credit can only be offered in fields of study that are equivalent to those offered or approved by the university. The university follows the American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations as listed in the chart below. Credits earned by AP examination are not counted toward residency requirements for graduation.

	AP SCORE	CREDIT	COURSE SUBSTITUTION	AP SCORE	CREDIT	COURSE SUBSTITUTION
Art History	3, 4		ART 2110	5	6	ART 2110
Biology	3	3	BIO 2113	4, 5	6	BIO 2113+3 hours
Calculus AB	3, 4, 5	3	Math Requirement			
Calculus BC	3, 4, 5	6	Math Req. +3 hours			
Chemistry	3	3	Science Req.	4, 5	6	Science Req. + 3 hours
Chinese Language & Culture	3	3		4, 5	6	
Comparative Government & Politics	3, 4, 5	3				
Computer Science A	3	3	CPT 2110	4, 5	6	CPT 2110+3 hours
English Language & Composition	3, 4	3	ENG 1110	5	6	ENG1110 & ENG1111
English Literature & Composition	3, 4	3	ENG 1111	5	6	ENG1110 & ENG1111
Environmental Science	3, 4, 5	3	SCI 2510			
European History	3	3	HIS 1110	4, 5	6	HIS 1110 + 3 hours
French Language & Culture	3, 4	3	LNG 101	5	6	
German Language & Culture	3, 4	3	LNG 101	5	6	
Human Geography	3, 4, 5	3	Gen. Ed. Elective			
Italian Language & Culture	3, 4	3	Language Req.	5	6	
Japanese Language & Culture	3, 4	3	Language Req.	5	6	
Latin	3, 4	3	Language Req.	5	6	
Macroeconomics	3, 4, 5	3				
Microeconomics	3, 4, 5	3				
Music Theory	3, 4	3	MUS 2300	5	6	MUS 2300+ 3 hours
Physics 1: Algebra Based	3	3	Science Req	4, 5	6	Science Req + 3 hours
Physic 2: Algebra-Based	3	3	Science Req	4, 5	6	Science Req + 3 hours
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3	3	Science Req	4, 5	6	Science Req + 3 hours
Physics C: Mechanics	3	3	Science Req	4, 5	6	Science Req + 3 hours
Psychology	3, 4, 5	3	PSY 2110			
Spanish Language & Culture	3, 4	3	Language Req.	5	6	6 Language Credits
Spanish Literature & Culture	3, 4	3	Language Req.	5	6	6 Language Credits

Statistics	3, 4, 5	3	MAT 2100			
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3, 4, 5	3				
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3, 4, 5,	3				
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, 5	3				
United States Government & Politics	3, 4, 5	3	HIS2310			
African American History	3, 4, 5	3	HIS101			
United States History	3, 4	3	HIS 2310	5	6	HIS 2310+3 hours
World History	3, 4, 5	3	HIS 1110			

Cambridge International Examinations

Columbia International University awards credit for Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced (A) level Cambridge International Examinations for which students earn a grade of “E” or better. Advanced Subsidiary (AS) examinations are awarded three semester hours and Advanced (A) level are awarded six semester hours. Credit is awarded only for the A level examination if the transcript indicates both AS and A level examinations for a single content area. Credit for duplicate examinations will not be awarded. Credit is recorded by the Office of the University Registrar in accordance with standard transfer practices and in consultation with the specific program director.

International Baccalaureate Program

CIU awards credit for higher-level International Baccalaureate (IB) examination scores upon receipt of the official IB Examination results. IB courses which may be applied to the CIU curriculum are listed below.

