

# **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE 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

Southern Illinois University Carbondale 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.

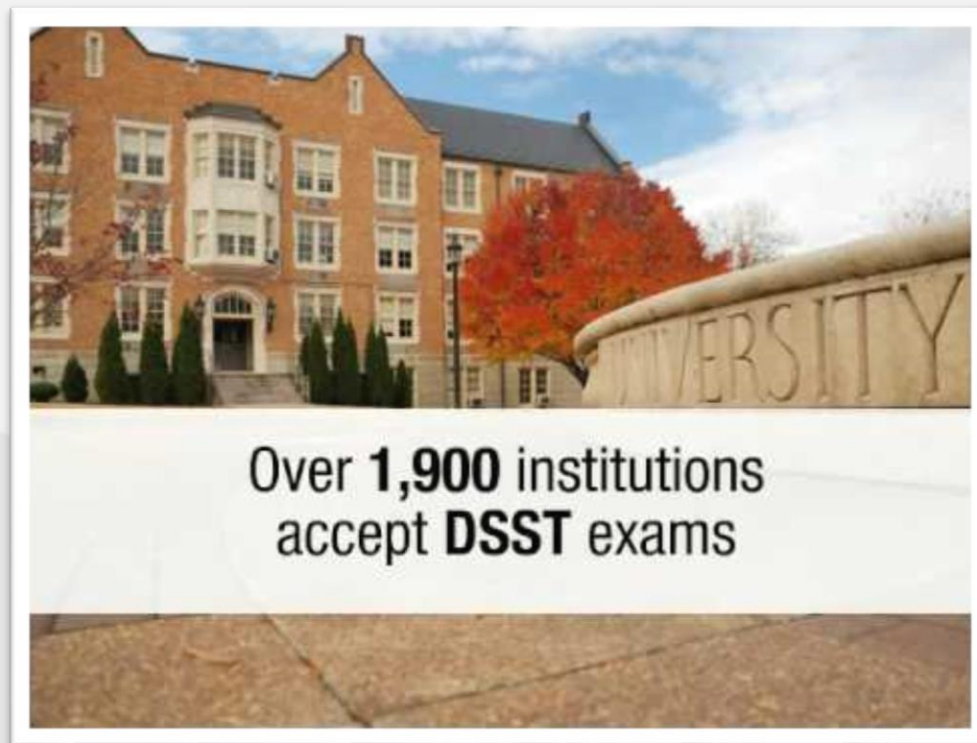
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Team DTP

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## DSST/DANTES EXAM OVERVIEW



### What are DANTES (DSST) exams?

**DANTES** is an acronym for:

**D**efense **A**ctivity for **N**on-**T**raditional **E**ducation  
**S**upport

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 I 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 XYZ 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 assess 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.



## Southern Illinois University and DANTES Exams



### **Does Southern Illinois University Carbondale accept DANTES exams?**

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

<http://transfer.siu.edu/nontraditional/>

## STANDARDIZED SUBJECT TESTS

This document is intended to be a guide. The information is subject to change. The following list includes credit currently granted for the Dantes Standardized Subject Tests. Credit is allowed for scores at or above the ACE-recommended minimums. Note: Although some tests are no longer offered, scores for discontinued examinations may be submitted for evaluation.

### DANTES SUBJECT STANDARDIZED TESTS (DSSTs)

D A N T E S Subject Standardized Tests TEST FORM NUMBER		ACE Credit Recommendations		SIUC Equivalents
		CR HRS	MIN SCORE	UCC COURSE

The course highlighted in red are currently offered by Dantes Test Prep.

### FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

#### MATHEMATICS

SF/SH/SL/SM/SN/SZ 450	Principles of Statistics	3B	400 / 48#	MATH 101
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#### SPEECH COMMUNICATION

SE/SF/SG/SH 815*	Principles of Public Speaking	3B	47	SPCM 101
SE 815-819*	Principles of Public Speaking	3B	47	SPCM 101
SE 821-826,828*	Principles of Public Speaking	3B	47	SPCM 101
SE 829,830,834*	Principles of Public Speaking	3B	47	SPCM 101

### DISCIPLINARY STUDIES

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE

SF/SG/SH/SL/SZ 470	Human/Cultural Geography	3B	48	GEOG 103
SF/SG/SH/SL/SZ 490	Lifespan Developmental Psych	3B	46	SOCSSUB1
SF/SG/SZ 494	General Anthropology	3B	47	ANTH 104

