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## Cultural and Language Incentive Program – Bonus (CLIP-B)

Program Information and Instructions



# CLIP-B Purpose & Eligibility



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- Purpose. The purpose of the Culture and Language Incentive Program – Bonus (CLIP-B) program is to promote the study of languages and cultural studies that are of importance to the Army.
- USACC pays a bonus to Cadets taking Army and DoD strategic languages.
- Eligibility. Only **contracted Cadets** in good standing may request CLIP-B payment. Any classes taken prior to contracting are not eligible for payment. Classes taken during the same term the Cadet contracted are eligible.



# Languages



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- Bonus payments are based on the language taken and the number of semester or quarter credit hours for that class.
- **Level-I**
  - \$100 per semester credit hour or \$67 per quarter hour
  - Portuguese (Brazilian or European)
- **Level-II**
  - \$150 per semester credit hour or \$100 per quarter hour
  - Indonesian; Javanese; Malay (Malaysian); Swahil
- **Level-III**
  - \$200 per semester credit hour or \$134 per quarter hour.
  - Amharic; Azerbaijani; Baluchi; Bengali; Burmese; Cebuano; Georgian; Hausa; Hebrew (Modern only); Hindi; Igbo; Kurdish; Kurmanji; Maguindinao; Maranao; Pashto or Pashtun; Pashto-Afghan; Pashto-Peshwari; Persian-Dari; Persian-Farsi; Punjabi; Russian; Serbo-Croatian; Somali; Sorani; Tagalog; Tajik; Tausug; Thai; Turkish; Turkmen; Ukrainian; Urdu; Uzbek; Vietnamese; Yakan; Yoruba
- **Level-IV**
  - \$250 per semester credit hour or \$167 per quarter hour.
  - Arabic; Chinese-Mandarin; Japanese; Korean



# 3 Ways to Qualify



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- Language Class:
  - Courses designed to teach the student how to speak, read, write, or interpret that foreign language.
- Culture Class:
  - Not a language class but taken in conjunction with or subsequent to an associated CLIP-B eligible language course
  - Relate to a country or region of the world where the associated CLIP-B eligible language is dominant
  - Not be narrowly focused on any one aspect of a culture, e.g., Hindu Art, Russian Dance, etc.
- Language Testing:
  - Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)



# Additional Information



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- **Limited to \$3,000** each academic year per Cadet. The academic year is defined by DOD and US Army as starting at the beginning of the Fall academic session and ending on the last day prior to the start of the next Fall academic session.
- **PMS certifies** both the Cadet and class are eligible for CLIP-B.
- Complete a separate packet for each class the Cadet is requesting payment for.
- Contact a local “Education Center” on a military base for testing.
- CLIP-B payments are **taxed**.
- The Cadet Portal is not used the for CLIP-B.
- Ensure you provide an explanation of any credit hour system used at your university that is not consistent with the norm. (E.g., 1 hour at School X is worth 3 semester credit hours.)
- Project GO can be eligible for CLIP-B.
- CULP overseas training missions are not eligible for CLIP-B.
- Grades of “B-” or below or any “Pass” or “Cred” grades do not meet the minimum grade level required for CLIP-B payment. Transcripts that reflect “Incomplete”, “Fail”, “No Cred”, “WP”, “WF”, audit, or no academic credit awarded are not eligible for CLIP-B payment.
- Commercially available courses (self-contained or distance learning) are not payable for CLIP-B. The Cadet can however test for DLPT or OPI.