

Palomar College
2024/2025 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Guide

Students must have the College Board send an official CLEP transcript to the Palomar College Records Office.

Course credit, major placement, and units granted at Palomar College may differ from course credit, major prep placement, and units granted by a transfer institution.

CLEP credit may be used to meet Associate Degree GE and/or major course work and California State University (CSU) GE requirements.

When included within the Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit shall apply toward the lower-division minimum unit requirement for the CSU degree, and if applicable, the minimum unit designation for the CSU major or CSU GE-Breadth requirements.

UC: The University of California **does not** accept CLEP credit. **IGETC**: CLEP **cannot** be used on IGETC.

NOTE: Palomar College external exam policy for local associate degree and general education aligns with that of the CSU external exam policy. Please reference the CSU external exam policy for exam effective dates.

[CSU External Exam Policy](#)

CLEP Exam	Min Score	Palomar College				CSU System		
		Palomar Equivalent	Palomar Credit	AD GE Credit	AD GE Area	Transfer Credit	CSU GE Credit	AH&I or GE Area
American Government	50	NE	3	3	D	3	3	D
American Literature	50	ENG 225 or 226	3	3	C	3	3	C2
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	ENG 205	3	3	C	3	3	C2
Biology	50	BIOL 101	3	3	B	3	3	B2
Calculus	50	MATH 140	3	3	A2, Math Competency	3	3	B4
Chemistry	50	CHEM 110	3	3	B	3	3	B1
College Algebra	50	MATH 110	3	3	A2, Math Competency	3	3	B4
College Composition	N/A	NE	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
College Mathematics	50	NE	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
English Literature	50	ENG 210 or 211	3	3	C	3	3	C2 (removed F11)
Financial Accounting	50	ACCT 201	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A

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		Palomar Equivalent	Palomar Credit	AD GE Credit	AD GE Area	Transfer Credit	CSU GE Credit	AH&I or GE Area
French Language Level I	50	NE	6	0	N/A	6	0	N/A
French Language Level II ¹	59	NE	9	3	C	9	3	C2
German Language Level I	50	NE	6	0	N/A	6	0	N/A
German Language Level II ¹	60	NE	9	3	C	9	3	C2
History of the United States I ²	50	HIST 101	3	3	D+US-1	3	3	D+US-1
History of the United States II ²	50	HIST 102	3	3	D+US-1	3	3	D+US-1
Human Growth and Development	50	NE	3	3	D or E	3	3	E
Humanities	50	HUM 100 or 101	3	3	C	3	3	C2
Information Systems & Computer Applications	50	CSIT 125	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	NE	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A
Introductory Business Law	50	BUS 115	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A
Introductory Psychology	50	PSYC 100	3	3	D	3	3	D
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 100	3	3	D	3	3	D
Natural Sciences	50	NE	3	3	B	3	3	B1 or B2
Precalculus	50	MATH 135	3	3	A2, Math Competency	3	3	B4
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	ECON 101	3	3	D	3	3	D
Principles of Management	50	BMGT 101	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A
Principles of Marketing	50	BUS 155	3	0	N/A	3	0	N/A
Principles of Microeconomics	50	ECON 102	3	3	D	3	3	D

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		Palomar Equivalent	Palomar Credit	AD GE Credit	AD GE Area	Transfer Credit	CSU GE Credit	AH&I or GE Area
Social Sciences and History	50	NE	3	3	D	0	0	N/A
Spanish Language Level I	50	NE	6	0	N/A	6	0	N/A
Spanish Language Level II ¹	63	NE	9	3	C	9	3	C2
Western Civilization I	50	HIST 105	3	3	C or D	3	3	C2 or D
Western Civilization II	50	HIST 106	3	3	D	3	3	D

N/A = Not Applicable

NE = No Equivalent

¹ French Level II, German Level II, or Spanish Level II prior to F15 earn 12 units toward CSU admission

¹If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted.

² For AHI, students must complete POSC 102 or any approved US-2 and US-3 course