#### SCIENCE

SF/SG/SH/SL/SZ 500	Astronomy	3B	48	PHYS 103
SE,SF/SZ 512	Principles of Physical Science I	3B	47	SC SUB1

#### HUMANITIES

SE/SF 461	Art of the Western World	3B	48	FA/HUM
SF/SG/SH/SM/SP/SZ 474	Ethics in America (Ethics in America Essay)	3B	400 / 46#	PHIL 104

#### FINE ARTS

SE/SF 461	Art of the Western World	3B	48	FA/HUM
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#### HUMAN HEALTH

SF/SG/SH/SL 508	Here's to Your Health	3B	400 / 48#	HED 101
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**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES****MULTICULTURAL: DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

SF/SG/SH/SL 496	Introduction to World Religions	3B	400 / 48#	HIST 202
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**INTERDISCIPLINARY**

SF/SG/SH/SL 511	Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet	3B	46	ENGR 3011
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**NO UCC CREDIT** (general elective credit only)

SF/SG/SH/SL/SZ 424	Fundamentals of College Algebra	3B	400 47#	**
SF/SG/SH/SL 471	Rise/Fall of the Soviet Union	3BU	45	**
SG/SH/SL/SM 473	A History of the Vietnam War	3B	44	**
SE,SF/SG/SH 483	The Civil War & Reconstruction	3BU	47	**
SE/SF/SG/SH 489	Foundations of Education	3B	46	**
SE,SF/SG/SH 495	Substance/Drug and Alcohol Abuse	3BU	400 / 49#	**
SG,SH/SL/SM 497	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3B	45	**
SF,SG/SH/SL 498	Criminal Justice	3B	400 / 49#	**
SG,SH/SL/SM 562	Fundamentals of Counseling	3B	45	**
SG 579##	Beginning German I (SZ Beginning German I Cassette)	3B	45	**
SG 580##	Beginning German II (SZ Beginning German II Cassette)	3B	45	**
SF 583##	Beginning Spanish I (SY Beginning Spanish I Cassette)	3B	48	**
SF 584##	Beginning Spanish II (SY Beginning Spanish II Cassette)	3B	46	**
SE 585##	Beginning Italian I (SZ Beginning Italian I Cassette)	3B	46	**
SF,SG/SH/SL 524	Principles of Finance	3BU	46	**
SG,SH/SL/SM 530	Human Resource Management	3B	46	**
SF,SG/SH/SL 531	Organizational Behavior	3B	48	**
SE,SF/SG/SH 532	Principles of Supervision	3B	46	**
SG,SH/SL/SM 536	Intro to Computing	3B	400 / 45#	**
SE,SF/SG/SH 543	Intro to Business	3B	46	**
SG,SH/SL/SM 548	Money and Banking	3BU	48	**
SE/SF/SG/SH 550	Personal Finance	3B	400 / 46#	**
SE/SF/SG/SH 551	Management Information Systems	3BU	400 / 46#	**
SF,SG/SH/SL 812	Business Mathematics	3B	48	**
SF,SG/SH/SL 820	Technical Writing (TWE Technical Writing Essay)	3B	46	**

1 = AD 101 (Fine Arts) if taken prior to Summer 2005 / HUM SUB 1 (Humanities) if taken Summer 2005 and later

\*\* = General Elective Credit

# = Scoring changes effective July 2008

## = No longer offered

B = Baccalaureate Program

BU = Baccalaureate Upper Division

\* = In addition to a minimum score of 47 on the multiple-choice test, an examinee must also receive a passing grade on the speech. Some topics (SF 829-834) are available to the military personnel only. However, ALL topics (SE 823-828 and SF 829-834) are valid for credit awarding purposes.

\* Above is a list of approved DSST courses that Southern Illinois University accepts for credit. The courses highlighted in red are those that we offer. Please visit <http://transfer.siu.edu/common/documents/pdfs/dantes.pdf> for the complete document.

Always consult with your academic advisor and check our website at <http://dantestestprep.com/dantes-preparation-course/> for up to date information regarding exams.

### **Important Information Regarding Proficiency Examinations**

Through its proficiency examination program, the University recognizes the importance of providing encouragement for academically talented students. Such students are permitted to make application to demonstrate the mastery of certain courses through proficiency examinations. Application forms are available at the departmental offices.

The following general rules govern the proficiency examinations for undergraduate credit:

1. Students who believe they are qualified to take a proficiency examination should check with the department offering the course to determine their eligibility to do so. Students scoring in the top ten percent of ACT are particularly encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity.
  
