

# PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS

## Educational Resource Guide: DANTES Exams

**DANTES: Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support**



By passing DANTES examinations, students can obtain course units in a wide range of subjects without the coursework and tuition required for the traditional semester class.

Learn how you can potentially earn undergraduate credits towards your degree program by successfully completing DANTES exams.

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# Welcome

Pacific Union College Student,

Several of our team members have previously held positions as an academic or finance counselor at one of the following institutions: UC Riverside, UCLA, Loyola Marymount University and the University of Phoenix.

The following information is for educational purposes only and should be validated with your academic counselor. With a little effort toward patience and research, you will learn how you may be able to both save thousands of dollars in tuition and graduate faster.

After reading this guide, spend five minutes with your academic counselor and see if you're eligible to test out of classes with DSST/DANTES exams. Your counselor will tell you which classes are exempt and which DANTES exams you can take to fulfill your remaining requirements. Education is most effective when followed by action.

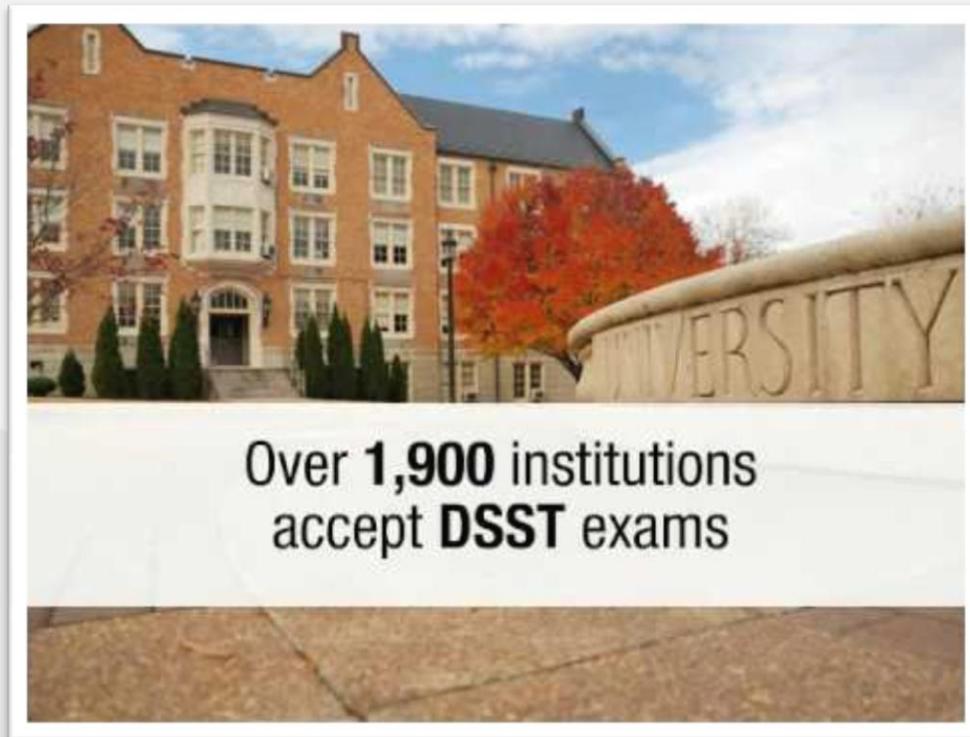
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Team DTP

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## DSST/DANTES EXAM OVERVIEW



### What are DANTES (DSST) exams?

**DANTES** is an acronym for:

#### **Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support**

The DANTES program was developed in order to help military personnel complete their college studies more quickly, but now it is available to all students, regardless of military background.

By passing DANTES examinations, students can obtain course credits in a wide range of subjects without ever having to complete the coursework or pay the tuition required for traditional, semester-long classes. DANTES exams are offered in over 150 subjects, and they are widely accepted by colleges and universities. *If you qualify, you can test out of most lower-level and some upper-level courses.*

## Are DANTES exams accredited?

DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) have been evaluated and approved for college credit by the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT). The DSST exams are an affordable and efficient way to earn college credit, and DSST credits are accepted at over 2,000 colleges.

