

CLEP FAQ

What Is CLEP?

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination program in the United States today, helping students of all ages earn college degrees faster by getting credit for what they already know. By receiving a satisfactory score, you can earn from 3 to 6 college credits toward your college degree for each CLEP you take, depending on the exam subject. CLEP offers 35 exams. Check with your school to determine which exams are accepted and how many CLEP credits they will accept.

How much does each exam cost?

PLEASE NOTE: Effective July 1, 2012 the College Board fee will increase to \$80.

Each CLEP exam costs \$77.00 (U.S.) payable to CLEP plus a \$20.00 (U.S.) administration fee payable to UMPI. An additional \$10.00 fee needs to be included when taking the optional essay portion of an exam. UMPI students do not need to take the optional essay portion. CLEP prefers payment via credit card; however, they will accept check or money order. You must have separate payment for each exam you take. CLEP will not accept cash. UMPI will accept cash, check or credit card.

How long are the examinations?

CLEP exams are administered on computer. Most are 90 minutes long, some may be longer, and consist mainly of multiple-choice questions. CLEP Computer Base Testing (CBT) provides an online tutorial before you take the exam plus a brief questionnaire after you take the exam. You should plan for at least two hours to complete testing.

How many exams can I take in a day?

You may take no more than two tests in one day.

Where can I find information to help me prepare for the exam?

CLEP exams reflect introductory college courses -- check with your college to see what text is being used in the course for the subject you want to CLEP.

Review the [College Board website](#) for test description, knowledge and skill required, and specifications.

You may also purchase The College Board CLEP Official Study Guide.

How do I register to take the exam?

Registration forms are available at the above web site.

What time am I expected to be there? Am I to bring anything specific?

Exam is administered by appointment only. You need to bring two valid IDs (one has to be a government picture ID with your signature on the ID. You also need to bring payments at the time of testing.

In what building will the exam be administered?

The exam will be in the Advising Lab in the basement of South Hall.

How long will it take to get the test scores back?

You will receive your score after you complete the test, except for exams with an essay, in which case you will receive your score in about four weeks. In about three weeks, your score recipient will receive the official score report.

Can I retake the test if did not pass?

You have to wait six (6) months before you may retake the test.

Where may I take the CLEP Examination besides at UMPI?

You can go to www.collegeboard.com/clep for a list of institutions that administer CLEP close to where you want to take the exam. You'll need to call the test center for information about its testing schedule and administrative fee(s).

If I take the exam at a different test center, how will the credit be transferred to UMPI?

Before you take the test, there's a section in the computer where it'll ask you for the score recipient. You need to make sure you identify the Country as "United States of America", the State as "Maine" and the institution as "University of Maine at Presque Isle". The score will come to UMPI and not the test center. You will receive an unofficial copy of your score from the test center.