



Policies and Regulations: Awarding College Credit

Coastline recognizes college credit, except sectarian courses, earned at any institution of higher education which is accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations of schools and colleges as identified by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

Upon completion of 12 units at Coastline, students may receive a maximum of 40 units through experiential learning, including American Council on education (ACE) College credit recommendations, Military, CLEP, DSST, and Advanced Placement towards the experiences in similar subject areas.

Students planning to transfer credit awarded by Coastline for experience other than classroom attendance should contact the specific transfer institution, since each college has a different policy regarding experiential credit.

Advanced Placement Credit: Credit may be granted for Advanced Placement courses completed in high school. The credit may be applied toward the Associate degree and/or CSU General Education Certification. Official test scores must be submitted to Coastline's Admissions and Records Office. See Appendix B—AP Chart for the required scores and degree application.

CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

The College Entrance Examination Board offers examinations covering material taught in courses that most students take in the first two years of college.

- CLEP credits will count towards general education, major, or elective credits for the Associate degree or CSU General Education Certification. See Appendix C—CLEP Chart for the required scores and applicability.
- The University of California does not grant credit for CLEP.
- CLEP may or may not be accepted by other colleges and universities. A student must check with the specific transfer institution to determine regulations regarding CLEP. General CLEP policies can be found in the college catalogs.
- CLEP exams may not be used to retake or improve a grade in a course at Coastline or any other institution.
- CLEP credit posted to another institution's transcript will be reevaluated based on Coastline's standards and may or may not be equal to credit received at another institution. CLEP credit posted to a student's Coastline transcript may or may not be accepted for equal units at another institution.
- Coastline has established CLEP and DSST National Testing Centers on base at Dyess AFB, Fallon NAS, Gulfport NCP, Holloman AFB, Pensacola NAS and Point Loma, and in Westminster in collaboration with NWS Seal Beach.

Credit by Examination: \$25 per course. Students with appropriate post high school experience may petition for "Credit by Examination" and receive college credit in courses reflecting this experience, providing the:



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- 1) student is in good standing;
- 2) course is appropriate for credit by examination;
- 3) course is listed in the college catalog and
- 4) appropriate instructor, currently teaching the classroom course, is willing to assist the student in completing "Credit by Examination."

The appropriate number of units may be posted to the student's transcript upon completion of 12 units at Coastline. This credit will be designated "Credit by Examination" and will be awarded the grade of "Pass" if the student successfully passes the examination; the grade of "No Pass" will be assigned if the student fails the examination.

DANTES (Defense Activities Non-Traditional Education Support) Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs)

- Coastline accepts DANTES (DSSTs) with scores from 44 to 400 depending on the exam.
- DSST credits will count towards general education, major, or elective credits for the Associate of Arts degree. (See DSST chart for applicability)
- DSST scores may not count toward CSU and IGETC certifications.
- DSST scores may or may not be accepted by other colleges and universities. A student must check with the specific transfer institution to determine regulations regarding DSST credit.
- DSST exams may not be used to retake or improve a grade in a course at Coastline or any other institution.
- CLEP/DSST credit posted to another institution's transcript will be reevaluated based on Coastline's standards and may or may not be equal to credit received at another institution.

See DSST Chart.



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DANTES SUBJECT STANDARDIZED TESTS (DSST) CREDIT APPLICABILITY CHART

Exam Title	Required Score*	CCC Credit Awarded	Area Satisfied
A History of the Vietnam War	44	3	Group D – Social Sciences
Art of the Western World	48	3	Group C – Arts/Humanities & Global
Astronomy	48	3	Group B – Natural Sciences
Business Ethics and Society	400	3	Major/Electives
Business Law II	44	3	Major/Electives
Business Mathematics	400	3	Major/Electives
Criminal Justice	400	3	Major/Electives
Substance Abuse	400	3	Major/Electives
Environment & Humanity: Race to Save the Planet	46	3	Group B – Natural Sciences
Ethics in America	400	3	Group C – Arts/Humanities
Foundations of Education	46	3	Major/Electives
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	3	Group A3 - Math
Fundamentals of Counseling	45	3	Major/Electives
General Anthropology	47	3	Group D – Social Sciences & Global
Here's to Your Health	400	3	Group E – Self Development
Human Resource Management	46	3	Major/Electives
Human/Cultural Geography	48	3	Group D – Social Sciences & Global
Introduction to Business	400	3	Major/Electives
Introduction to Computing	400	3	Major/Electives
Introduction to Law Enforcement	45	3	Major/Electives
Introduction to the Modern Middle East	400	3	Group D – Social Sciences
Introduction to World Religions	400	3	Group C – Arts/Humanities
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	46	3	Group D – Social Sciences
Management Information Systems	400	3	Major/Electives
Money and Banking	48	3	Major/Electives
Organizational Behavior	48	3	Major/Electives
Personal Finance	400	3	Major/Electives
Physical Geology	46	3	Group B – Natural Sciences
Principles of Finance	400	3	Major/Electives
Principles of Financial Accounting	47	3	Major/Electives
Principles of Physical Science 1	47	3	Group B – Natural Sciences
Principles of Public Speaking	47	3	Group A1 - Communications
Principles of Statistics	400	3	Group A3 - Math
Principles of Supervision	400	3	Major/Electives
Rise & Fall of the Soviet Union	45	3	Group D – Social Sciences
Technical Writing	46	3	Major/Electives
The Civil War & Reconstruction	47	3	Group D – Social Sciences
Western Europe Since 1945	45	3	Group D – Social Sciences

* For tests taken prior to July 2001, required scores are: General Exams 490; Subject Exams 50; and Paper-Based Exams 490.

** Although there is not a CCC course equivalency for this exam, the credit is applicable to the area requirement indicated.



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Foreign College Units: Coastline is unable to evaluate foreign transcripts. International students are encouraged to utilize the Credentials Evaluation Service provided by the International Research Foundation, Inc. This agency is familiar with educational systems throughout the world and can properly evaluate international transcripts.

Although the agency charges a fee for the service, the expense is usually much less than repeating the courses at an American institution of higher education. Coastline will accept the official evaluation and will count the units and/ or degrees toward the student's educational program. Call the Counseling office for information at 1 (714) 241-6162.

Independent Study: Students whose past experiences and present activities provide an accepted alternative method for completing course objectives may petition for Independent Study:

- 1) If the course is offered during the petition semester;
- 2) If the course is appropriate for this method of instruction, and
- 3) If the petition is approved by the specific instructor teaching the class, the discipline dean and the vice president of instruction.

Military Credit: Coastline recognizes that U.S. Service members receive intensive training and educational instruction unmatched by many others in our society. Coastline will award a maximum of 40 units of credit for military training and experience as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). The determined number of units may be posted to the student's transcript upon completion of 12 units at Coastline.

- Military transcripts are evaluated to verify credit applicable to a degree. Transcript documentation includes SMART (Sailor/Marine ACE Registry Transcript) AARTS (Army/ACE Registry Transcript System), Coast Guard Institute Transcript, DD 295 and DD 2586.
- Military credits may count towards general education, major, areas of emphasis, certificate, and elective credits and are applicable to an associate degree at Coastline.

Work-based Learning: Students pursuing any vocational major at Coastline may earn elective credit for learning on the job through a planned program of goal setting, site visits and evaluations. Concurrent enrollment in Coastline's vocational classes is required. For further information, contact the Work-based Learning office at 1 (714) 241-6209.