<http://getcollegecredit.com/about>

## What are DSST exams like?

DSST exams are internet or paper-based, multiple-choice formats, some including an optional essay portion. Test takers are given two hours to take the 100 question exam. DSST exams must be taken at authorized testing centers.

Here is one of our sample questions on the subject: *Organization Behavior*.

A person' s \_\_\_\_\_ would also include their culture, family, group membership and their life experiences.

- a) personality
- b) attitude
- c) behavior
- d) environment

Answer: d. environment

\*There is no reason to be intimidated. We explain the concepts in class and also in our study guides.

## If I fail a DSST/DANTES exam, will it affect my GPA?

One other huge benefit of DSST/DANTES exams is this: they **will NOT** affect your GPA. This is a huge benefit!

Credit will transfer to your institution as a Pass or a Fail. If you fail, you must wait 90 days to take that exam again. For example, if I fail "Organizational Behavior" I must wait 90 days before I retest. However, I can take another exam that meets the same requirements at any time.

### What's the minimum passing score?

The scoring scale is between 200-500, which theoretically means the lowest possible score is 200 and the highest being 500. The minimum passing score is 400. Most institutions award credit if you meet the minimum passing score; however, you will want to confirm with your academic counselor what score your institution requires.

There are no penalties for incorrect answers— so be sure to answer each question.

### When will I know if I passed the DSST exam?

We recommend taking the exam at an Authorized Testing Center that has the ability to offer you the **computer based** test. If you take your DSST exam on a computer, your results will be given the same day.

### How do know if I qualify to take DSST/DANTES exams?

First, speak with your academic counselor and obtain approval.

There are two words you never want to hear from your counselor: **regression** and **duplication**.

**Regression** occurs when a student takes a course that is at a lower level than a course the student has previously passed. **Students do not earn credit hours for regression.**

**Duplication** typically occurs when a student takes a course more than once, and the course is not repeatable for credit. **Students do not earn credit toward graduation for hours of duplication.**

Example:

Mr. Dow took "Basic World Religions 201" at XZY Community College in 2014. If Mr. Dow took the DSST/DANTES exam for *Introduction to World Religions*, he would most likely NOT receive credit because "*Introduction to World Religions*" would duplicate "*Basic World Religions 201*".

### My counselor told me that I lack 3 units of humanities, 3 units of electives and that I can test out via DSST/DANTES exams. What does that mean?

Humanities, Social Science, Communication Arts, Electives and Liberal Arts (et cetera) are all categories. Each DANTES exam falls into a category. You must select a test that falls into the specific category you need and get your counselor's approval to take that exam.

Example:

The DSST *Art of the Western World* exam qualifies for the categories: Humanity, Interdisciplinary, Liberal Art, and Elective. If your counselor approves you to take the Art of the Western World DSST exam to meet your Humanities requirement, you can then test out of those units by successfully passing the *Art of the Western World* DSST exam, which will fall into the Humanities category.

### **I'm not a great test taker. What do you recommend?**

If you attend our prep course, we will work with you individually and access your progress from start to finish. If, at the end of our class, we feel you are not fully prepared to take the final exam—don't worry. We will allow you to retake the course again at no additional charge. Regardless if it takes one (1) or four (4) days to properly prepare you, we will coach you until we know the odds of you passing are in your favor. Our unconditional money-back guarantee is our commitment to you.

# Pacific Union College and DANTES Exams



## Does the Pacific Union College accept DANTES exams?

Yes. DANTES exams are listed under one of several recognized National Testing Programs that are accepted by Pacific Union College. See the link below (active as of the date of publication) for more information. If the link is not active, please Google "Pacific Union College National Testing Programs DSST DANTES exams."

<https://www.puc.edu/academics/records/testing-credit>

## Information Regarding Test Credits

PUC grants academic credit for certain AP, CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, and IB tests provided students achieve the recommended credit-granting score. Credit earned by AP, CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, and IB will be placed on your transcript with the credit hours earned and a grade of "S" (Satisfactory).

Students take AP and IB tests at their high school subsequent to the completion of high school AP or IB courses. Students can take CLEP, DSST, and Excelsior tests at any testing site, including the [PUC testing site](#), run by the Career & Counseling Center.

