

## Texas Success Initiative Requirements

Texas law has established the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), which requires that students take the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test or an approved alternative before enrolling in college. College applicants may forgo TSI assessment if they meet any of the waivers or exemptions listed here.

**TSI waiver** – For students enrolled in a Level 1 certificate declared major. Note: Students enrolling in a TSI waived certificate program may be required to be assessed if enrolling in courses with skill prerequisites.

**TSI exemptions** – For students who:

- Earned an associate or bachelor’s degree
- Received qualifying scores on the ACT or SAT (within five years), TAAS, or TAKS (within three years)
- Previously attended any institution and were determined to have met the readiness standards by that institution
- Transferred to ACC with college credit from out of state or private Texas college that satisfy the core curriculum in the ACC college catalog and passed with a grade of C or better
- Were honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty, Texas National Guard, or military reserves on or after Aug. 1, 1990
- Currently serve on active duty as members of the U.S. armed forces and have been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment

## ACC Policies Concerning TSI Requirements

- Students who take and fail an approved test for TSI before coming to ACC must take the COMPASS test. (See an advisor.)
- Students whose test scores indicate that they need two or more developmental courses must meet with an ACC counselor before they register for their first term in order to develop a TSI plan and an educational and a support service plan.
- TSI students must complete their TSI requirements to graduate from any associate degree program or any certificate program having at least 43 or more semester hours.
- TSI students who do not pass all parts of the state-approved test must enroll and participate in Developmental Education courses in their area(s) of academic weakness and follow ACC’s Developmental Plan until they satisfy their TSI requirements.
- TSI students who do not comply with the state Developmental Education requirements and ACC’s Developmental Plan will be withdrawn from all college-level courses with a grade of W for that semester.
- Campus Advising Centers have additional information regarding TSI requirements and ACC’s Developmental Plan.

## Other Assessment Requirements – ESL

Students whose primary language is not English must take the ESL (English as a Second Language) Assessment test and be placed accordingly into English for Speakers of Other Languages courses.

### Developmental Education

Courses in Developmental Education help students to succeed in college. ACC offers three types of Developmental Education courses:

- Courses of one-, two-, or three semester credit hours prepare students to enter college-level courses. These courses include mathematics, reading skills, vocabulary, writing skills, spelling, speech, and English as a Second Language. Students with skills below college level—including those identified on local assessments and the THEA—should enroll in these classes before enrolling in college-level courses.
- One-hour lab classes parallel to courses in other divisions, where students work together in small tutorial groups to get additional practice and explanation. These include language and study skills labs, math labs, and writing labs. Students must be enrolled in the course that the lab parallels.
- College-level courses that help students succeed in their academic studies. These courses include college study skills, advanced college vocabulary, and speed-reading. Of these, advanced college reading may be transferable to other institutions.

### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – Academic

ACC offers ESOL in three skill areas—oral communication, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar—and at four levels: high beginning, low intermediate, high intermediate, and advanced. Students should consult an advisor or ESOL faculty member for an ESOL assessment test to determine proper placement. For information about the Academic ESL program call 223.3354 or 223.3349 (RGC); 223.4014 or 223.4874 (NRG); 223.6290 (RVS). Call 223.3139 (RGC) or 223.4807 (NRG) to sign up to take the ESOL assessment test.

## Human Development

Human Development courses are electives designed to provide students in all programs with the skills to maximize their success both in and out of the classroom. HUDE 0111 is a developmental level course; other human development courses are college credit courses. By drawing on the tenets of modern psychology, sociology, and learning theory, these courses assist students in achieving greater self-awareness, self-management skills; setting and accomplishing personal, educational, and career goals; improving interpersonal communication skills, and mastering effective learning and study skills. Interested students can consult with an ACC counselor for additional information and assistance.

## Advanced Placement

Austin Community College provides students the opportunity to earn credit by advanced placement through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), College Board Advanced Placement (AP), Certified Professional Secretary exam (CPS), credit by institutional examination and credit for military courses. Credit from these programs, exclusive of credit by institutional examination, may not exceed 30 semester hours. The credit is validated and an official transcript issued only upon completion of regular coursework at ACC.

### CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

Students of Austin Community College who request credit through CLEP must have official test scores sent directly to the Admissions and Records Office at 5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas 78752. Scores are obtained by contacting the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6666, Princeton, N. J. 08543-6923. For each score at or above the listed minimum, the appropriate credit will be recorded on the Request for CLEP Credit Form. After the credit is recorded on the request form, both the student and the Records and Registration staff member must sign the form. Credit is recorded on the student's ACC transcript after the student has completed at least one credit course at ACC.

- No student may substitute a CLEP award for the entire six credit hour legislative requirement for American Government. Three credit hours must be earned in a traditional credit hour granting course.
- CLEP exams are given at Austin Community College between 12:30 and 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Students must call 223.7769 for an appointment to test. CLEP fees are \$75 with some exceptions. There is a \$10 no-show fee. CLEP Center address is Highland Business Center, Room 104, 5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas 78752. There is an additional \$10 fee for the essay part of the freshman composition CLEP Exam.
- Consult the "CLEP Exams and Minimum Acceptable Scores" section in this catalog for the specific passing scores for each test.

- CLEP exams are given at The University of Texas at Austin and at St. Edward's University. For CLEP exam schedules and costs, call the UT Measurement and Evaluation Center or St. Edward's Admissions Office.

### AP (Advanced Placement)

Students requesting credit through the College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP) must complete at least one college credit course at ACC before appropriate credit is posted on their ACC academic record. Students of Austin Community College who request credit through AP must have official test scores sent directly to the Admissions and Records Office at 5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752.

Scores are obtained by contacting AP Exams, P.O. Box 6671, Princeton, N.J. 08541-6671. For each score at or above the listed minimum, the appropriate credit will be recorded on the Request for AP Credit Form. After the credit is recorded on the Request Form, both the student and the Admissions and Records staff member sign the form.

A letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F) is not assigned. The AP credit is designated as "CR" (credit) on the ACC transcript. AP credit might not transfer from ACC to other institutions. No student may receive more than three semester hours of advanced placement for the six-semester credit hour legislative requirement for American Government.

Advanced placement credit is granted for the courses listed below.

AP Exam	Score	Credit Given
American Government	3, 4, 5	GOVT 2305
Calculus (AB exam)	4 or 5	MATH 2413
Calculus (BC exam)	4 or 5	MATH 2414 and MATH 2413
Computer Science (A exam)	4 or grade A	COSC 1315
Computer Science (B exam)	4, 5 or grade A	COSC 1315 and ITSE 1418
English (Language and Composition)	4 or 5	ENGL 1301
English (Literature and Composition)	4, or 5	ENGL 1301 or 1302 (If credit for 1301 has been earned, credit awarded for 1302)
Foreign Language (FRN, GER, SPN)	2 3, 4, or 5	1511 and 1512 1511, 1512, 2311 and 2312
Statistics	3,4, or 5	MATH 1342

