

## ***Student Policy - DSST – DANTES Subject Standardized Tests***

### **Policy:**

Bismarck State College will permit students to demonstrate college level competency and establish college credits by successfully passing “credit-by-exams programs” as defined by SBHE Policy 403.7 (3)(C) and as provided for in the following limits, regulations, and procedures.

### **Limits and Regulations:**

1. Students must be currently accepted into a degree seeking, certificate, or diploma program to be awarded DSST credits.
2. A student must be enrolled in any BSC course during the term for which the request is made in order for DSST credits to be posted to the official BSC transcript.
3. Students should be aware that DSST credits may not transfer to other colleges. Students are urged to check the intended transfer institution for current transfer information. BSC is not responsible for transferability of DSST credits.
4. DSST credits do not have letter grades assigned, thus, will not be used to compute a student’s grade point average.
5. Student will not be granted DSST credit for courses:
  - a. In which they have previously challenged OR
  - b. In which they are currently enrolled OR
  - c. In which they were previously enrolled (regardless of grade earned) OR
  - d. In which they have earned transfer credit from any accredited institution OR
  - e. In which they were enrolled but dropped with record on an official transcript
6. DSST credits, once recorded on a student’s BSC transcript, become a permanent part of the academic record.
7. A maximum of 40 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (i.e., AP, CLEP, DSST, military experience/training, BSC challenge examination credit, portfolio development, industry credit training, and courses covered under high school articulation agreements and StraighterLine Agreement) may be applied to an associate’s degree or amount not to exceed 50% semester hours for a diploma or certificate at BSC. A maximum of 60 semester hours of non-traditional college credit may be applied to a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at BSC.
8. Credits earned through DSST will count toward BSC graduation requirements; however, they do not count toward the minimum institutional credit requirements.

9. Students must meet minimum score requirements to obtain college level credit at BSC.
10. Duplicate credit will not be awarded for overlapping exams.
11. The number of DSST credits awarded is equal to BSC course credits.

**Procedures:**

[BSC Alternative Learning](#)

**References:**

SBHE Policy 403.7 - Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits

**History of This Policy:**

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