

# Modern States and Purdue University Launch “Fast Start” Program

- 5 courses/passed exams can save almost \$11,000 and assure admission into Purdue
- 10 courses/passed exams can save students up to one full year, or more than \$21,000
- Partnership creates national model, affordable on-ramp to college for Indiana residents

Steve Klinsky, founder and CEO of [Modern States](#), and Mitch Daniels, president of Purdue University, recently announced the [Purdue Fast Start program](#), designed to help Indiana high school students earn up to a year of college credit for free while still in high school.

"Modern States and my family are pleased to partner with Purdue to make college more attainable for students throughout Indiana," said Klinsky, whose \$1 million donation is making the program possible.

***Indy Star, WISH-TV, Inside Indiana Business and others are talking about the partnership.***

Through this initiative, Purdue will enroll Indiana students, primarily those in rural areas and the inner city, who may not have considered college a viable option. Students who successfully complete a Modern States course will receive a voucher to pay for the corresponding College Board CLEP exam and test center fee reimbursement.

[ModernStates.org](#) is the largest "free credit for college" program in the country. Remember: anyone can further their education for free using our program. Interested in learning more? Visit our website or email us at [info@modernstates.org](mailto:info@modernstates.org).

**Modern States will pay your AP or CLEP exam fee.**

## OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDIT

A new, high-quality path to free college credit was launched in 2017. 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.

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.

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

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 \$89 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.

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 are available, 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.

## HOW IT WORKS

1. Choose one or many free courses that interest you from great Universities.
2. Courses prepare you for widely accepted Advanced Placement and CLEP exams already accepted for credit by more than 2,900 colleges and universities.
3. Courses, textbooks and materials are free; all you need are internet access and your own desire to learn. We offer links to tutoring & mentoring.
4. Enroll at a college that grants credit for passing well established AP\* or CLEP\* exams.
5. Pass eight exams and potentially earn your “Freshman Year for Free.”
6. Learn more about AP and CLEP; verify that colleges you may attend grant credit for passing scores.