

LS Strategies for Success

Learning Support (LS) classes are the time to create a strong foundation for your college career. Now is the time to practice good study habits that will help you in all your future classes.

Please contact an advisor at ACS (or the GPC Online Student Success Team)

- If you have any questions about LS policies.
- If you are struggling in a LS class.
- If you are considering withdrawing from a LS class.
- If you want to initiate your appeal process.

General Information:

• LS "Holds":

LS = LS Advisement Hold: Must attend LS advisement session each semester to remove.
W6, W7, W8, W9 = LS Registration Control: Does not get removed. Only acts as a hold if you do not register for LS classes first. W6=LS English, W7=LS Math, W8=LS Reading, W9=HEDS 1011)

• Registration:

Most people cannot register the first day of the early registration period. You must wait until your personal registration date as indicated on the postcard that all students receive. Your day is indicated underneath your address.

When registering, make your best guess about which classes you will pass. If you guess wrong, then change your schedule as soon as grades are posted. (Note: Grades are not sent. You must access your GPC account and proactively check them at the end of the semester.)

• Withdrawal Policy:

If you are in LS & college courses and you withdraw from the LS course before the midpoint, then you must also withdraw from any college courses (except HEDS & activity PE classes). You receive a grade of "W" which does not count as an attempt. If you withdraw from a LS class after the midpoint, you receive a grade of "WF" which is a failing grade. WF counts as an attempt and puts you one step closer to the 1-year LS Suspension. You are allowed to keep your college courses.

• Instructor Withdrawal:

In LS English and LS Reading, you will be withdrawn from your LS class at the midpoint if you exceed the allowable absences. You will also be withdrawn from any college courses (except HEDS & activity PE classes). In LS math classes the instructors will not withdraw students.

• Early Exit:

Early exit is possible in mathematics. If you are getting an "A" MATH 0097 and meet certain criteria, your instructor may allow you to take the exit exam and possibly exit the LS area.

• Exit Exam Re-test:

Re-test on the Exit Exam in each area must be requested immediately after taking the initial exit exam.

- **Exempt from Exit Exam:**

Exemption of the Exit Exam is possible in math (not English & reading). Must not be CPC-deficient in math and GPC must "officially" have minimum score of 400 on math SAT or 17 on math ACT scores at beginning of semester. (Scores can be ordered online at collegeboard.com)

Strongly Recommended:

- **Create Relationships on Campus:**

Get to know your instructors and other staff on campus for assistance in navigating the academic waters. Other students can serve as information sources about the class if you are absent and as study pals for test preparation.

- **Balance Your Commitments:**

Create a Life Schedule that sets you up to succeed. Your Life Schedule should include class time, work time, study time (at least 2 hours for each hour in class), family/relationship commitments, downtime, etc. Be realistic when deciding how many courses you can handle.

- **Utilize Learning & Tutoring Center (LTC):**

Free tutoring is available to assist you in all subjects. Other types of assistance are also available.

Caution:

- **Online Classes:**

Online classes require much self-discipline and self-teaching. If you prefer an available instructor to explain and support your coursework, you might experience more success with on-campus courses.

- **Half-Semester Classes:**

Classes that meet for the entire semester may be easier for you than classes that meet for half of the semester. It is the same amount of material covered in half the time.

- **Frequency (How Often Class Meets Each Week):**

Classes that meet several times each week may be easier for you than classes that meet once a week, especially if the class is in a challenging area for you. The material is broken down into smaller pieces that you can absorb in between more frequent classes.

- **Summer Semester:**

Summer semester is shorter and more accelerated than Fall and Spring so you want to take fewer hours. Fall & Spring have 15 weeks. Summer has only 6 to 8 weeks.

Math Tips:

- **Prior to MATH 0097:** Review Chapter 1

- **Prior to MATH 0098:** Review Chapters 1-5 (especially factoring)

- **Studying/Homework Suggestions:**

Do Lots of Problems: The only way to become good at math is to do lots of problems. Material is not mastered until problems can be completed without notes and without the textbook.

Use the Student Solution Manual: It is available in the Bookstore and shows the steps to solve all of the odd homework problems.

Math Lab: Do homework at the math lab & get real-time help when you need it