What is CLAST?

The College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) is a part of Florida’s system of educational accountability. CLAST is a state-mandated achievement test that measures attainment of communication and mathematics skills expected of students completing their sophomore year in college.

• faculty developed
• adopted by the State Board of Education
• must pass the CLAST or achieve alternate criteria for degree from any Florida public institution

• As of July 1, 2009 the examination (test) portion of CLAST is no longer funded by the state however the CLAS (minus the T) requirement is still in effect.

• The CLAS Requirement has 4 portions
  • Essay
  • Reading
  • Writing (English Language Skills)
  • Math

Exemptions

• The current CLAS exemptions are still in effect. Students need to meet one of the following requirements:
  • Achieve a score that meets or exceeds a minimum score on a nationally standardized examination, established by the State Board of Education in conjunction with the Board of Governors
    • Essay, Reading & Writing
      • SAT Verbal – 500
      • EACT English – 21
- EACT Reading - 22
- Math
- SAT Math – 500
- EACT Math - 21

Or

- Demonstrate successful remediation of any academic deficiencies and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale in postsecondary-level coursework.
  - Essay, Reading & Writing
    - 2.5 GPA in ENC 1101 & ENC 1102
  - Math
    - 2.5 GPA in 2 college-level math courses
    - Only one course can be statistics
    - Logic does not count

- Exemption By Disability

  Section 1008.29(5), F.S., and State Board of Education (SBE) Rule 6A-10.0311(6), FAC, provide special consideration for students in public institutions who have a specific learning disability such that they cannot successfully complete one or more CLAS (CLAST) subtests. At USF, a student must first register with Academic Support and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (ASASD) to document their learning disability. A request for waiver from the student will be submitted to the director of ASASD who will forward a recommendation to the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for final decision.

- Exemption by Degree

  Students who have earned an AA degree from a Florida public institution are exempt from the CLAS. Students with a BA or BS degree from any institution are considered to have met the CLAS requirement.
Waivers

Undergraduate Studies has agreed on the following “automatic” waivers:

- **CPT test scores**
  - CPT R – Reading portion 93 or higher
  - CPT S – Essay or Writing portion 105 or higher
  - CPT A – Math portion 91 or higher

- **Course credits from other accepted tests**
  - AP
  - IB
  - CLEP
  - DANTES
  - EXCELSIOR
  - AICE

USF courses (best two grades) with a 2.5 GPA that may be utilized to meet the Essay, Reading & Writing portions of CLAS:

- AML – American Literature
- CRW – Creative Writing
- ENC – English Composition
- LIT – Literature

**Additional Waiver Requests**

Students requesting a waiver who have not satisfied the above requirements must meet with Kim Williams, CAS CLAS Coordinator, kimwilliams@usf.edu to discuss additional waiver criteria.
Registration Holds

Students no longer receive registration holds for an incomplete CLAS requirement.

- TL warning – This warning will appear once a student has 36 hours of upper level (3000 and 4000 level) courses and have not completed all portions of CLAS.

Email Reminders

Students will receive email reminders from OASIS once they register for their 35th semester hour and have not completed CLAS and again when they register for their 60th semester hour and have not completed the CLAS requirement. Do not disregard these emails! CLAS is a requirement for graduation.

Testing Services

Testing Services can provide information regarding any of the tests previously noted. The Testing Services Office is located in SVC2060, 813-974-2741.

CPT test information – The CPT can be taken every 2 weeks and all portions are offered on computer in the Testing Office. Please use the Testing Services CPT website to register: http://www.outreach.usf.edu/conted/testing/Details.asp?tcode=CPT

Additional Questions

Please direct additional CLAS questions to:
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