

**FOOTHILL COLLEGE**  
**College Curriculum Committee**  
**College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Proposal**

1. New catalog language reflecting pass-along for CLEP toward CSU GE Certification (effective 2018-19)

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a credit-by-examination program that measures a student's level of comprehension of introductory college-level material for which students may earn college credit by receiving a satisfactory test score. Foothill students who are planning to satisfy graduation or transfer requirements by completing the CSU General Education-Breadth certification pattern may apply credit obtained through CLEP per the California State University approved policy AS-2492-10/AA which requires a passing score of at least 50 on the CLEP exams as outlined at <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/college-level-examination-program.aspx>. Students should be aware of the fact that CLEP credit is currently not awarded for satisfaction of particular major course equivalency at Foothill College; moreover, for transfers, each campus in the CSU system determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major.

2. Proposal for Awarding Credit by Examination for CLEP

Foothill College students may earn a degree by satisfying the general education requirements through completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth certification pattern, which permits the use of satisfactory CLEP scores toward satisfying some GE requirements. Completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth pattern requires approximately 28 more units than the local Foothill GE pattern, which does not permit the use of CLEP credit. Consequently, students who wish to apply CLEP credit to satisfy the GE requirements must complete 28 additional units, which presents an equity issue, especially since CLEP test-takers tend to be non-traditional students and Veterans. So as to avoid penalizing students, this proposal requests that Foothill College award CLEP credit toward satisfaction of the local GE requirements in a manner compatible with the California State University system. At this time, the proposal is for satisfaction of specific GE areas only, not for specific course-to-course equivalency. Faculty who wish to review CLEP exams with the intent of offering specific course credit may elect to do so. It is proposed that courses be aligned with the CSU GE pattern as follows:

<b>CSU GE Area</b>	<b>Foothill GE Area</b>
B1	Area III—Natural Sciences
B2	Area III—Natural Sciences
B3	Area III—Natural Sciences
B4	Area V—Communication & Analytical Thinking
C1	Area I—Humanities
C2	Area I—Humanities
D	Area IV—Social & Behavioral Sciences
E	Area VII—Lifelong Learning