

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. Learning Support courses are specifically designed to fulfill student's 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 0098. Additionally, all students who place into LS courses are required to take the GPCS 1010 course beginning Fall 2013.

Course descriptions are in the *College Catalog* - <http://www.gpc.edu/catalog/>.

Note that LS courses do not count toward GPA or degree credit. They do count toward Financial Aid/HOPE, and they appear on transcripts.

Can I take college classes?

Students can take courses for which they meet all pre-requisites. For example, LS reading is a pre-requisite for Social Science, Natural Science, and Physical Science courses, for example while a student must exit LS English and reading as a prerequisite for ENGL 1101 or COMM 1201.

Do I have to take my LS class now?

A student required to take LS courses must enroll in all required courses before any college classes can be taken. A

student with two LS requirements, however, may register for GPCS 1010 or activity PE classes after registering for 1 required LS course.

What happens if I don't go to a required LS class?

Students who never attend an LS course are no-showed (dropped) from the LS course and withdrawn from any college level courses after the first week of classes.

An LS English or Reading student will be withdrawn from the course by the instructor if they violate the attendance policy of the course prior to the mid-point of the semester.

Students No-showed or withdrawn prior to the midpoint from an LS course will also be withdrawn from all college-level classes except GPCS 1010 and activity PE classes.

What are LS attempts?

LS Attempts are the number of times that a student has completed a Learning Support course with a final grade other than a "W". Final grades of "A", "B", "C", "F", "IP", or "WF" count as LS attempts in LS courses.

How do I exit Learning Support?

To exit LS English, the course must be passed with an A, B, or C and pass a writing sample and a passing score must be made on the Compass Exit Exam.

To exit LS Reading, the course must be passed with an A, B, or C and a passing

score must be made on the Compass Exit Exam.

To exit LS Mathematics, the course must be passed with an A or B or the course must be passed with a C and a passing score must be made on the Compass Exit Exam.

How many LS attempts can I have?

An LS student must exit in 2 semesters for English, in 2 semesters for reading and in 3 semesters for mathematics. Therefore, a student may have 2 LS attempts in English, 2 LS Attempts in reading and 3 LS Attempts in math.

What if I use up all my LS attempts before I can exit?

There is a 1-year suspension period. It applies to all University System of Georgia schools (including GPC).

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 must take the required LS course only.

Do I need advisement each term?

LS students must receive advisement each term before they are allowed to register.

Where can I find more information?

Contact the departments listed on the back, or go to <http://lsupport.gpc.edu>

COMPASS PLACEMENT CHARTS

Placement testing is critical; students should take the placement exams seriously. These tests determine if a student can be admitted and 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 for tests taken May 2010 and later) do not have to take the placement tests in English and Reading.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT (Effective Fall Semester 2012)

64 or higher	ENGL 1101 (if LS Reading is not required)
32 – 63	ENGL 0099
31 or lower	<i>Cannot be Admitted</i>

READING PLACEMENT (Effective Fall Semester 2012)

74 or higher	ENGL 1101 (if LS English is not required)
62 - 73	READ 0098
61 or lower	<i>Cannot be Admitted</i>

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 Semester 2012)

37 or higher	College Mathematics
20 - 36	MATH 0098
19 or lower	<i>Cannot be Admitted</i>

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