College Level Exam Program (CLEP)

CLEP exams are offered by the College Board at test centers around the country. There are tests in many subject matter areas, but they are not connected to any preparatory course. Preparation for the tests is accomplished through independent study of texts and resources recommended by the Board. To learn more about the tests, contact CLEP at 800-257-9558 or 212-237-1331, or visit the CLEP website.

The acceptable scores for CLEP examinations change over time. The College’s current minimum satisfactory scores in subject tests are listed below. (Note that these may differ from what appears on CLEP’s website. Note, too, that New Paltz does not honor the CLEP General Exams). Achievement of the minimum score will result in transcript credit for the equivalent course at New Paltz. CLEP tests may be taken at any time, except for the College Composition test, which must be taken prior to enrollment as a regularly admitted student.

Visit CLEP Test Center Search to find a test center near you. The following test center is closest to New Paltz:

Dutchess Community College (9.69 miles from New Paltz)
53 Pendell Road
Student Services Center, Room 104
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-790-3734
CLEP Exams at Dutchess Community College

The following CLEP subject tests are acceptable at New Paltz.

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<th>Minimum Score</th>
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<td>General Biology</td>
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<td>Principles of Microeconomics</td>
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<td>College-Level French</td>
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<td>3 credits in FRN201 (Intermediate French I)</td>
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<td>3 credits in GER201 (Intermediate German 1)</td>
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### History of the United States
- **I**
  - 60 credits in HIS221 not required
- **II**
  - 60 credits in HIS222 not required

### Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present
- 60 credits in HIS214 not required

### Mathematics
- **Calculus**
  - 55 credits in MAT251
- **College Algebra**
  - 55 credits in MAT152
- **Precalculus**
  - 55 credits in MAT181

### Political Science
- **American Government**
  - 55 credits in POL216 not required

### Psychology
- **Introductory Psychology**
  - 50 credits in PSY101 not required
- **Human Growth and Development**
  - 50 credits in PSY241 not required

### Sociology
- **Introductory Sociology**
  - 50 credits in SOC100 not required

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*Notes for use of CLEP in meeting GE4 Basic Communication requirements:*

1. **CLEP scores must be received prior to matriculation — i.e., no later than the first day of classes of the student's first semester at New Paltz.**

2. If a student receives a score of 60 or above on the College Composition CLEP exam, which includes a required essay, the student may earn 3 credits in ENG160 Composition I. Only the College Composition exam with essay can be considered; the CLEP General exams in English and the Composition Modular without an essay are not acceptable.

3. ENG160 Composition I is the prerequisite for ENG170 Writing and Rhetoric, New Paltz's GE4 Basic Communication course.

*Note for use of CLEP in meeting Math requirements:*

Credits awarded for the courses shown may be applied as prerequisites to the next higher course.

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Students who matriculated prior to Fall 2019 follow GEIII. The following notes apply to use of CLEP to meet GEIII Composition requirements:

1. **CLEP scores must be received prior to matriculation — i.e., no later than the first day of classes of the student's first semester at New Paltz.**

2. ENG160 Composition I and ENG180 Composition II are taken in a two-semester sequence upon matriculation to complete the General Education III Composition requirement. If, for any reason, the Composition courses are taken out of sequence, this does not provide exemption status for Composition I. Both courses cover specific writing techniques and skills and are not redundant syllabi.