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OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDIT

A new, high-quality path to free college credit has launched this year. The goal of the program, dubbed "Freshman Year for Free," is to make college more accessible and affordable for high school students, college students and adult learners, including active duty military personnel, their families, and veterans.

WHO IS MAKING THIS POSSIBLE?

Modern States, the New York-based charitable organization behind the effort, has funded production of online courses taught by college professors. The courses prepare students for introductory College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams in Economics, Sociology, Algebra, and other areas.

HOW DOES THIS LEAD TO CREDIT?

The CLEP exams, administered by the College Board, are accepted for credit by more than 2,900 colleges and universities. To launch its program, Modern States is partnering with high schools and colleges that are making students aware of the opportunity.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

This is the first time there have been courses (see list below) taught by top quality college professors for CLEP subjects. Also, Modern States is paying the \$85 test fee and scheduling fee for students who enroll in the courses and take the exams. The benefit for participating institutions is that this creates a free on-ramp to college that facilitates learning and earning credits.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Modern States will pay for you to take the CLEP exam. After you complete the coursework and practice questions, request a CLEP voucher code from the Modern States website. There are no prerequisites for the 32 courses that will be offered, and all of them are self-paced. Some of the courses stem from a partnership between Modern States and edX, the online education platform created by Harvard and MIT.

COURSES AND CLEP EXAMS

Financial Accounting, Information Systems, Intro Business Law, Principles of Management and Principles of Marketing

American Literature, Analyzing & Interpreting Literature, College Composition, English Literature and Humanities

American Government, History of the US I & II, Human Growth & Development, Intro to Educational Psychology, Intro Psychology and Intro Sociology

Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Social Sciences & History and Western Civilization I & II

Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, College Algebra, College Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Precalculus

French Language, German Language and Spanish Language

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