

Attachment 4

Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

The admissions office is asking the campus to consider accepting the DSST to use as credit for a course. The DSST are similar to the CLEP tests. The military uses these frequently, but civilians may also take the tests. Information about the DSST can be found at:

http://www.getcollegecredit.com/images/uploads/documents/Technical_Data_Sheets_rev_20100108.pdf .

Here is some information about DSST (from research done by Chris Duval in A&R):

- DSST and CLEP are both national standardized exams. Although there is some overlap in content, they do cover a lot of different areas. (See test titles below)
- DSST and CLEP are both in compliance with standards set by ACE and both promote this fact.
- DSST and CLEP exams are developed by national faculty groups who teach the courses in their respective institutions.
- DSST and CLEP use the same methods to determine standardized scoring and content.
- DSST is currently accepted at approximately 1900 institutions of higher education; CLEP is currently accepted at approximately 2900 institutions of higher education.

Associate deans discussed this topic. They wanted to know which institutions are using this (see next page). They also think it is important that departments have final say on the acceptance of credit for a specific course. Associate Deans would be concerned about giving academic credit for “life experiences”; however, a standardized option might help alleviate some of the extreme requests that associate deans have seen/heard.

Based on the DSST website, I looked up our peer institutions and Colorado institutions who accept the DSST. The following was found:

Peer Institutions (31 possible) that accept DSST: Florida Atlantic, Northern Kentucky University, Sonoma State University, University of Nebraska Omaha, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, University of North Florida.

Colorado Schools that accept DSST

4 year public institutions: Adams State, CSU-Pueblo, CSU-Fort Collins, Fort Lewis, Metropolitan State College, **UCCS** (MBA accepts 2 DST courses—see attached course list)

Community Colleges: Northwest, Denver, Front Range, Otero Jr., Pikes Peak—BOCES (teacher ed), Pueblo, Red Rocks,

Military: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Fort Carson

Private: Colorado Christian University, Colorado Technical University, DeVry, Everest, Jones International, Naropa, Nazarene Bible, Regis, University of Phoenix

Boulder accepts military credit which has been recommended by ACE for upper division baccalaureate credit (but courses just count for lower division). Boulder is currently exploring accepting DSST now. Their lack of use does not imply that they have rejected using it (according to an associate dean).

List of Tests

Social Sciences

A History of the Vietnam War
Art of the Western World
Civil War and Reconstruction
Criminal Justice
Foundations of Education
Fundamentals of Counseling
General Anthropology
Human/Cultural Geography
Intro to Law Enforcement
Intro to Modern Middle East
Life Span Develop. Psychology
Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
Substance Abuse
Western Europe Since 1945

Physical Science

Astronomy
Environment & Humanity
Here's to Your Health
Physical Geology
Principles of Physical Science

Humanities

Ethics in America
Intro to World Religion
Principles of Public Speaking

Business

Business Ethics & Society
Business Law II
Business Math
Human Resource Management
Introduction to Business
Introduction to Computing
Organizational behavior
Personal Finance
Principles of Finance
Principles of Financial Accounting
Principles of Supervision
Management of Information Systems
Money and Banking

Mathematics

Foundation of College Algebra
Principles of Statistics

Technology

Technical Writing

***Highlighted courses are currently accepted
by MBA for foundational 5000 level
courses***