2. Credit not to exceed thirty hours (fifteen hours toward an associate degree), including credit through the College Board Advanced Placement Program and the College Level Examination Program, may be earned through proficiency examinations. Credit will be considered nonresident. A combined total of 40 hours may be earned through proficiency examinations and credit for work experience.
  
3. All University Core Curriculum courses are available for proficiency credit, subject to specified restrictions.
  
4. Upon passing proficiency examinations, students are granted course credit and receive a Pass grade. Their records will show the name of the course, the hours of credit granted, and the notation ``credit granted by proficiency

examination.” Students who fail a proficiency examination receive a Fail grade. This results in no penalty to the students. They will not receive credit and there will be no official record regarding the proficiency examination. However, the proficiency examination grade report form will be in the student’s file for reference purposes.

5. Students may not take proficiency examinations for the same course more than one time. Neither may they take a proficiency examination in a course in which they have previously received a grade. Students who are registered for a course may not receive credit by proficiency examination for that course unless they withdraw from the course by the date during the semester, which would result in no course entry appearing on the transcript. This date is the end of the second week of a regular semester course, and a correspondingly shorter period for summer session or short courses. Individual departments may require the proficiency examination to be completed in advance of this date.

6. No credit granted by proficiency examinations will be recorded until the student has earned at least 12 hours of credit of C grade or above in residence at the University.

<http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/counselorcatalog1415.pdf>

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Each candidate for a bachelor's degree must complete the requirements listed:

*Hour Requirements.* Each student must complete at least 120 semester hours of credit, which can include credit for work experience, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement Program (AP), military credit, and proficiency examination credit, with at least 42 semester hours (or equivalent number of quarter hours) in courses at the 300 level or above, earned at or awarded through proficiency examination from an accredited, senior-level institution. All credit granted may be applied toward the 42-hour requirement unless the credit has specifically been designated as being from a two-year college or credit has been awarded based on attendance at a two-year school. Mathematics 107 and University 388 cannot be counted in the 120 hours required for graduation.

*Residence Requirements.* Each student must complete the residence requirement by taking the last year, which is defined as 30 semester hours, or by having three years of credit, which is defined as 90 semester hours at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Only credit for those courses for which the student has *registered* and for which a *satisfactory grade has been recorded* at Southern Illinois University Carbondale may be applied toward the residence requirement hours. Students enrolled in an approved program delivered off-campus will have completed the residence requirement for the University upon completion of all courses required by the program. Credit for work experience, CLEP, Advanced Placement, military credit or proficiency credit is considered non-resident.

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## Attention Military

First and foremost, thank you military personnel for everything that you do! As of the writing of this publication, did you know that you can receive credit for military experience?

### Credit for Military Experience

Students who have served one or more years of active duty and received an honorable or general discharge may receive two hours of military studies credit, two hours of physical education credit, and two hours of health education credit. Service of only six months to one year may result in two hours of freshman aerospace studies or army military science credit. Completion of basic training will result in an award of two hours of physical education credit. To receive credit, students must submit a copy of the DD 214 (copy 4) document. Credit will be accepted for DANTES subject standardized courses within the limits enforced for proficiency credit. No credit is allowed for college-level GED tests. In evaluating credit possibilities based on formal service school training programs, the recommendations of the American Council on Education, as set forth in the US Government bulletin Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces are followed. To receive credit for military service, veterans must present a copy of discharge separation papers, Joint Services transcript or transcript from the Community College of the Air Force to Transfer Student Services, Mail code 4725, SIUC, Carbondale IL 62901. For information [www.transfer.siu.edu](http://www.transfer.siu.edu).

<http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/counselorcatalog1415.pdf>

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# 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 9318. DSST will send a copy of your official transcripts to your academic institution for free!

Southern Illinois University has many campuses, with many different codes. However, all the codes route the transcripts to their registrar's office in Carbondale, Il.

If you wish to locate the specific code for your campus, please visit:

<http://getcollegecredit.com/institutions/search>

There, type the name of your institution (Southern Illinois University) in the search box. The 4-digit code located above the school name and university address is the institutional code you're looking for.

Example:

Visit this link:

<http://getcollegecredit.com/institutions/search>

If you type "Southern Illinois University Carbondale," - the information below will appear. The highlighted 4-digit code is the Institutional Score Recipient Code you will need. When registering for the DSST final exam at an authorized testing center - you would enter this code if you attended the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Il. If you're

done taking classes and don't attend the campus anymore, you're fine. Enter the code and Southern Illinois University will still receive your results.

9318

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

TEST SERVICES, MAILCODE 3703

CARBONDALE, IL 62901

If your campus is not listed, this means that your campus **DOES NOT** have a specific code. Please use 9318 and Southern Illinois University will receive your results.

