

Frequently Asked Questions about DSST

What is the DSST?

The DSST program, similar to CLEP, allows students to gain credit for knowledge they have already learned. DSST offers 37 unique tests across many disciplines. Students are awarded credits which count toward their degree but do not affect their GPA. The DSST allows students to accelerate their degree plans and attain their career goals in a shorter amount of time all while saving students time and money.

When is it offered?

The DSST is offered on the same Wednesday's as CLEP is offered. For a listing of dates please visit <http://www.umary.edu/UM/StudentServices/CareerTestingServices/Testing.htm>.

The DSST is given at 12:30 pm and students are given 2 hours to complete the test.

Where is it offered?

The DSST is offered on the main campus of the University of Mary in the Benedictine Center Room 114.

What tests are available and what can I receive credit for at U-Mary?

For a complete listing of all DSST tests and their U-Mary equivalents please refer to our website at <http://www.umary.edu/UM/StudentServices/CareerTestingServices/Testing.htm>.

How much does it cost?

The total price to take the DSST is \$100. An administrative fee of \$20 is collected from the University of Mary prior to your test date. This fee secures your spot to test on a selected test day. An \$80 payment via credit card is completed on the scheduled test day.

How does it work?

DSST tests are completed on computer. Test takers are given 2 hours to complete an individual test. Results of your test are known by the individual immediately following the test. If a student achieves the minimum passing score for the test, they then receive the requisite credits for the U-Mary course. Passing an individual test neither helps nor hurts an individuals GPA.

Can I take a test more than once?

If you do not achieve a passing score on your individual test, you may not take the test over again until after a period of 180 days (6 months).

How do I register for a test?

Individuals interested in taking a DSST must first call the Career Services office at 701.355.8050 to sign up for a test date. The actual registration will occur on the day of the test.

Where can I find out more information about DSST and find study materials?

For more information about the DSST, please visit www.getcollegecredit.com.

I am interested, how do I get started? I still have a few more questions?

Please call the University of Mary Career and Testing Services office at 701.355.8050 to register or if you have additional questions.