AP, CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, and IB tests are administered by external testing agencies. Students wishing to receive credit should have an official score report mailed to Pacific Union College directly from the testing agency.

The maximum credit applicable to a four-year degree is 45 hours; maximum credit applicable to a two-year degree is 24 hours.

Further information regarding AP, CLEP, DSST, Excelsior, and IB can be found on page 39 of the General Catalog.

### Residence Requirements

You must satisfy the following minimum residence requirements on the Angwin campus or in an extension program.

1. 36 of the last 48-quarter hours immediately preceding conferral of your degree.
2. 30-quarter hours of upper-division course work.
3. One-half the upper-division hours in your major.
4. For students taking a minor, 6 upper-division hours for the minor.

### Which courses does Dantes test Prep offer?

The following is a list of courses currently accepted by Pacific Union College for credit. Dantes Test Prep offers preparation for the courses highlighted in red. For the most current list, of course, offerings, please visit our website at

<http://dantestestprep.com/dantes-preparation-course/>

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Note: These credits are available only to students enrolled at Pacific Union College.

Test Name	Equivalent PUC Course	Credit Hours	Minimum Score Required
<b>Astronomy</b>			
Astronomy	Lower-division elective credit only	4.5	48
<b>Biology</b>			
Physical Geology	GEOL 233 Geology	4.5	46
<b>Business</b>			
Introduction to Business	Lower-division elective credit only	4.5	400
Management Information Systems	MGMT 328 Mgmt Information Systems	4.5	400
Money and Banking	ECON 371 Money and Banking	4.5	48
Personal Finance	BUAD 118 Personal Money Management	4.5	400
Principles of Financial Accounting	ACCT 121 Financial Accounting I	4.5	47
Principles of Supervision	Lower-division elective credit only	4.5	400
<b>Health</b>			
Here's to Your Health	HLED 166 Health Education	4.5	400
<b>History</b>			
The Civil War & Reconstruction	HIST 357 Civil War and Reconstruction	4.5	47
Western Europe Since 1945	History Elective	4.5	45
<b>Mathematics</b>			
Business Mathematics	Lower-division elective credit only	4.5	400
Fundamentals of College Algebra	MATH 106 College Algebra	4.5	400
Principles of Statistics	STAT 222 Intro to Statistics	4.5	400
<b>Physics</b>			
Principles of Physical Science 1	PHYS 105 Introduction to Physics	4.5	47
<b>Psychology</b>			
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Lower-division elective credit only	4.5	400
Fundamentals of Counseling	PSYC 368 Principles of Counseling	4.5	45
General Anthropology	ANTH 124 Cultural Anthropology	4.5	47
Lifespan Development Psychology	PSYC 234 Human Development	4.5	46
<b>Speech</b>			
Principles of Public Speaking	COMM 226 Public Speaking	4.5	47
<b>Visual Art</b>			
Art of the Western World	ARTH 115 or 116 History of Western Art I or II	4.5	48

\* This information can be found on Pacific Union College' s website at

[https://www.puc.edu/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/34902/DANTES.pdf](https://www.puc.edu/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/34902/DANTES.pdf)

# Transcripts



## How will my school receive my transcripts?

When you register to take your final exam (at the authorized testing center), you will enter an **"Institutional Score Recipient Code,"** - you can use 8631. DSST will send a copy of your official transcripts to your academic institution for free!

## How long will it take for the school to receive my official transcripts (test results)?

Your school should receive your results in about five weeks.

Please, follow-up with your academic counselor five weeks after your exam and confirm that Pacific Union College received your transcripts.

If for some reason your school has not received your transcripts, please contact DSST (877-471-9860). If you call within 90 days of your test date, they will re-send the score report (transcripts) free of charge. *Any request 90 days or more after the exam date will incur an administrative fee. No exceptions.*

## How can I order or expedite my DSST transcripts?

Visit the link below. Download the transcript order form and follow the instructions.

[http://getcollegecredit.com/test\\_takers](http://getcollegecredit.com/test_takers)

([www.getcollegecredit.com](http://www.getcollegecredit.com))

Confirm the address below with your academic counselor before filling out the DSST transcript order form.