	SCORE OF 4	SCORE OF 5, 6, 7
Art/Design	3 elective hours	6 elective hours
English	ENG 1110 (3 hours)	ENG 1110 and 1111 (6 hours)
German	3 elective hours	6 elective hours
History: Europe	3 elective hours	6 elective hours
Mathematical Methods	General Math Requirement (3 hours)	General Math Req and 3 elective hours (6 hours)
Philosophy	PHI 2110 (3 hours)	PHI 2110 (3 hours)
Physics	3 elective hours	6 elective hours
Psychology	PSY 2110 (3 hours)	PSY 2110 (3 hours)

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) assesses proficiency in over 37 languages. CIU recognizes the evaluation of ACTFL and will accept their Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Oral Proficiency Interview Computer (OPIC) as evidence of language proficiency and will grant up to 12 credits, according to the recommendation of the American Council on Education (ACE). CIU will not accept ACTFL assessment of the English language for foreign language credit. Additional information regarding this language proficiency testing program can be found at www.actfl.org. For on-campus assistance in arranging for ACTFL testing contact the Academic Success Center.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) are used to establish credit for certain college courses. For CLEP exams that are approved by the university, minimum raw score requirements for credit and credit hours approved per exam are listed on the next page. For DSST examinations, CIU follows the recommendations provided by the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT).

All CLEP and DANTES exams must be completed within one calendar year of a student's matriculation to CIU. CLEP and DANTES credit must be earned prior to the student's graduating semester. Students are encouraged to take exams prior to arriving on campus at a testing center, but may take the CLEP exam at CIU's Academic Success Center. (The CIU school code for CLEP testing is 5116.)

If students have credit in a content area for which they desire to attempt an examination, students must waive (disavow) the credit before taking the exam. CIU will not grant standardized test credit for any course for which the student is currently enrolled, has already been awarded credit, or has audited.

Credit earned by CLEP or DSST examination is not counted toward residency requirements for graduation. In order to receive CLEP or DSST credit, an official transcript must be provided. (Official transcripts will be accepted only from the College Board or Prometric) The university will not automatically transfer CLEP or DSST credit posted on transcripts from other institutions of higher education.

CLEP EXAMINATION	PASSING SCORE	CREDIT EARNED	EQUIVALENT COURSE
BUSINESS			
Financial Accounting	50	3	BUS 2200
Information Systems	50	3	CPT 2110
Introductory Business Law	50	3	BUS 4410
Principles of Management	50	3	BUS 2300
Principles of Marketing	50	3	BUS 4200
COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE			
American Literature	50	3	ENG 3310 or ENG 3311
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	ENG 1111
College Composition	50	6	ENG 1110+3 hours
College Composition Modular (no essay)	50	3	3 Elective Hours
English Literature	50	6	ENG1111 + 3 Elective hours
Humanities	50	3	3 Elective Hours
WORLD LANGUAGES			
French Language, Level 1	50	6	6 Language Credits
French Language, Level 2	59	9	6 Language Credits + 3 Elective hours
German Language, Level 1	50	6	6 Language Credits
German Language, Level 2	60	9	6 Language Credits + 3 Elective hours
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	6	6 Language Credits
Spanish Language, Level 2	63	9	6 Language Credits +3 Elective hours
Spanish Language with Writing, Level 1	50	6	6 Language Credits
Spanish Language with Writing, Level 2	65	12	6 Language Credits + 6 Elective hours
Level 1-equivalent to the first two semesters (or six semesters hours) of college-level world language course work Level 2-equivalent to the first three semesters (or 9 semester hours) of college-level world language course work			
HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES			
American Government	50	3	HIS 2310
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	3	HIS 2310
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	50	3	HIS 2310
Human Growth and Development	50	3	PSY 3370
Introductory Psychology	50	3	PSY 2110
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	PSY 3330
Introductory Sociology	50	3	SOC 2110
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3 Elective Hours
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3 Elective Hours
Social Sciences and History	50	6	Social/Behavioral/Psychological Science Req.
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	HIS 1110
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	50	3	HIS 1110
SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS			
Biology	50	6	BIO 2113+3 Elective hours
Calculus	50	4	Math Requirement
Chemistry	50	6	Science Req. + 3 Elective hours
College Algebra	50	3	MAT 1110
College Mathematics	50	6	Math Req.+3 hours
Natural Sciences	50	6	SCI 2313+3 hours
Pre-calculus	50	3	Math Requirement