

TESTING

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (TSI)*

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) was mandated by Texas law in 2003 and went into effect in September of 2003. The purpose of TSI is to ensure that all students enrolling in public higher education in Texas possess the academic skills needed to perform effectively in college-level coursework. TSI includes a testing component designed to identify and provide diagnostic information about the reading, writing, and mathematics skills of each student.

** Test scores may not be more than five years old.

TSI Cut Scores for College Readiness: (BEFORE January 11, 2021)

Mathematics	Minimum of 350 to 390
Reading	Minimum of 351 to 390
Writing	Minimum of 340, and an essay score of at least 4;

TSI Assessment, v2 (TSIA2 , (administered AFTER January 11, 2021)

Mathematics	Minimum of 950 Below 950 must have a Diagnostic level of 6
English Language Arts Reading (ELAR)	Minimum of 945 and an essay of at least 5; Below 945 Must have diagnostic level of 5 or 6 and an essay score of at least 5.

Note: You may mix passing scores from the old TSIA and TSIA2. For example, If you passed reading and writing on the TSIA, and are incomplete in Math only, you may take only the math portion of the TSIA2. However, Reading and Writing are combined into one assessment in the TSIA2, so if you passed Reading only or Writing only prior to 01/11/2021, you must take the entire ELAR TSIA2 assessment.

PLAN:

English	Composite score of 23, minimum 19
Mathematics	Composite score of 23, minimum 19

ASPIRE:

English	Minimum of 435
Mathematics	Minimum of 431

PSAT/NMSQT (Prior to October 15, 2015):

English	Combined Reading & Mathematics of 107, minimum of 50
Mathematics	Combined Reading & Mathematics of 107, minimum of 50

PSAT/NMSQT (After October 15, 2015 and Prior to May 16th, 2024):

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing	Minimum of 460
Mathematics	Minimum of 510

NOTE: Mixing or combining PSAT/NMSQT scores administered prior to October 15, 2015 or after October 15, 2015 is not allowable.

A student may be exempted from the requirement to take the approved TSI Assessment if the student meets one of the following circumstances:

ACT: (Prior to February 15, 2023):

English	Composite score of 23, minimum of 19
Mathematics	Composite score of 23, minimum of 19

ACT: (After February 15, 2023):

English and Reading	Combined score of 40 on English and Reading tests
Mathematics	Minimum of 22 on the mathematics test. There is not composite score.

SAT (Prior to March 2016):

Critical Reading	Combined Critical Reading & Mathematics of 1070, minimum of 500
Mathematics	Combined Critical Reading & Mathematics of 1070, minimum of 500

SAT (After March 5, 2016):

Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing	Minimum of 480
Mathematics	Minimum of 530

NOTE: Mixing or combining scores from SAT administered prior to March 5, 2016 and the SAT administered on or after March 5, 2016 is not allowable.

STAAR EOC: (Prior to May 16th, 2024)

Algebra I	Level 2 (4000) & passing grade in high school Algebra II
Algebra II	Level 2 (4000)
English II	Level 2 (4000)

For additional information on Texas Success Initiative policies or test dates at TVCC, contact the Testing Center at Athens or the Advisement Centers at Athens, Palestine, or Terrell.

Academic Transfer Testing

Students must meet the aforementioned guidelines for academic transfer course enrollment (i.e. English, history, biology, speech, government, etc.).

Workforce Course Testing

Students must take all three sections (reading, writing, and math) of the TSI, but do not have to pass it to enroll.

CREDIT BY EXAM: ACT, SAT & ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Trinity Valley Community College will award academic credit to students whose scores on the ACT, SAT or Advanced Placement (AP) exams meet or exceed those outlined in the charts below. In order for credit by exam to be awarded, the following stipulations must be met:

- Students must have a minimum of three semester hours in residence at TVCC.
- Student must be TSI complete in the corresponding section before the credit by exam will be posted to the student’s transcript.
- Students requesting college credit based on ACT, SAT, CEEB or CLEP scores must complete an Application for Credit form available in the testing center on the Athens campus.
- Submitted placement scores must have been earned within the previous five years.

The credits stated below are in accordance with Trinity Valley Community College policies and do not guarantee acceptance by transfer universities.

When a student plans to transfer to another institution, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the university to verify acceptance and applicability of credit by examination that TVCC awarded.