Records Office

One Angwin Avenue

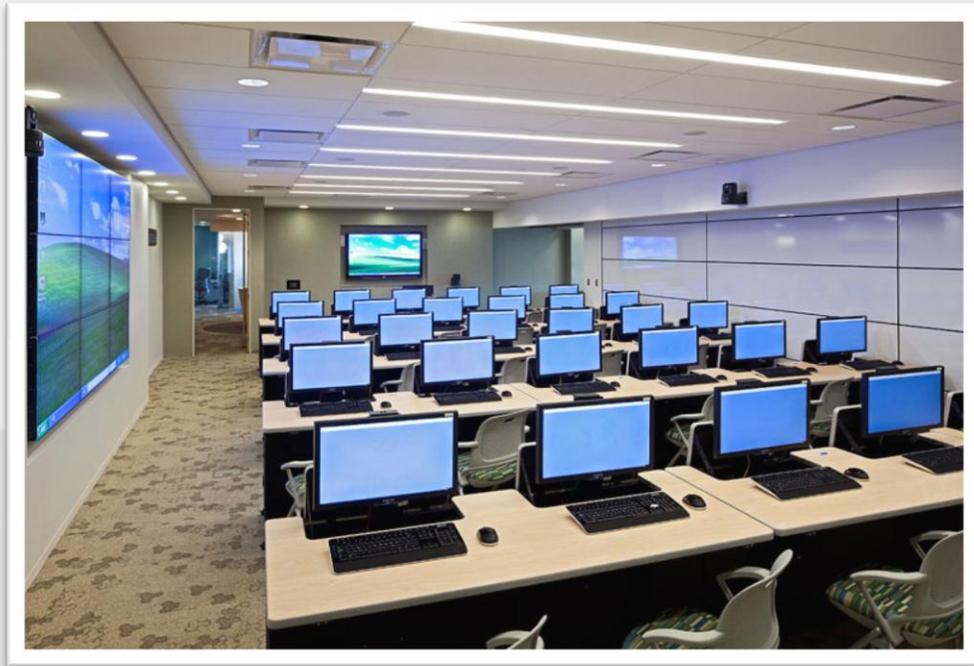
Angwin, CA

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### **What is the "Test Center Code"?**

This code does not apply to you (the student). Your testing center administrator will enter their information in this section.

# TESTING INFORMATION



**DSST exams are given throughout the United States. How do I find an authorized testing center where I can take the exam?**

Visit <http://www.getcollegecredit.com> in order to locate an authorized DSST testing center. Prior to taking the exam, you should contact the selected testing center and get an understanding of their policies. Some locations do not allow walk-ins and require that all exams be scheduled. Make sure you know your "Institutional Score Recipient Code" (see our section on School Transcripts for more information).

**What' s the minimum passing score?**

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There are no penalties for incorrect answers - so be sure to answer each question.

### **What form of ID should I bring to the testing location when I take a DSST exam?**

Before taking the test, all test takers must present a current and valid picture identification, such as a driver' s license, passport, or picture student identification.

You are NOT allowed to bring reference materials, study guides, scratch paper, cell phones, personal handheld devices, cameras, alarm wrist watches, or tape recorders, or other electronic devices to the testing center.

