

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE 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

University of La Verne 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.

Sincerely,

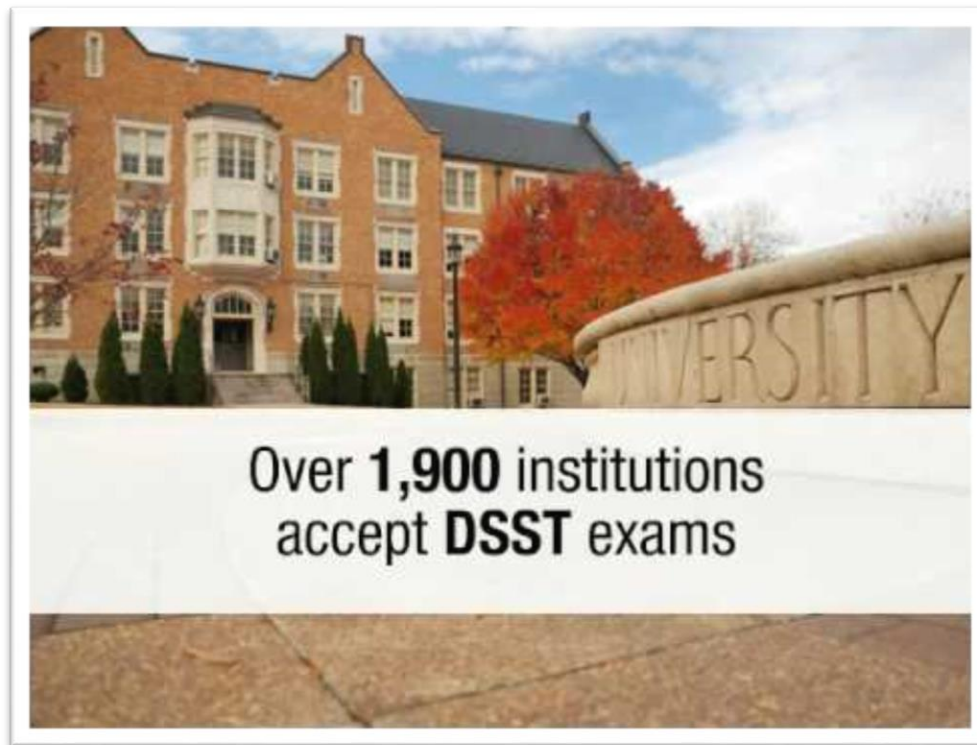
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DSST/DANTES EXAM OVERVIEW



What are DANTES (DSST) exams?

DANTES is an acronym for:

Defense **A**ctivity for **N**on-**T**raditional **E**ducation
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 answer, 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:

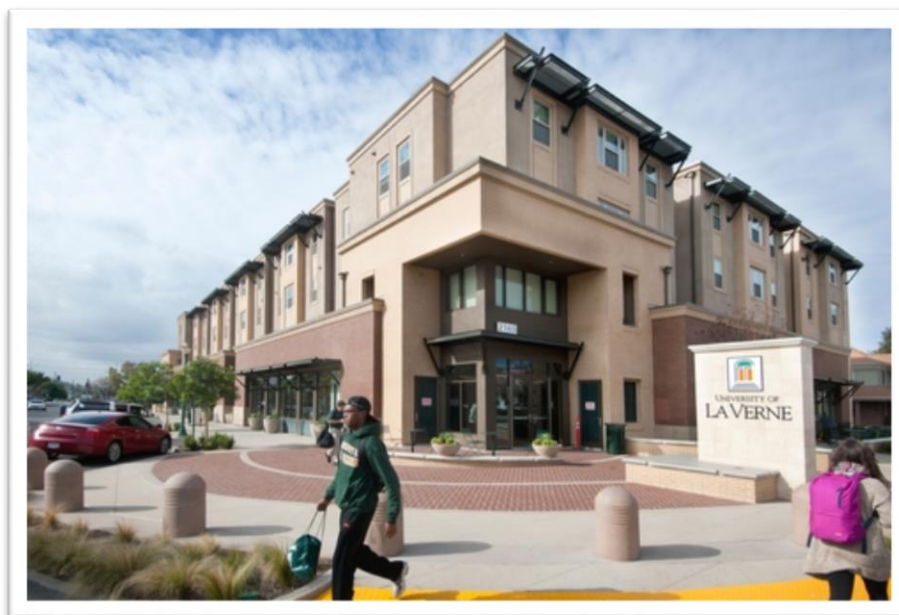
The DSST *Art of the Western World* exam qualifies for the categories: Humanity, Interdisciplinary, Liberal Art, and Elective. If your counselor approves you to take the Art of the Western World DSST exam to meet your Humanities requirement, you can then test out of those units by successfully passing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

University of La Verne and DANTES Exams



Does the University of La Verne accept DANTES exams?

