

What is Learning Support?

The Learning Support (LS) Program is a Board of Regents initiated program of courses and advisement to help build the foundational skills needed for success in college-level courses. Students enrolling in Learning Support courses will have a program of study specifically designed to fulfill their unique learning needs.

What courses are offered?

LS courses are offered in three discipline areas: English, reading and mathematics. The course offerings are:

ENGL 0099

READ 0098

MATH 0097 & MATH 0098

(See the *Catalog* for course descriptions.)

- MATH 0097 must be passed with an A, B, or C.
- Exit level courses must be passed with an A, B, or C and a passing score on the Compass Exit Exam.
- There is a HEDS 1011 requirement for all students who place below certain placement scores in at least two areas (COME < 51, COMR < 70, COMM < 30).
- LS courses do not count toward GPA or degree credit. They do count toward Financial Aid/HOPE, and they appear on transcripts.

Do I need advisement each term?

LS students must receive advisement each term before they register in order to have the advisement hold removed. If a student registers on the Web, he/she must input the required LS course(s) first.

Can I delay taking a LS class until a later semester and take college-level classes now? What happens if I don't go to a required LS class?

If a student is required to take LS courses, the student must enroll in those courses first. If a student is enrolled in college-level and LS courses, and the student never attends, withdraws, or is withdrawn from an LS course before the mid-point of the term, the student will also be withdrawn from all college-level classes except HEDS 1011 and activity PE classes.

What are LS attempts?

LS Attempts are the number of times that a student has completed a Learning Support course. A, B, C grades are successful LS attempts; F, IP, WF grades are unsuccessful LS attempts. All grades except W count as LS attempts.

How many LS attempts can I have?

Board of Regents' policy requires that students must exit a Learning Support area in 2 LS attempts or 8 semester

hours (for English and Reading) or 3 LS attempts or 12 semester hours (for mathematics), whichever comes first. Therefore, a student may have 2 LS attempts in English, reading and 3 in math.

What if I use up all my LS attempts (or hours) before I can exit?

There is a 1-year suspension period. It applies not only to Georgia Perimeter College, but also to all other University System schools in Georgia.

How do I appeal for an additional LS attempt?

- Beginning Fall 2011, students will not be able to file an appeal for an additional attempt, due to changes in the Board of Regents Learning Support Policies.

30-Hour Rule

A student must complete all LS requirements before he or she accumulates more than 30 GPA hours of college-level credit. If 30 hours of GPA credit are completed, the student may take the required LS course only.

Additional Notes

- A student must exit LS English and reading as a prerequisite for ENGL 1101 and COMM 1201.
- LS reading is a pre-requisite for Social Science, Natural Science, and Physical Science courses.

COMPASS PLACEMENT CHARTS

Placement is critical; therefore, students should take the placement exams very seriously. Placement tests determine if any LS courses will be required.

Students who are not CPC deficient in English and who have a Critical Reading score of 480 or higher on the national SAT or an English score of 20 or higher on the national ACT or a 260 or higher on the GHGST-ELA (effective Fall 2010) do not have to take the placement tests in English and Reading.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT (effective Fall 2011)

64 or higher	ENGL 1101 if LS Reading is not required
63 or lower	ENGL 0099

READING PLACEMENT (effective summer 2007)

78 or higher	ENGL 1101 if LS English is not required
77 or lower	READ 0098

Students who are not CPC deficient in Math and who have a Math score of 440 or higher on the national SAT or an Math score of 18 or higher on the national ACT do not have to take the placement test in Math (effective fall 2008).

MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT (effective fall 2009)

37 or higher	College Mathematics
30 - 36	MATH 0098
29 or lower	MATH 0097

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