



DSST Program

WHAT IS DSST?

The DSST program offers credit-by-examination to students who can demonstrate knowledge of subjects commonly taught in introductory college courses. When you complete a DSST exam and achieve the required American Council on Education (ACE) recommended percentile score, you will be granted the credits equivalent to those earned in a regular college course. DSST is a timed, multiple-choice test taken **online at an official testing center**. The student requests that the score be mailed to University of Detroit Mercy.

HOW DOES DSST CREDIT APPLY?

DSST credit can be applied to your major, core requirements, or counted as electives toward the 126 credit hours required (in most programs) for your degree. The maximum number of credits which the University of Detroit Mercy will award through any type of examination is 30 credits toward a bachelor degree.

ARE THERE LIMITATIONS?

You cannot earn DSST credits if you have already completed equivalent courses at Detroit Mercy or another institution or if you have completed more advanced courses in the same academic area. You cannot take a DSST test for a failed course. Individual academic programs may limit DSST credits counted toward your requirements for your major. DSST credits cannot be applied to the residency requirement for graduation (last 30 credits) except with written permission from your dean's office.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE TESTS?

DSST has a website that provides basic information on the content of each test, as well as how to order test prep materials. Visit getcollegecredit.com for more information and to find a testing center near you (Detroit Mercy is not a testing center). There is a fee for each test taken. Have your official score report mailed directly to Detroit Mercy.

Page two lists the DSST exams for which we currently grant credit. For additional information on how a DSST exam might meet a Detroit Mercy requirement, contact your academic advisor or Detroit Mercy's Transfer Team at transferteam@udmercy.edu or 313-993-1940.



DSST Transfer Guide

In order to obtain credit, the required ACE-recommended percentile score must be earned on a DSST Exam (recommended score varies by exam).

MATHEMATICS

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Fundamentals of College Algebra	MTH 1010	3	OB2A	B1
Principles of Statistics	STA 2250	3	---	B2

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Criminal Justice	CJS 1300	3	---	---
Intro to Law Enforcement	CJS Elective	3	---	---
Human/Cultural Geography	GEO Elective	3	OB5D	IT3
History of the Soviet Union	HIS Elective	3	OB5D	IT3
History of the Vietnam War	HIS Elective	3	---	---
The Civil War & Reconstruction	HIS Elective	3	---	---
Lifespan Developmental Psych	PYC 2500	3	OB3C	C2, IT1, IT4
General Anthropology	SOC Elective	3	OB5D	IT3
Art of the Western World	Elective	3	OB5C	E3
Foundations of Education	Elective	3	---	---
Fundamentals of Counseling	Elective	3	---	---
Substance Abuse	Elective	3	---	---

BUSINESS

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Intro to Business	BUS 1500	3	---	---
Personal Finance	BUS 2900	3	---	---
Principles of Finance	BUS 3130	3	---	---
Management Info Systems	BUS 3170	3	---	---
Business Ethics & Society	BUS 3190	3	---	IT6
Human Resources Management	BUS Elective	3	---	---
Organizational Behavior	BUS Elective	3	---	---
Principles of Supervision	BUS Elective	3	---	---
Money & Banking	ECN 3050	3	OB3C	C2

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Astronomy	PHY Elective	3	OB3B or OB3C	C1
Environmental Science	Elective	3	OB3B or OB3C	C1
Principles of Physical Science I	Elective	3	OB3B or OB3C	C1

HUMANITIES

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Ethics in America	PHL 2010	3	OB4C or OB6A	F1
Intro to World Religions	RELS Elective	3	OB4B or OB4C	D2 or D3

TECHNOLOGY

Examination Title	Equivalent Detroit Mercy Course	Credits	Old Core*	New Core*
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	CIS Elective	3	OB2B	---
Technical Writing	ENL Elective	3	---	---

* **Old Core** effective for all students entering Detroit Mercy prior to Fall 2017.

* **New Core** effective for all new students entering Detroit Mercy Fall 2017 or later.

Some exceptions may apply for transfer students – see your academic advisor.