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

<http://sites.laverne.edu/articulation/by-exam/>

DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) Articulation

Only exams listed on the chart below will be accepted for transfer. Students wishing to take a DSST exam will earn credit based on the American Council on Education's (ACE) recommendation and is dependent upon which version of the exam was taken.

DSST Exam	GE Requirement Fulfilled		Level of credit awarded	Comments
	LVGE	GE Track I		
Art of the Western World	N/A	N/A	LD	
Astronomy	LVP5	ANSP	LD	No lab credit granted
Business Ethics and Society	N/A	N/A	LD	
Business Mathematics	N/A	N/A	LD	
Criminal Justice	N/A	N/A	LD	
Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet	N/A	N/A	LD	
Ethics in America	LVHU	AHPR	LD	
Foundations of Education	N/A	N/A	LD	
Fundamentals of College Algebra	N/A	N/A	LD	
Fundamentals of Counseling	N/A	N/A	LD	
Here's to Your Health (students must complete (1) physical activity course in order to receive full GE credit towards the Fitness for Life requirement)	LVLC	AFHS	LD	Students must complete (1) physical activity course in order to receive full GE credit towards the Fitness for Life requirement.
Human/Cultural Geography	N/A	N/A	LD	
Introduction to Business	N/A	N/A	LD	
Introduction to Computing	N/A	N/A	LD	
Introduction to Law Enforcement	N/A	N/A	LD	
Introduction to World Religions	LVHU	AHPR	LD	
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	LVSS	ASBH	LD	
Management Information Systems	N/A	N/A	LD	
Organizational Behavior	N/A	N/A	LD	
Personal Finance	N/A	N/A	LD	
Principles of Finance	N/A	N/A	LD	
Principles of Physical Science I	LVP5	ANSP	LD	No lab credit granted
Principles of Statistics	N/A	N/A	LD	
Principles of Supervision	N/A	N/A	LD	
Substance Abuse (formerly Drug and Alcohol Abuse)	N/A	N/A	LD	
Technical Writing	N/A	N/A	LD	
The Civil War and Reconstruction	N/A	N/A	LD	

Students admitted Fall 2013 and forward may transfer a maximum of 88 semester hours. If a student wishes to fulfill GE or major requirements through DSST exams, after having already met or reached the 88 semester hour limit, he or she may transfer the exam for subject area fulfillment, but will not be awarded additional semester hour credit. The particular exam will be fulfilled by a 0-unit course marker.

The Registrar's Office will award up to a combined maximum of 44 semester hours of credit earned through DSST exams.

*The chart represents a list of DSST exams currently accepted by the University of La Verne. Those that are highlighted in red are courses currently offered by Dantes Test Prep. For a full list of current exams, visit us at

<http://sites.laverne.edu/articulation/by-exam/>.

Always consult with your academic advisor prior to registering for any exam to avoid any issues. The above chart can be found here:

<http://sites.laverne.edu/articulation/files/2014/04/DSST-chart-07-15-15.pdf>

Important Information Regarding Credit by Exam

Credit by Exam: Transfer credit for CLEP and DSST (DANTES) exams is awarded based upon the articulation of each individual exam. All CLEP and DSST exams are reviewed for major or general education requirements by university faculty. Credit for exams will be awarded based upon the articulation guidelines in effect at the time of a student's admission, not the date the test was originally completed. A combined maximum of 44 semester hours of credit by exam may be applied toward the bachelor's degree (AP and IB credits do not contribute to this total). Exams are normally articulated as lower division credit.

Exam Duplication Policy: A student is not eligible to earn credit by exam if that exam covers the same subject material that was covered in previously completed college-level coursework. Furthermore, a student is not eligible to earn credit by exam if that exam covers material that is in the same general subject area as more advanced coursework that he or she previously completed. For example, if a student completed Calculus 1, he or she is not eligible to earn credit for a Pre-Calculus exam.

I want to take a CLEP or DSST exam, what do I need to do?

The student will first need to meet with their academic advisor to determine if the exam(s) they wish to take overlap with material covered by previous college-level coursework and or exams.

If a determination cannot be made by the academic advisor, the student should then submit the GE Transfer Credit Review Form, and request that the exam(s) be reviewed for potential duplication against previous coursework.

