



Delaware Christian School

Developing Christlike Students

Advanced Course Options for the 2016-17 School Year

Delaware Christian School is always striving to provide academic opportunities that will allow our students to achieve their full academic potential. We are excited to announce that four DCS classes will be designated as part of our “Advanced” course offerings for the 2016-17 school year.

- Advanced Spanish IV
- Advanced Pre-Calculus
- Advanced Calculus
- Advanced American Government

Students enrolling in Spanish IV, Pre-Calculus or Calculus will automatically receive the advanced course designation. Students enrolling in American Government will have the option to receive the advanced course designation.

In the weeks ahead, we will be meeting with interested students to discuss the advanced course options in greater detail.

What are the advantages of the advanced course designation?

- Students enrolled in an advanced course will receive a weighted GPA similar to students who participate in the College Credit Plus Program
- Students enrolled in a DCS advanced course will be prepared to take the CLEP test at the end of the school year.

What is a CLEP test?

- The CLEP Program is administered by the College Board (the same group that conducts the SAT and all Advanced Placement courses).
- There are over 30 different CLEP subject tests that give students the opportunity to earn college credits.
- Please see the CLEP Program information sheet for more details regarding the benefits of the CLEP program.

How will the DCS Advanced Courses compare to the state’s College Credit Plus Program?

| | DCS Advanced Courses | College Credit Plus |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Weighted GPA | YES | YES |
| Opportunity to Earn College Credit | YES | YES |
| Biblically Integrated Curriculum | YES | Maybe Depends on the University |
| Classroom Experience that Allows In-Person Support from Instructor | YES | NO All Online Instruction |

College Board CLEP Program Information Sheet

Statistics Provided by the College Board

- 70% of CLEP test-takers said their CLEP credits made a difference in their ability to finance tuition and other fees.
- 91% of CLEP test-takers said CLEP made a difference in helping them complete their degrees.
- Students who receive credit-by-examination through CLEP for an introductory course are much more likely to earn an A or B in subsequent courses than students who complete the introductory course.
- 2,900 colleges and universities will grant credit for successful CLEP scores.

The chart below demonstrates the amount of college credit available for successfully passing a CLEP exam at several colleges and universities. Please note, each university has their own CLEP policy, and you can search all schools offering CLEP credit through the College Board's website.

<https://clep.collegeboard.org/students/promote-clep-your-high-school>

| | Spanish Credit Hrs. | Pre-Calculus Credit Hrs. | Calculus Credit Hrs. | American Govt. Credit Hrs. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cedarville University | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Mount Vernon Univ. | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Ohio Christian | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Ohio State | 8 | NA | NA | 3 |
| Indiana Wesleyan | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 |