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The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Testing Center provides a variety of services to UNO students, faculty and staff. These services extend into the metropolitan Omaha region and beyond to persons needing testing related assistance. The types of services include university placement exams, university make-up exams, certification/licensure exams, online distance education exams, admission exams, proficiency exams, national exams, credit by examination, proctored correspondence exams and testing accommodations for students with disabilities. The Testing Center will also consider special requests associated with individual needs. For more information regarding testing services, please contact:

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Testing Center 522 Kayser Hall Omaha, NE 68182-0318 402.554.4800

testingcenter.unomaha.edu (http://testingcenter.unomaha.edu/)

### **Placement Exams**

Placement exams may need to be taken prior to registering for an English, mathematics, chemistry, or foreign language course. Placement exams help ensure that a student enrolls in the correct courses based on their academic skill level. Additional information for placement exams can be found here (https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/information.php).

## **Accommodated Testing**

UNO supports students with disabilities and encourages their full participation in all academic programs. The Testing Center is available to UNO students with a disability who require testing accommodations that are approved as part of their UNO Accessibility Services Center Accommodation Plan. The Testing Center works with the Accessibility Services Center to provide a secure, quiet, and controlled environment for accommodated testing exams.

Advanced scheduling is necessary for testing accommodations which are determined by referral from the Accessibility Services Center director. Available accommodations include, but are not limited to:

- A separate room
- · Reduced distraction space
- Reader
- Scribe
- Word processor
- Large print
- · Extended time
- Job Access With Speech (JAWS)

In accordance with Section II of the Americans Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, UNO's Accessibility Services Center is the designated office to work with students with disabilities to identify and set up a plan to provide reasonable accommodation so they may enjoy the same benefits, experiences, and opportunities as persons without disabilities. The Testing Center is the designated office on campus to provide any identified student accommodations that involve testing. For

more information about accommodation plans, contact the Accessibility Services Center at 402.554.2872.

# **Credit by Department at UNO**

Credit by Department allows students the opportunity to gain academic credit for prior learning they have acquired by self-study or experience. Tests may be taken in many subject areas, and credit may be earned by achieving acceptable scores on these tests. Departments may also establish other ways than an exam for a student to show proficiency and earn academic credit. Contact the Department to see what opportunities exist. Benefits include saving tuition dollars and shortening the time it takes to earn a degree.

Students can earn credit at UNO through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and UNO's Credit by Department.

Many postsecondary institutions now offer credit based on CLEP examinations annually. The CLEP exams include General Examinations and Subject Examinations. Both are designed to measure factual knowledge and understanding, problem-solving ability, and mastery of college-level, introductory course content in a wide range of disciplines.

UNO's Credit by Department procedure can involve taking a test or showing proficiency in some other way to earn academic credit. These opportunities for credit are constructed by the Department for the purpose of measuring knowledge in a particular course being offered at UNO. Credit is granted for the course upon demonstrating successful proficiency.

- Credit by Department may not be attempted more than once for a course.
- A student who has failed to earn credit in an attempted college course may not receive Credit by Department in the same course. Neither will credit be granted to raise a grade earned in any course.
- A maximum of 30 hours Credit by Department (the College of Business has a limit of 24 hours) may be applied toward graduation, e.g., CLEP, by Department, etc.
- Credits earned from CLEP or by Department may not be used as part of the terminal residency requirements, so you should check the requirements of your college.
- Students attempting Credit by Department must be registered at UNO at that time. (Registration is not required to take CLEP exams.) You must be a UNO student to have the credit applied to UNO.
- Students attempting CLEP Exams and other Credit by Department opportunities for courses in which they are currently enrolled must do so before they have completed one month of the course.
- Credit by Department will not be given for courses that are prerequisites for courses that the student has already earned credit. For exceptions, check with the Department.
- Credit earned on a General Examination or another opportunity created by the Department will be reduced by the amount of comparable credit already earned in the division.

The fee for each CLEP exam is \$95.00. This is paid online directly to CLEP. A ticket containing the exam name and ticket number is printed after completing the online transaction and brought to the Testing Center (required) on exam day. (You must pay separately for each exam you take). There is also a \$25.00 fee for administering the exam paid to the UNO Testing Center on exam day prior to taking the exam. Visit clep.collegeboard.org (https://clep.collegeboard.org/) to see the CLEP informational bulletin for more details and Military Benefits. Prior to attempting to demonstrate successful proficiency in a course that is constructed by the Department, a \$40.00 fee is paid to the UNO Testing Center. (Fees are subject to change.)

Credit earned by Department will be recorded as "CR" on the transcript, and this credit will not be used in calculating grade point average.

If you need additional information or have any questions, feel free to stop by (522 KH) or call the Testing Center at 402.554.4800. Questions regarding Credit by Department other than those noted should be directed to the appropriate Department.

## **DE (Online Distance Education) Exams**

Online Distance Education (DE) Exams are proctored for faculty teaching Hybrid classes who have made arrangements for this service with the Testing Center. A student enrolled in a DE course that has an exam to be taken at the Testing Center will need to register (https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/how-to-register.php) for their testing appointments via MavLINK (http://mavlink.unomaha.edu/).

Note: A student should check-in on the day, prior to the exam time they scheduled, when they registered in MavLINK. You will not be able to take the Exam if you check-in outside the date/time window established by your professor

The UNO Testing Center administers Online Distance Education (DE) Exams Monday–Friday in the Testing Center, on the day and time scheduled by the student within the date/time window established by the professor.

### **Correspondence (Proctored Exams)**

The UNO Testing Center offers proctoring services to individuals that need to take proctored exams from institutions other than UNO.

These include, but are not limited to:

- · College course exams
- College entrance exams
- Certification exams

The examinee is responsible for following the institution's procedures for completing the exam(s). This may include but not be limited to completing the institution's proctor agreement form.

Examinees must contact the UNO Testing Center in advance with testing dates and any other institution requirements needed to schedule an appointment.

For additional information and/or to schedule an appointment for a Correspondence Proctored Exam, contact the UNO Testing Center Office at **402.554.4800**.

## **National Exams**

The Testing Center administers many types of national exams including those for Admission, Proficiency, Certification, or Licensure purposes. Among exams offered are the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), GRE Subject Tests, PRAXIS series exams, ACT Assessment, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC), DSST exams formerly known as DANTES Subject Standardized Tests, Clinical Mental Health Counceling Exam (CMHC), International Fluid Power Society (IFPS) Exams, and Major Field Test (MFT). The Testing Center contracts with the following testing companies to administer many other certification/licensure exams: PSI, PAN, Meazure Learning, Kryterion, Iso-Quality, Prov and Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each testing company may have a suite of 400-4,000 different exams.

### **Make-Up Exams**

Make-Up Exams are proctored for all UNO faculty who have an arrangement with the Testing Center for this service.

Faculty approved students who have a Make-Up Exam to be taken at the Testing Center will need to schedule their testing appointment in MayLINK.

Students wanting to use their UNO Accessibility Services approved testing accommodations should select the accommodations during the registration process in Mavlink. Contact the Testing Center at 402.554.4800 or email at unotestingcenter@unomaha.edu with any questions.