

***EARN CREDIT AT BSC  
FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW!***



## The Bismarck State College DSST® Fact Sheet

DSST (formerly known as DAN TES) is a widely accepted credit-by-examination program throughout the United States, with more than 1,900 colleges and universities awarding credit for satisfactory scores on DSST exams. The nationally recognized DSST Program allows a student to receive college credits for learning acquired outside the traditional classroom. With 37 exams available, DSST offers students a cost effective, time saving way to use their knowledge acquired outside of the classroom to accomplish their educational goals.

For over 30 years the DSST exams have provided military personnel with a head start on a post-military career path. Now with DSST any student can earn college credit for what he or she already knows — regardless of where or how that knowledge was acquired. By passing the 120-minute multiple-choice examinations, a BSC student can earn up to 45 credits by achieving satisfactory scores on DSST exams.

***Save time and money!***

***Advance to higher-level classes!***

***Fulfill a graduation requirement!***



## **What subjects are offered for credit?**

DSST examinations measure knowledge of the material usually covered in various classes during the first two years of college. Some examinations may be used to meet general educational or liberal arts requirements while others may be used for credit for specific college courses.

The following DSST exams are accepted at Bismarck State College, subject to achievement of specified scores and the conditions stated in the DSST policy.

DSST Exam	Minimum Score	BSC Course Equivalent	Credits Awarded
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY</b>			
Life Span Developmental Psychology	46	PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3 (SS)
Western Europe Since 1945	45	HIST 102 Western Civilization II	3 (HIST)
<b>SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS</b>			
Fundamentals of College Algebra	47	MATH 103 College Algebra	3 (MATH)
Astronomy	48	PHYS 110/110L Introductory Astronomy/Lab	3 (LABSC)
<b>BUSINESS</b>			
Principles of Financial Accounting	49	ACCT 200 Elements of Accounting I	3
Business Law II	44	ACCT 215 Business in the Legal Environment	3
<b>GENERAL ELECTIVES</b>			
Civil War & Reconstruction	47	Transfer 100 - Elective Credits	3
Rise & Fall of the Soviet Union	45	Transfer 100 - Elective Credits	3
History of the Vietnam War	44	Transfer 100 - Elective Credits	3
Intro to Modern Middle East	47	Transfer 100 - Elective Credits	3
Physical Geology	46	Transfer 100 - Elective Credits	3

*Required minimum credit-granting scores, number of semester hours of credit to be granted, and specific course equivalents are listed under Procedure 403.7.4 (Common Credit By Exam Guidelines) of North Dakota University Systems' Policies and Procedures. The NDUS' complete procedures and Credit By Exam chart can be found at: [www.ndus.nodak.edu/policies/ndus-policies/subpolicy.asp?ref=2594](http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/policies/ndus-policies/subpolicy.asp?ref=2594)*

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## **What are the Exams like?**

All DSST exams have up to 2 hours to complete. The tests are composed of multiple-choice questions. DSST exams are administered on computer. The examination is preceded by a tutorial that explains how to take the exam on computer.

These exams require college-level knowledge and critical thinking ability; sufficient preparation is required to do well.

## **What will the Examination cost?**

DSST delivers big savings in time and money. The fee for each examination is only **\$80** (Eligible military personnel are exempt from this fee.) The test center at BSC charges **\$15** per exam to cover administration costs.

## **When are DSST Examinations offered at BSC?**

The exams are offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. Alternative testing times may be available based on Testing Coordinator's schedule and with prior approval.

## **What is the procedure to register for a DSST exam?**

**DSST is given by scheduled appointment only.**

1. The student should secure a DSST registration form from the Testing Center, Schafer Hall, Room 205, or by calling 701-224-5658. A DSST registration form may also be found online at [www.bismarckstate.edu/student/assess/](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/student/assess/)
2. The registration form must be completed and returned (postmarked) at least 2 weeks prior to the test date along with the \$15.00 non-refundable registration/transcript fee (Payable to BSC). This fee is required to secure your test date. (Cash will not be accepted)
3. NOTE: Test appointments may not be changed by phone. To reschedule a test, you must submit a new registration along with an additional non-refundable fee.
4. An Admission Ticket will be sent to you prior to the date of the test to confirm your test date and time. The Admission Ticket will need to be presented at check-in along with a photo-ID. **The \$80.00 fee to DSST must be paid on test day with a credit card.**

## **What is BSC's DSST policy?**

### **Limits and Regulations:**

1. Credits may be awarded only to enrolled BSC students.
2. New students must have transcriptable coursework entered on a BSC academic record prior to recording DSST credit.
3. DSST credits have neither letter nor numerical grades assigned, thus will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
4. Credits will not be granted if a student has previously enrolled in coursework covered by DSST examinations.
5. DSST credits earned while attending BSC usually transfer to other colleges and universities. However, BSC does not assume responsibility for the transferability of DSST credits.
6. A maximum of 45 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (DSST, CLEP, AP, military, challenge exams, etc.) may be applied to any degree, diploma, or certificate program at BSC.
7. Credits earned through DSST do not meet BSC residence requirements.
8. Students must meet minimum score requirements to obtain college level credit at BSC.
9. Duplicate credit will not be awarded for overlapping exams.
10. DSST exams can be repeated after 6 months using regular registration procedures.
11. The number of DSST credits awarded are equal to BSC course credits.

## **How can I get more information about DSST?**

Stop by or call the Testing Center at:

*Schafer Hall – Room 205  
701-224-5658 or 1-800-445-5073*

*Office Hours:*

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Go online to the BSC Testing Center web site at:

<http://www.bismarckstate.edu/student/assess/>

Or visit the DSST Program Web site:

<http://getcollegecredit.com/>

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