A student should meet with their academic advisor to discuss testing sites and preparation needed for the exam.

<http://sites.laverne.edu/articulation/transfer-credit-and-articulation/exams/>

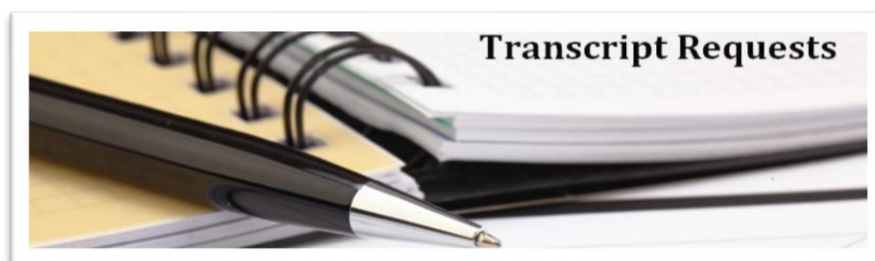
Residency (Traditional Undergraduates)

Residency pertains to the minimum number of units a student must complete at the University of La Verne to earn a degree. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2011 must complete a minimum of 32 semester hours at La Verne. A student who matriculated in fall 2011 or 2012 must earn a minimum of 40 semester hours. Students who matriculated in fall 2013 or later must earn a minimum of 44 semester hours. All students who matriculated in fall 2011 and later must also earn 16 of the last 32 units of the senior year in residence. All students must earn at least 44 semester hours at the upper division level, including a minimum of 24 semester hours must be earned within the major and 5 semester hours in general education. At least 16 semester hours at the upper-division and 5 in general education must be taken at La Verne.

Specific policies and minimums are published in different catalogs; determine the semester you first matriculated at La Verne, that years catalog is your catalog of record. Consult with the Academic Advising Office or your academic advisor if you do not know which catalog you are following.

<http://sites.laverne.edu/academic-advising/files/2014/08/LOA-Withdrawal-Handbook-Rev.Fall-2014.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 9353. DSST will send a copy of your official transcripts to your academic institution for free!

The University of La Verne has many campuses, with many different codes. However, all the codes route the transcripts to their registrar's office in La Verne, Ca.

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 (University of La Verne) 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 "University of La Verne, San Luis Obispo, CA," - 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 University of La Verne in San Luis Obispo. If you're done

taking classes and don't attend the campus anymore, you're fine. Enter the code and the University of La Verne will still receive your results.

9353

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

1950 THIRD STREET

LA VERNE, CA 91750

909-593-3511

If your campus is not listed, this means that your campus **DOES NOT** have a specific code. Please use 9353 and La Verne 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 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

(www.getcollegecredit.com)

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

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La Verne Online

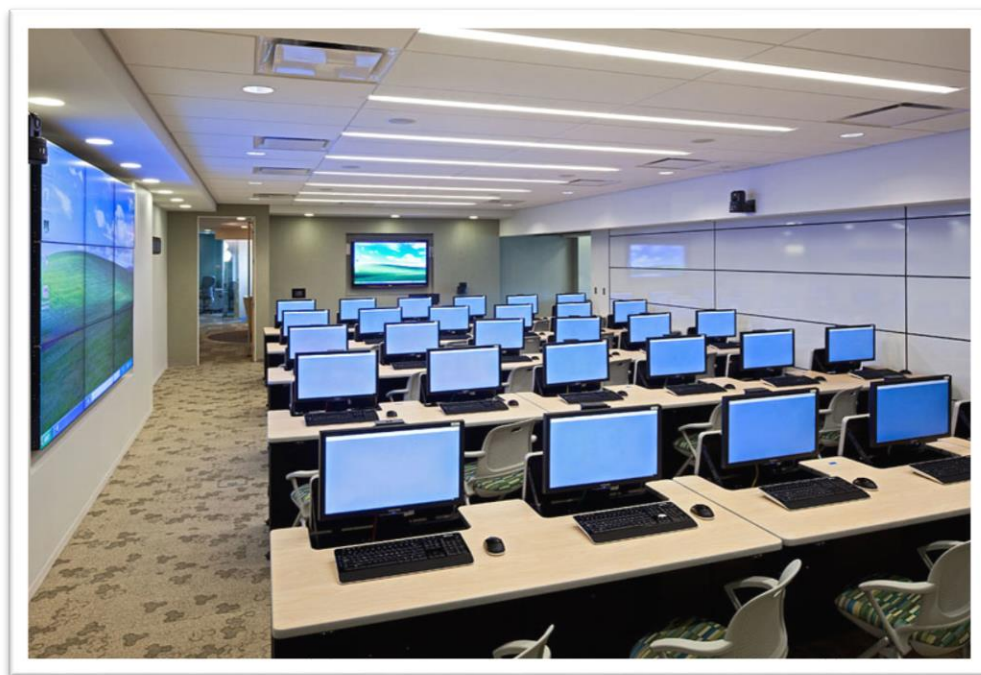
1950 Third Street

La Verne, CA 91750

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).

