

# Advanced Standing

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## Credit-by-Examination

Students may earn college credit for acceptable scores on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Foreign Language Tests, the Advanced Placement Examinations (AP) of the College Entrance Examination Board ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)), the American College Testing Program (ACT) ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)), the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)), and the DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST). Examinations are administered by Testing Services, 327 Keathley University Center. Additional information can be obtained by calling (615) 898-2863.

All credit-by-examination scores are submitted to the Admissions Office. The test results are evaluated and recorded on a student's transcript if credit is earned. Semester hours of credit toward graduation are earned on the basis of these tests, but no grades or quality points are given. These credits will not affect a student's academic average. A student may receive no more than 60 semester hours of credit by means of credit-by-examinations, credit for service-related experience, and flight training. Applicants must not have notation of the course on the official transcript for which credit is recommended. (This includes both MTSU and transfer records.)

## College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students may earn college credit for the following examinations administered by the College Level Examination Program:

### CLEP General Examination

College Mathematics, total score of 45 or greater, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1010

### CLEP Subject Examinations

The following examinations require a score of 50 or greater.

College Algebra, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1710

College Algebra and Trigonometry, four credits, in lieu of MATH 1730

Calculus, four credits, in lieu of MATH 1910

Calculus with Elementary Functions, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1710

Trigonometry, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1720

General Biology, four credits, in lieu of BIOL 1030

General Chemistry, eight credits, in lieu of CHEM 1110, 1120

Accounting, Principles of, six credits, in lieu of ACTG 2110, 2120

Business Law, Introduction to, three credits, in lieu of BLAW 3430

Marketing, Principles of, three credits, in lieu of MKT 3820

Management, Principles of, three credits, in lieu of MGMT 3610

Macroeconomics, Principles of, three credits, in lieu of ECON 2410

Microeconomics, Principles of, three credits, in lieu of ECON 2420

General Psychology, three credits, in lieu of PSY 1410

Abnormal Psychology, three credits, in lieu of PSY 3230

Analysis and Interpretation of Literature—essay required, three credits, in lieu of ENGL 2030

**NOTE:** Essays written as part of the exam in English will be graded by full-time faculty of the English Department. To receive credit, students must write essays that demonstrate the positive qualities of superior writing defined in the English Department's Sophomore Writing Standards, in addition to scoring an acceptable score on the objective portion of the examination.

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American History I: Early Colonizations to 1877, three credits, in lieu of HIST 2010  
American History II: 1865 to Present, three credits, in lieu of HIST 2020  
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648, three credits, in lieu of HIST 1010  
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present, three credits, in lieu of HIST 1020  
American Government, three credits, in lieu of P S 2010  
Sociology, Introductory, three credits, in lieu of SOC 1010

### College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)

MTSU participates in the Advanced Placement (AP) Program of the College Entrance Examination Board and grants appropriate semester hours credit to qualified students presenting official record of a grade of 3 or above on the appropriate CEEB examination. Semester hours credit in the amount carried by the course or courses from which the student is exempted by CEEB advanced placement examination will be awarded.

U.S. Government and Politics, three credits, in lieu of P S 2010  
U.S. History, six credits, in lieu of HIST 2010, 2020  
Art History, three credits, in lieu of ART 1910  
Studio Art, three credits, in lieu of ART 1610 or 1620  
Biology, four credits, in lieu of BIOL 1030  
(Science majors may receive credit for BIOL 1110, 1120 upon recommendation of chair, Department of Biology)  
Chemistry, eight credits, in lieu of CHEM 1110, 1120  
Comparative Government and Politics, three credits, in lieu of P S 1010  
Computer Science A, four credits in lieu of CSCI 1170  
Computer Science AB, four credits, in lieu of CSCI 2170\*  
Microeconomics, three credits for ECON 2410  
Macroeconomics, three credits for ECON 2420  
English Composition/Literature, three credits, in lieu of ENGL 1010  
English Language, three credits, in lieu of ENGL 1010  
Environmental Science, three credits, in lieu of EST 2810  
European History, three credits, in lieu of HIST 1020  
Foreign Languages and Literatures, six credits, in lieu of SPAN 1010 and 1020, FREN 1010 and 1020, GERM 1010 and 1020, LATN 1010 and 1020  
Calculus AB, four credits, in lieu of MATH 1910  
Calculus BC, four credits, in lieu of MATH 1920  
Statistics, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1530  
Music Theory, three credits, in lieu of MUTH 1000  
Physics B, four credits, in lieu of PHYS 2010, 2011\*  
Physics C, four credits, in lieu of PHYS 2110, 2111\*  
Psychology, three credits, in lieu of PSY 1410

*\*NOTE: A grade of 4 or above is required to receive four credits in lieu of CSCI 2170, PHYS 2010/2011, PHYS 2110, 2111*

### ACT Proficiency Examination Program

Students may earn college credits for acceptable scores on the Proficiency Examination Program of ACT. When standard scores are employed by ACT, the minimum score for credit shall be the standard score equivalent to the 50th percentile rank. When letter grades are employed by ACT, credit will be given for students who present a score of A, B, or C. When the Pass/Fail system is used by ACT, credit will be given for a grade of Pass. The following examinations have been approved from the ACT Proficiency Examination Program:

