**STAMP Information for College Level Credits on Transcript in World Languages:**

**Humanities Area I and Electives for many degrees and certificates
 Transcript Information for Transfer and Employment**

**What is STAMP?**

The**STAMP** (Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency) test is an online assessment of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in a variety of languages.

Highline currently offers STAMP tests for the following languages: **Arabic, Chinese (Traditional and Mandarin), French, Japanese, and Spanish**.

**How Do I earn college level credits?**

Based on the proficiency level you demonstrate, you may be able to earn from 5 or 10 college credits, posted to your transcript,in the language you test.

**How do STAMP credits appear on my transcript?**

Depending on the language, and the level of proficiency, the credits appear as the language and the level, with 5 credits for each level, and a grade of Cr. For example

 Spanish 121 5crs Cr Arabic 121 5crs Cr
 Spanish 122 5crs Cr Arabic 122 5crs Cr
 Spanish 123 5crs Cr Arabic 123 5crs Cr

* Students who intend to major in language may not wish to list **CR** credits for these language classes.

**How are STAMP credits useful on my transcript?**

 **Degrees and Certificate Requirements:**

These credits may be used to satisfy requirements for **all degrees and certificates** where classes are required in Humanities Area I and Electives.

 **DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES FROM HIGHLINE COLLEGE (NON-BAS DEGREES)**

1. **World Language credits for AA and other DTA degrees**:

* All world language classes count towards Area I Humanities.  No more than 5 credits of 100 level world languages may be used to satisfy Area I.  100 level classes may be used for additional credits towards the **12 credits of Electives provided in the AA transfer degree**

2. **World Language Credits for AAS and Professional Technical Degrees and certificates:**

* These may have specific requirements for language credits, elective credits and Humanities credits.  Check with your faculty advisor or the Transition Success Center.

**Use of Transcript:**

Your transcript is always needed when you **transfer** to another school and frequently is required for **job applications and employment**. World language credits on your transcript can enhance the quality of your application to future colleges and universities and to employers, even if they are not needed to satisfy a degree or certificate requirement

**Who can take the STAMPS test?**

Any student enrolled at Highline can take the STAMPS test. If you are an ESL student, it is recommended that your language level be ESL 3 or higher. The directions the test are in English. If you are not sure of your English reading skills, there is a Practice Test: <https://avantassessment.com/sample-tests>

**How long does the test take?**

The test is not timed, but typically takes 2-3 hours. Students can start the test and then stop and return at a later time but all testing must be completed within one week from the original start date.

**Cost of Testing**

The test is free for all students.

**Cost of posting credits to Transcript**

Awarding credits goes through our Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) office. **To receive college credit for earned class(es), Students will upload their results to this website**: [PLA Request](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIS37e11_JPcm7amzIjsIk-BnSfdO7i5gq-L7tqhj4FP4GzQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

There is a fee of $35 for EVERY 5 credit class posted your transcript. The cost is the same for all students regardless of resident status. ($35 for 5 credits/$70 for 10 credits)

 **Preparing for the STAMP test?**

The testing center website <https://placeandtest.highline.edu/tests/stamp/> has the answer to many questions about STAMPS. On the top menu under the heading “Tests” there is a link for STAMPS including information on

1. STAMP test taking guide

[http://avantassessment.com/docs/stamp4s\_testtakerguide.pdf](https://avantassessment.com/stamp-4s-test-taker-guide)

1. STAMP practice tests

<https://avantassessment.com/sample-tests>