### **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 they 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.

Transfer Student Services

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Student Services Building, Mail Code 4725

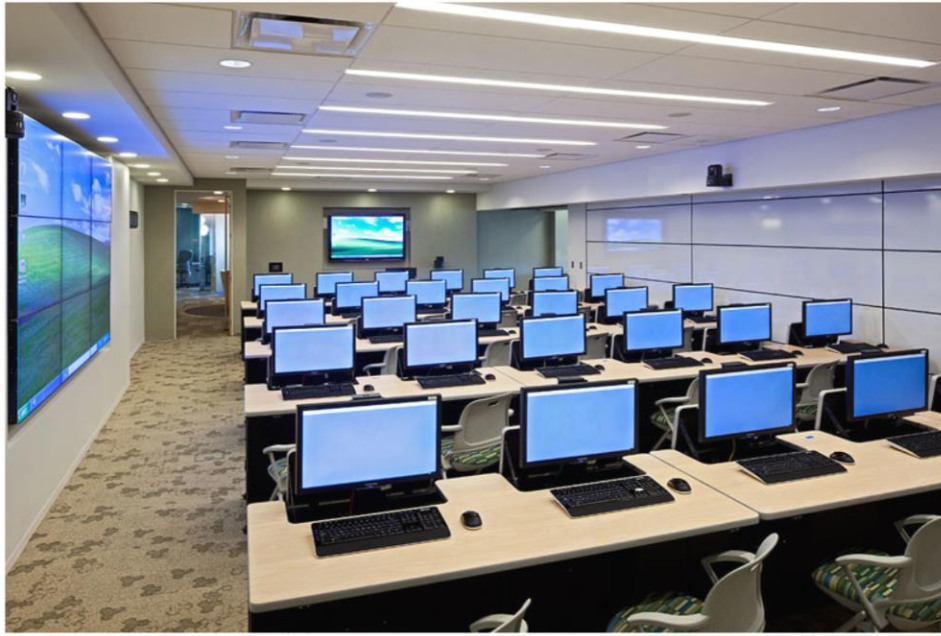
1263 Lincoln Drive, Room 0382

Carbondale, IL 62901

### **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.getcollegetcredit.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?**

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.

**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, 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.

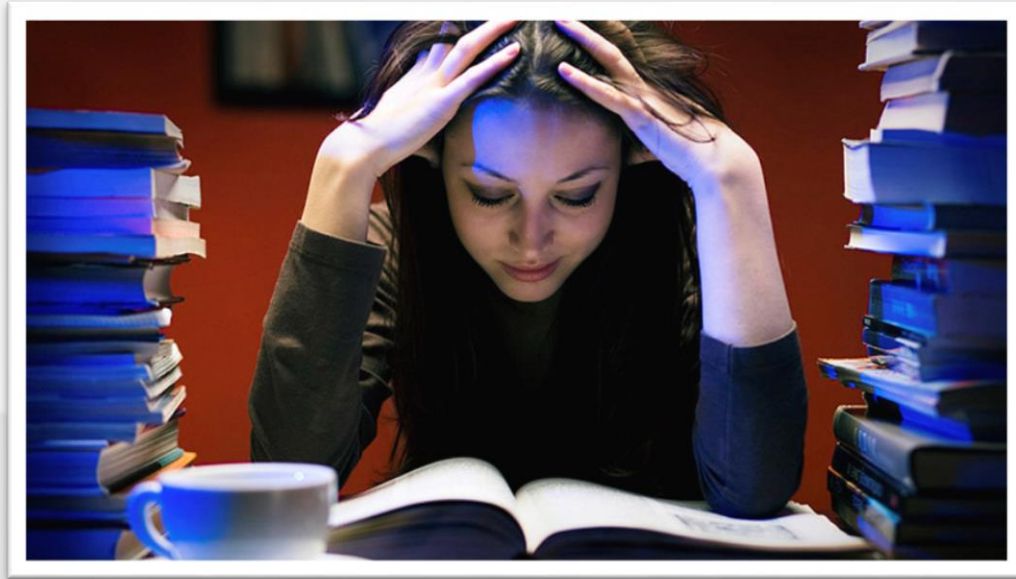
Register with us on our site ([www.dantestestprep.com](http://www.dantestestprep.com)) to be notified about discounts!

**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.

## 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.

**Visit us online for the most up-to-date  
list of classes:**

**[www.DantesTestPrep.com](http://www.DantesTestPrep.com)**