### ACT-PEP

American History, six credits, in lieu of HIST 2010, 2020  
Physical Geology, six credits, in lieu of GEOL 1030 plus 2 hours elective in Earth Science  
Freshman English, six credits, in lieu of elective credit only  
Shakespeare, six credits, in lieu of ENGL 4330, ENGL 4340  
Intro. to Criminal Justice, three credits, in lieu of CJA 1100  
Criminal Investigation, three credits, in lieu of CJA 4330  
Accounting Level I, three credits, in lieu of ACTG 2110  
Accounting Level II and Accounting Level III, Area II, three credits, in lieu of ACTG 3310  
Abnormal Psychology, three credits, in lieu of PSY 3230  
Anatomy and Physiology, three credits, in lieu of BIOL 2030  
Economics and Finance, three credits, in lieu of ECON 4510  
Statistics, three credits, in lieu of MATH 1530 or PSY 3020

*NOTE: Regents College Examinations are accepted in lieu of ACT-PEP examinations. Credit is awarded based upon the ACT-PEP criteria listed above.*

### DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST)

Students may earn college credit for acceptable scores on the DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) if recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). MTSU awards lower-division and upper-division credit based on the ACE recommendation. Students should submit an official DANTES transcript to the MTSU Undergraduate Admissions office for review. A student may receive no more than 60 semester hours of credit by means of DSST, credit-by-special exam, credit for service-related experience, and flight training.

*NOTE: Due to accreditation requirements, the Jennings A. Jones College of Business will not allow DSST upper-division credit to count toward graduation.*

### Credit by Special Examination (Undergraduate)

Any student enrolled in the University who receives departmental approval is eligible to receive credit by special examination for certain MTSU courses. Competence gained through study and/or experience may provide background for students who wish to attempt such examinations. Credit by special examination may be given for undergraduate courses listed in the catalog with the exception of

1. courses described as directed research or directed independent study;
2. any course from which student has been exempted by placement examination;
3. courses not approved by the department.

*NOTE: A nonrefundable fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each semester hour of credit.*

Students seeking credit by examination should, on forms provided by the Admissions Office, request approval from the chair of the department or director of the school in which the course is offered. The method for designing, administering, and evaluating the special examination will be determined by the department/school. The examination shall be comparable in scope and difficulty to a comprehensive final examination in that course. No student will be allowed to repeat a special examination in a given course within one year.

The student will receive credit, to be recorded as P (Pass) on the student's transcript, upon passing the examination with a minimum equivalent grade of C. Credit by special examination cannot be used in the determination of the 25 percent credit earned through instruction offered by MTSU.

### Credit for Freshman English

1. Entering freshmen whose standard score on the English section of the Enhanced ACT is 32 or better will be given six hours credit for ENGL 1010 and 1020. If any such student elects to enroll in composition rather than receive credit, he/she must enroll in ENGL 1010 and 1020.
2. Entering freshmen who present the SAT examination for admission shall select English based on the following:
  - a. Students whose SAT verbal scores are 450 or below are required to undergo further testing.
  - b. Students whose SAT verbal scores are 460 through 710 are required to complete ENGL 1010 and 1020 in sequence.
  - c. Students whose SAT verbal scores are 720 or above may be given credit for ENGL 1010 and 1020.

### International Baccalaureate Program

Students may earn college credit for acceptable scores on examinations administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

#### IB Score/MTSU Credit:

Score of 5 or higher in Physics (higher or standard level exam)/PHYS 2010 and 2011, four credits

Score of 6 or higher in Physics (higher or standard level exam)/PHYS 2010, 2011, 2020, and 2021, eight credits

Score of 5 or higher in Biology (higher level exam)/BIOL 1110 and 1120, eight credits

Score of 4 or higher in Mathematics (higher level exam)/MATH 1910, 1920, plus three hours lower-division mathematics elective credit, eleven credits

Score of 6 or higher in History (higher level exam)/three hours lower division history elective credit

Score of 5 or greater in Language A1 (higher level exam)/ENGL 1010, three credits



## Service Credits

Students who have served in the reserves, National Guard, or armed forces may receive credit as listed below:

1. Six semester hours credit (4 hours military science—M S 1010, 1020, and 2010—and 2 hours health—PHED 2100) is granted for a minimum of three years, eleven months, and twenty days of reserve or National Guard service in the armed forces of the United States. Veterans who have fewer than three years, eleven months, and twenty days will be awarded one semester hour credit for each year of reserve or National Guard duty.
2. Credit will be awarded for formal service schools based on recommendation from the Office of Educational Credit of the American Council on Education. All documentation supporting service-related educational experiences should be filed with the Admissions Office.
3. We recommend submitting discharge papers (or a recent pay stub if currently in service), and any of the following, as appropriate: Community College of the Air Force transcript, Army AARTS transcript, course completion certificates, and/or DD-2295, Application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service.

## Advanced Credit

### Aerospace Training and Experience

University credit may be granted for specific aerospace maintenance technician courses for holders of FAA Airframe and/or Powerplant Certificates. More information is available in the section on the Aerospace Department.

### Registered Nurses

R.N.s with an associate degree or diploma may receive advanced standing credit for nursing courses provided they graduated from a state-approved school of nursing and hold a current license as a registered professional nurse. See the School of Nursing section.

### Advanced Standing Credit

Credit may also be awarded for successful completion of courses listed in the *National Guide for Credit Recommendation for Non-Collegiate Programs* or in the *Directory of the National Program on Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction*. More information is available from Admissions.