## CLEP Exams and Minimum Acceptable Scores

<b>General Exam</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Credit Given</b>
Mathematics	50	MATH 1351
Humanities	50	HUMA 1301
<b>Subject Exam</b>		
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Accounting, Principles of	50	ACCT 2301 & 2302
American Government*	50	GOVT 2305
American History to 1877	50	HIST 1301
American History 1865 to Present	50	HIST 1302
American Literature	50	ENGL 2327 & 2328
Business Law, Introductory	50	BUSG 2301
Business Management, Principles of	50	BMGT 1303
Calculus with Elementary Functions	50	MATH 2413 & 2414
Chemistry, General	50	CHEM 1411 & 1412
College Algebra	50	MATH 1314
College French First Semester	49	FREN 1511
Second Semester	50	FREN 1511 & 1512
Third Semester	56	FREN 1511, 1512, & 2311
Fourth Semester	62	FREN 1511, 1512, 2311 & 2312
College German First Semester	48	GERM 1511
Second Semester	50	GERM 1511 & 1512
Third Semester	56	GERM 1511, 1512 & 2311
Fourth Semester	63	GERM 1511, 1512, 2311 & 2312
College Spanish First Semester	48	SPAN 1511
Second Semester	50	SPAN 1511 & 1512
Third Semester	58	SPAN 1511, 1512 & 2311
Fourth Semester	66	SPAN 1511, 1512, 2311 & 2312
English Literature	50	ENGL 2322 & 2323
Freshman College Composition	50	ENGL 1301
<i>(Must include essay section. Essay must be approved by the English Department)</i>		
Human Growth and Development	50	PSYC 2314
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	COSC 1300
Macroeconomics, Introductory	50	ECON 2301
Marketing, Principles of	50	MRKG 1311
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	ECON 2302
Psychology, Introductory	50	PSYC 2301
Sociology, Introductory	50	SOCI 1301
Trigonometry	50	MATH 1316
Western Civilization to 1648	50	HIST 2311
Western Civilization to 1648 to Present	50	HIST 2312

\*NOTE: Students may receive no more than three semester hours of CLEP credit for the six-semester-hour legislative requirement for American Government.

## Certified Professional Secretary

Students may earn college credit for verified passing scores on the following parts of the Certified Professional Secretary exam:

If exam passed before September 1994 –

<b>CPS Exam</b>	<b>Credit Given</b>
Part IV Accounting	ACNT 1403
Part V Office Administration and Communication	POFT 1301 POFT 2312 POFT 1449
Part VI Office Technology	POFT 2331

If exam passed after September 1994 –

<b>CPS Exam</b>	<b>Credit Given</b>
Part I Finance and Business Law	ACNT 1403
Part II Office Systems and Administration	POFT 1301 POFT 2312 POFT 1449
Part III Management	POFT 2331

## Professional Administrator Credential and CDA Credential (Child Development Associate Credential)

Students who hold the PAC or the CDA should contact an advisor in the Child Development Department to obtain information about receiving credit for these credentials.

## Challenging a Course (Institutional Credit by Examination)

In order to be eligible to take a challenge exam, the applicant must be a current or former ACC college-credit student and meet the course prerequisites and institutional enrollment requirements. Students must complete at least one course in residence before challenge exam results will be recorded on an official transcript. A student receives credit by passing the exam with a grade of A or B. Not all courses at ACC may be challenged. A student may not challenge a course more than once. No student may challenge a course for which she/he is currently enrolled or has a grade of A, B, C, D, F, I, W, or AU. Course challenge grades are not computed in students' grade point averages (GPA) nor do they count toward scholastic achievement awards in any given semester.

To challenge a course, a student must:

1. Obtain a Course Challenge Form from the Admissions and Records Office
2. Obtain the signature of the appropriate academic or workforce dean, or department chair who approves the testing and assigns an instructor to administer the test
3. Obtain the signature of the assigned full-time or part-time instructor who has previously taught the course at ACC and has agreed to administer and grade the challenge examination
4. Return the signed Course Challenge Form to the Admissions and Records Office
5. Pay a fee of \$10 per credit hour, with a \$30 minimum
6. Take the Challenge Examination. The instructor submits all copies of the Challenge Form to the Admissions and Records Office. If the grade is A or B, it is recorded on the student's transcript under the heading "Institutional Examination." If the grade is C or lower, it is not recorded.

Note: International students may not apply course challenges toward the 12-hour enrollment requirement established by the Department of Homeland Security.