### **How much do DSST exams cost?**

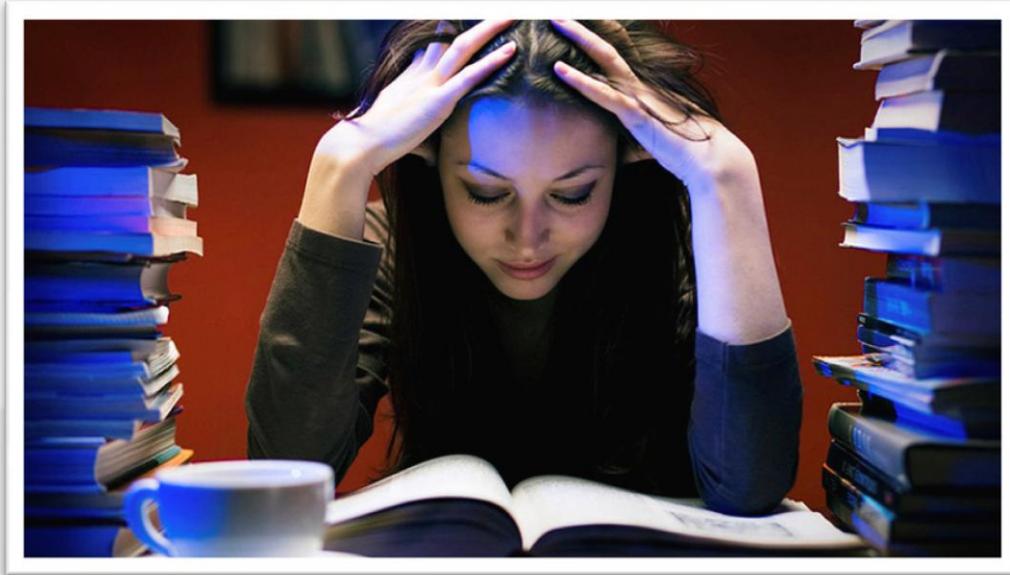
As of January 2015 the minimum fee is \$80.00 per exam. You pay this fee via credit/debit card on the day that you take your final exam.

Register with us on our site ([www.dantestestprep.com](http://www.dantestestprep.com)) to be notified about discounts!

### **Does DSST offer any discounts for veterans?**

DSST is an approved VA National Testing Program under the Post- 9/11 GI Bill. The VA will reimburse the DSST exam fee (\$80-\$90) and the testing center administrative fee (amount varies per location).

## STUDY RESOURCES



We would love for you to become a member of our team and use us as a study resource. Maybe, however, you live outside California or you like to study independently.

Your institution may offer free study resources for their students! Ask your counselor for details. If they do offer free material, we recommend using it as a bonus and not as your primary studying tool for the exams.

You can Google the name of your exam or keywords such as:

Dantes Exams   Dantes Test                      Dantes Test Prep

DSST Exam Prep      DSST Test                      DSST Test Prep

There are many study resources available from books on Amazon to online study resources. Please be aware that some online resources require you to buy their study materials or commit to a membership fee.

**It's NOT the responsibility of your Counselor to tell you where to get your study materials.** Please conduct your own due diligence and find a resource you're comfortable working with. If a company asks you to buy a "series" of study modules for numerous exams, take caution. Research the company and make sure there are no major complaints with the Better Business Bureau.

### **I'm not a great test taker. What do you recommend?**

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## ABOUT: DANTES TEST PREP LLC (DTP)



### Are you (DTP) affiliated with DSST (DANTES) program?

We are NOT affiliated with DSST (DANTES). We are an independent educational resource.

### Are you (DTP) affiliated with any academic institution?

Dantes Test Prep LLC is NOT affiliated with any academic institution.

### Are you (DTP) accredited?

We do NOT issue college credits, so we are not accredited. We are an educational resource for those wishing counsel on the DSST/DANTES exams.

### How can I stay updated on any important changes?

Register with our mailing list online.

### When are your classes held?

Courses are held during the weekend. Our goal is to prepare you for the exam so that you can take the final test after attending our prep-course.

### Where are your classes held?

Classes are currently held in Southern California. Our locations are subject to change. Please visit us online for an updated schedule.

### Do you offer a money-back guarantee?

Yes, we offer a **pass or don't pay policy** if you take any of our classes. You will be refunded the class fee or offered a free class if you fail your exam.

### Should I study before class?

We *strongly encourage* you to review and study our free online study guides. Becoming familiar with the terms you are going to see in class will increase your comprehension. *The guides alone are NOT sufficient for you to pass the exam.* The guides and the class material complement each other.

### Do you ever offer discounts or promotions?

Yes! Register with us online at: [www.DantesTestPrep.com](http://www.DantesTestPrep.com)

We'll inform you of any new promotions or specials. We run at least one special per year.

### What classes do you offer and what categories do they fall under?

Each University categorizes the exams uniquely. Please confirm with your academic counselor that your exam meets your specific category requirements. See below for a list of classes that we offer currently. Classes and schedules are subject to change.

