

Credit By Examination

DSST Examinations

NDSU recognizes the DSST (Dantes) examination, which was originally designed for the military as a way to provide individuals an opportunity to obtain college level credit for what they have learned in nontraditional ways. Now available for civilian use, the DSST Test Control Officer (TCO) administers the exams on more than 560 military installations and official DSST test centers. The main users of the exams include adult education programs, U.S. Department of Defense, and two- and four-year colleges and universities. NDSU's DSST location site code is: DSST-9366.

In accordance with North Dakota University System policy, students must receive a minimum score on the examinations to qualify for possible awarding of credit and advanced placement, which is determined by the appropriate academic department on campus. If NDSU does not have an equivalent course, elective credit may be awarded. Credit earned through DSST may not be used to satisfy residence credit requirement for graduation. A listing of DSST exams and current NDSU equivalent courses are listed below.

Examination	Score	Equivalent NDSU Course	Credit Hours	Gen Ed Category
A History of the Vietnam War	44	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
Art of the Western World	48	ART 111	3	A
Astronomy	48	PHYS 110	3	S
Business Law	44	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Business Mathematics	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Civil War & Reconstruction	47	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
Contemporary Western Europe	45	HIST 102	3	A
Criminal Justice	400	CJ 201	3	
Environment & Humanities	46	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Environmental Science	400	BIOL 124	3	S/G
Ethics in America	400	PHIL 210	3	
Foundations of Education	46	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	MATH 103	3	R
Fundamentals of Counseling	45	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
General Anthropology	47	ANTH 111	3	B/D
Here's to Your Health	400	HNES 217	3	W
Human Resource Management	46	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Human/Cultural Geography	47	GEOG 151	3	B/G
Intro to the Modern Middle East	47	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Intro to Business	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Intro to Computing	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Intro to Law Enforcement	45	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Lifespan Development Psychology	46	PSYC 250	3	B
Management Information Systems	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Money & Banking	48	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Organizational Behavior	48	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Personal Finance	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Physical Geology	46	Free Elective (GEOL 1XX)*	3	S/G
Principles of Finance	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	
Principles of Financial Accounting	49	ACCT 200	3	
Principles of Statistics	48/400	Free Elective (STAT 1XX)*	3	
Principles of Supervision	400	Free Elective (TRNSFR 1XX)*	3	

Rise and Fall of Soviet Union	45	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
Substance Abuse	400	PSYC 212	3	B

* Credit received applies toward degree elective credit

General Education Categories:

A	Humanities & Fine Arts
B	Social & Behavioral Science
C	Communication
D	Cultural Diversity
F	First Year Experience
G	Global Perspectives
L	Digital Literacy
R	Quantitative Reasoning
S	Science & Technology
W	Wellness

See General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#text>) for more information on core NDSU courses.

Additional Information:

For more information on DSST exams and to locate a test center, go to www.getcollegecredit.com (<http://www.getcollegecredit.com/>)