## Credit for Military Courses

ACC will evaluate courses completed in the Armed Forces, USAFI and DANTES, based on credit recommendation in the American Council on Education reference *Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. Semester credit hours granted under this policy and the semester credit hours granted for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) together may not total more than 30. Students enrolled at ACC wishing to have their educational experience in the Armed Forces or through USAFI and the DANTES transcript evaluated for possible credit should comply with the following procedures:

- The student should submit records showing completion of educational experiences in the Armed Forces or USAFI or DANTES Courses, which include the following: educational transcripts, discharge papers, and test scores. The student is responsible for furnishing satisfactory evidence to the evaluator.
- The Admissions and Records Office references the submitted documents for credit recommendation from the *Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*.
- If a recommendation cannot be located, the student may request a recommendation from the American Council of Education in Washington, D.C.
- The evaluator completes the credit application and forwards it to the appropriate ACC department chair.
- The department chair will grant or deny credit for a specific corresponding ACC course.
- Credit will appear on the student's transcripts.
- The student who requests an evaluation of military courses must complete at least one semester credit hour in residence before appropriate credit is posted to their academic record.

If a student has received credit through the military for College Level General Education Development tests, equivalencies will be granted in accordance with the following schedule:

College-Level Exam	Grade	Credit Given
TEST I Expression	S	ENGL 1301
TEST II Social Studies	S	NO CREDIT
TEST III Natural Science	S	BIOL 1406
TEST IV Social Studies	S	PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301, HIST 1301, HIST 1302, GOVT 2305

## Health, Kinesiology Credit for Military Service

Students who have served on active duty in the military service of the United States for a period of at least six months without regard to character of service will receive four semester hours of credit for Health and Kinesiology. Personnel on active duty with at least six months in the military may also receive this credit by presenting a certified letter from their commanding officer attesting to their period of service. The four hours will not be computed in students' grade point averages. Students who wish to obtain this credit must submit an original or certified copy of their DD214 to the Admissions and Records Office. Credit will not be posted until students complete at least one college-level course at ACC.

## Business Assessment Center

The Business Assessment Center provides the community with testing support. The Business Assessment Center is not part of the academic Testing Centers. Unless otherwise specified, call 223.7769 to schedule an appointment. The Business Assessment Center provides the following:

### GED Testing

Call 223.7714 to make an appointment for either test listed here:

- GED Test
- GED Pre-Test by Computer

Note: Also see *GED Testing* in the Adult and Continuing Education section.

### ACT Center

Contact the ACT Call Center at 800.205.6366 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday to schedule an appointment for the following tests:

- Automotive Service Excellence Exam (ASE)
- Automotive Service Excellence Exam – DaimlerChrysler (ASE DC)
- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
- Certiport Program – Microsoft Office Specialist and IC3 Certification
- Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)
- Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB)
- Transportation Security Administration Screener
- Assessment Battery (TAS-SAB)

## WorkKeys Testing Center

The ACT Center also administers the WorkKeys Assessment for businesses wishing to assess their workforce. An assessment and profiling can be arranged by calling the ACT Center at 223.7769 between noon and 4:40 pm Monday through Thursday.

## NES Testing Program

Call National Evaluation Systems at 512.927.5397 to schedule and appointment for the following tests:

- Texas Higher Education Assessment by Computer (THEA)
- Quick Texas Higher Education Assessment (QTHEA)
- Texas Examination for Master Teachers (TExAS) – MTT
- Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) – CAT

## CLEP Testing Center

- Composition and Literature
- Foreign Languages
- History and Social Science
- Science and Mathematics
- Business

## Educational Resources Test Center

- Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET)

## Proctoring Services for U.S. and Foreign Colleges, Universities, and Business

Exams are administered by computer or paper-pencil depending on the college, university or business delivery method.

## DATC Test Center

- Call Center Certifications

## Other Exams

The following exams are administered on scheduled dates established by the agency responsible for the program.

Candidates must contact the individual agency to register for the following exams:

- Chartered Market Technician Program Exam (CMT)
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
- Pharmacy Admissions Test (PCAT)

## Testing Centers

Testing Centers for academic courses are located at the Cypress Creek, Eastview, Northridge, Pinnacle, Rio Grande, and Riverside campuses as well as the ACC centers in Fredericksburg, Round Rock, and San Marcos. Hours of operation vary by location. Students should check with their instructors on the availability of tests at the various locations. Students must be registered in classes at Austin Community College in order to take test in the Testing Centers. Procedures for using this service are available from the Testing Centers. In addition to an ACC Student ID, Testing Centers require a valid picture ID.