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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 drivers 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?

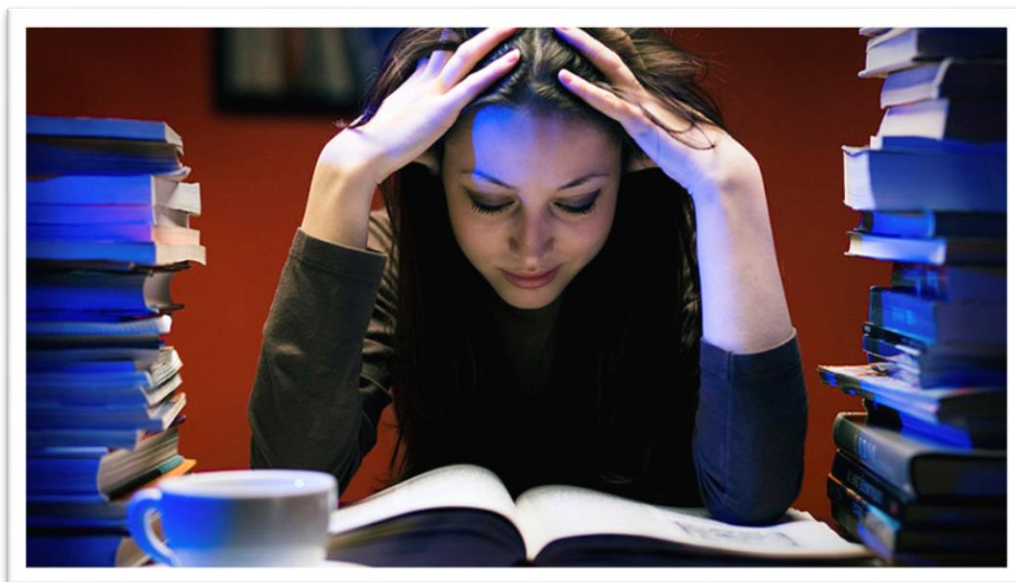
As of January 2015 the minimum fee is \$80.00 per exam. You pay this fee via credit/debit card on the day that you take your final exam.

Register with us on our site (www.dantestestprep.com) 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.

The University of La Verne 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:

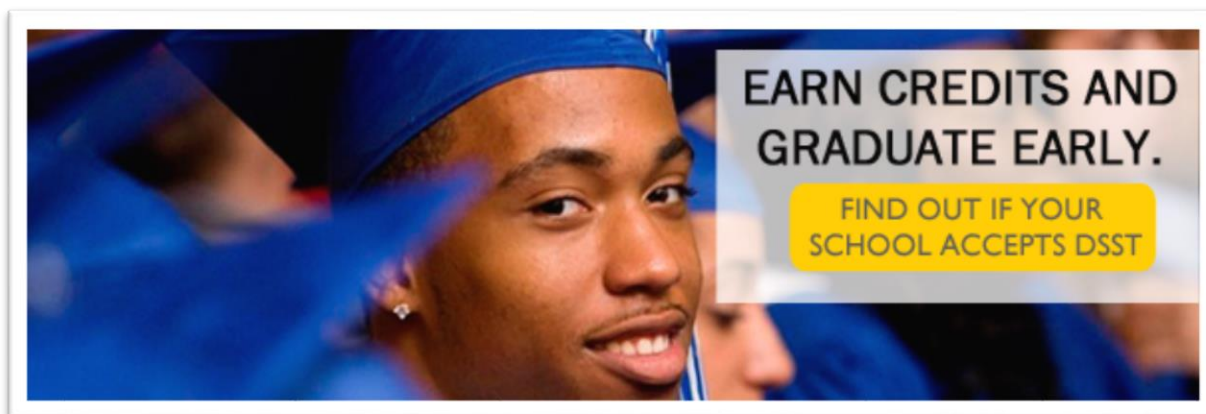
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There are many study resources available from books on Amazon to online study resources. Please be aware that some online resources require you to buy their study materials or commit to a membership fee.

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.

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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 University?

Dantes Test Prep LLC is NOT affiliated with any education 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

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