ACT AND SAT SCORES

Subject Area	Minimum Scores		Course Exemption	Credit Course	Sem Hrs
	ACT	SAT			
English	29	620	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	3
English	32	690	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302	3
Mathematics	26	560	MATH 1314	MATH 1314	3
Mathematics	30	630	MATH 2312	MATH 2312	3

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (CEEB) SCORES

AP Exam	Minimum AP Score	Course Credit	Sem Hrs
Biology	3	BIOL 1406	4
Calculus AB	3	MATH 2413	4
Calculus BC	3	MATH 2413	4
Chemistry	3	CHEM 1405	4
Economics – Macro	3	ECON 2301	3
Economics – Micro	3	ECON 2302	3
English Language & Composition	3	ENGL 1301	3
English Literature & Composition	3	ENGL 2332	3
Spanish Language	3	SPAN 1411 & 1412	8
Spanish Literature	3	SPAN 2312	3
Statistics	3	MATH 1342	3
Physics B	3	PHYS 1402	4
Physics C-Mechanics	3	PHYS 1401	4
Physics C-Electricity & Magnetism	3	PHYS 1402	4
Human Geography	3	GEOG 1302	3
U.S. History	3	HIST 1301	3
U.S. Government & Politics	3	GOVT 2305	3

CREDIT BY EXAM: CLEP SUBJECT EXAMINATION

Trinity Valley Community College is an open testing center for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which was developed by the College Entrance Examination Board. Copies of the CLEP Registration Guide and the registration form may be obtained from the Testing Center or online at the College Board CLEP website. The cost for administering the CLEP subject exams is \$80 (subject to change according to CLEP requirements), payable to CLEP. In addition, Trinity Valley Community College charges a \$25 nonrefundable administrative fee.

TVCC currently allows students to earn 18 hours of credit through CLEP credits with the following guidelines:

- CLEP credit may not be earned for any course in which the student has already earned a grade of A, B, C, D, F, W, or I.
- CLEP credit will not be awarded for any courses in which a student is currently enrolled, has been previously enrolled and/or earned a grade, or has previously failed. CLEP scores may be no more than 10 years old to receive credit at TVCC.
- Students must have a minimum of three semester hours in residence at TVCC.
- Student must be TSI complete in the corresponding section before CLEP credit will be posted to the student's transcript.

Currently accepted CLEP tests (prior to Fall 2024):

CLEP Exam	TVCC Equivalent	Sem. Hours	CLEP Score
College Composition Modular	ENGL 1301	3	50
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	ENGL 1302	3	50
Spanish Language	SPAN 1411	4	50-52
Spanish Language	SPAN 1411 & SPAN1412	8	53+
American Government	GOVT 2305	3	50
American History I	HIST 1301	3	50
American History II	HIST 1302	3	50
Human Growth & Dev	PSYC 2314	3	50
Introductory Psychology	PSYC 2301	3	50
Introductory Sociology	SOCI 1301	3	50
Western Civilization I	HIST 2311	3	50
Western Civilization II	HIST 2312	3	50
College Algebra	MATH 1314	3	50
General Biology	BIOL 1406	4	50
General Chemistry	CHEM 1411	4	50
Information Systems & Business Computer App	BCIS 1305	3	50

Curriculum and Instruction have increased the number of hours that a student can earn through CLEP to 30 hours. The yellow highlighted are additions for Fall 2024.

Fall 2024 CLEP Options

CLEP Exam	TVCC Equivalent	Sem. Hours	CLEP Score
College Composition Modular	ENGL 1301	3	50
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	ENGL 1302	3	50
American Literature	ENGL 2328	3	50
Spanish Language: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411	4	50
Spanish Language: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411 & SPAN1412	8	55
Spanish Language: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411, SPAN 1412, SPAN 2311	11	63

Spanish w/ Writing: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411	4	50
Spanish w/ Writing: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411 & SPAN1412	8	55
Spanish w/ Writing: Levels 1 & 2	SPAN 1411, SPAN 1412, SPAN 2311	11	63
American Government	GOVT 2305	3	50
American History I	HIST 1301	3	50
American History II	HIST 1302	3	50
Human Growth & Dev	PSYC 2314	3	50
Introductory Psychology	PSYC 2301	3	50
Introductory Sociology	SOCI 1301	3	50
Western Civilization I	HIST 2311	3	50
Western Civilization II	HIST 2312	3	50
College Algebra	MATH 1314	3	50
Precalculus	MATH 2312	3	50
Calculus	MATH 2413	4	50
General Biology	BIOL 1406	4	50
General Biology	BIOL 1406 & BIOL 1407	8	70
General Chemistry	CHEM 1411	4	50
General Chemistry	CHEM 1411 & ChEM 1412	8	55
Information Systems & Business Computer App	BCIS 1305	3	50
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 2301	3	50
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 2302	3	50
Humanities	HUMA 1301	3	50
Financial Accounting	ACCT 2401	4	50
Financial Accounting	ACNT 1303 & ACNT 1304	6	50
Principles of Management	BMGT 1327	3	53
Principles of Marketing	MRKG 1311	3	53
Introductory Business Law	BUSI 2301	3	50