

Students receive college credit, waive courses by examination

Students who think they know enough about a subject and don't want to spend hours in the classroom can test out of that course through a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board.

By taking either a subject matter or general examination, students can receive university credit if their test scores meet requirements set by UNL departments. CLEP credit has been accepted at UNL for about seven years, Lawrence Bundy, UNL director of registration advising, said.

"It was originally designed to recognize that some people don't go on to college and have backgrounds and experiences equivalent to college level," he said.

Proper level

"CLEP gives them a chance to test out of introductory courses and go on to the level that they should be at," he added.

When the program started nationally about ten years ago, nearly 3,000 people took the tests, he said. Since then, the program has grown and about 77,000 people were involved in 1972-73, he said.

At UNL, about 150 students have received credit through CLEP, Bundy said. In 1973-74, 53 out of 60 who took the tests received credit, he added.

Departments set score

Score requirements and university course equivalencies are established by university departments from the colleges of Arts and Science, Business Administration, Home Economics and Teachers, according to Ted Pfeifer, UNL director of registration and records.

Any number of CLEP hours may be taken and applied toward a degree, subject to the dean's approval, he added.

But CLEP hours are recorded only for students who qualify for admissions and are enrolled at UNL, Pfeifer said.

Credit recording

Nonstudents may take the examinations, but the credit they receive isn't recorded until they enroll in school, he said.

In addition, if a student with CLEP credit transfers to UNL, the hours will be accepted only if the score is accepted by the UNL department, he said.

The percentile accepted by most UNL departments is 50, Pfeifer said.

At UNL, CLEP tests are administered at the teaching and learning center. The cost for one test is \$20. Two tests cost \$30 and three to five tests cost \$40.

No tuition revenues are generated from the tests, Pfeifer added.

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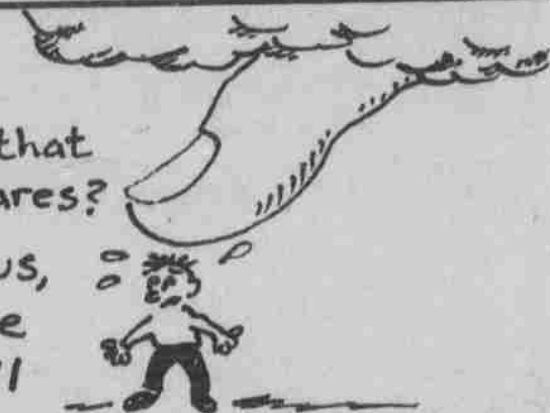


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Available funds increase

An increase of \$150,000 in scholarship funds for NU will make \$1,091,558 in private support available for the 1975-76 school year.

According to Jack Ritchie, UNL director of scholarships and financial aids, this will mean an estimated increase of 500 scholarships for the Lincoln campus in \$200 and \$300 amounts. More students who are academically qualified and have financial need will be able to receive these scholarships.

The increase in scholarship money, due to more private donors and an increase in the return on investments from trust funds, will also free money for student loans. A \$500,000 increase in student loan money will also be split among the three campuses.

Since March 1 was the deadline for applications for scholarships for the coming school year, only those who applied ahead of time will be eligible. However, loans and employment help are still available.

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