

Program Proposal Form (Revised 03/13/08)

(Majors, Minors or Program)

Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

This is a New Proposal  This is a change in an existing program, major or minor

1. Department: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Major  Minor  Program

3. Title of major, minor or program: \_\_\_\_\_ Change in CLEP Scores and retroactive credit Policy \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a new program, major or minor, skip to #5.

4. If a change in an existing program, major or minor, please list below the current program, major or minor and then list the new program, major or minor:

Current Program, Major or Minor:

5. Description of major/minor/program proposed: (Change in Policy)

Currently Simpson College requires higher scores than CLEP recommends for receiving credit for WLCS courses 101, 102, 201 and 202. This proposal would lower the required scores to receive credit for 101-202 to the scores recommended by CLEP and to retroactively award credit to any student currently enrolled at Simpson College who would have received credit by applying the new guidelines.

6. How does this program proposal impact your department's teaching load? None

7. What is the rationale for either the addition of or the change of this program, major or minor? (e.g.: how will this program meet the objectives of your department? how will this program meet the mission of your department?)

Very few students receive credit as a result of CLEP testing due to the rigorous nature of the test, some inconsistent features of the test (ie garbled listening comprehension sections), and the overly high standard required by Simpson College to receive credit. Lowering the required scores to those recommended by CLEP would result in a more representative number of students who would obtain credit for the test.

8. Will this new/changed major/minor/program require the addition of new courses?

Yes  No

(If yes, please use separate New Course Proposal Form for each new course and include with this proposal.)

9. What affect will this new/changed major/minor/program have on other programs and departments? None

10. If this is a new program, how will you assess the effectiveness of this program to carry out the mission of your department in meeting its objectives?

Proposed BY:

[Signature]  
Signature of Department Chair or Program Director

2/26/09  
Date

REVIEWED BY:

[Signature]  
Signature of Academic Dean

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Comments: I have questions that will be asked at EPEC meeting.

who requests such credit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Division Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Comments:

*Tammy HE*

*3/11/2009*

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Signature of Education Chair\*\*

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Date

Comments:

**Additional Reviewers**

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## Steve Griffith

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**From:** Steve Griffith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** Mark Bates; Nancy St Clair  
**Cc:** John Bolen  
**Subject:** Proposal to Reduce CLEP Score

Mark,

I just received your proposal to reduce the CLEP score to receive credit for language courses. Where is the current policy listed? What are you are you proposing for the standard?

You say that the lower standard would be applied retroactively to current students. Would this be automatic, or by request?

Steve

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