

Motion re the Learning Support Program

Motion:

Effective Fall 2012, Section 1310.50 of the Catalog is modified as follows:

Merely Editorial Changes

Substantive Changes

~~Deletions~~

The Learning Support Program (LSP) is for undergraduate students admitted on an exceptions basis who need remedial assistance in the areas of math, reading, and/or writing in order to be ready to take courses in the Core Curriculum.

Entering LSP

Students are placed into the Learning Support Program (LSP) if they meet any of the following conditions:

- an SAT-Verbal score below 430 or an ACT-Verbal score below 17.
- an SAT-Mathematics below 400 or an ACT-Mathematics below 17.
- failure to meet the College Preparatory Curriculum requirements in English or mathematics.

However, students who have exited an area of Learning Support at any institution in the University System of Georgia are not required to re-enter that area upon transfer to Georgia State.

While in LSP

It is very important that LSP students meet each term with an academic advisor for advice regarding course selection. For this reason, an advisement hold is placed on each LSP student's record each term. The hold is lifted after the student has seen an advisor. Here are the LSP courses and their placement criteria:

- Academic Reading EdRd 0071 COMPASS reading < 74
- Academic Writing Engl 0081 COMPASS writing < 60
- Elementary Algebra Math 0098 COMPASS math < 19
- Intermediate Algebra Math 0099 COMPASS math < 37

LSP courses do not count towards degree requirements or a student's GPA at Georgia State University. They are, however, used to calculate a GPA for HOPE, Pell and other financial aid awards, and the courses and grades earned appear on a university transcript. LSP courses are graded using the same system as other Georgia State courses.

Students must register for required LSP courses before registering for other courses. Until LSP requirements have been satisfied, students may not take credit courses which require the content or the skills of the LSP courses.

Students who have not completed their LSP requirements in reading may not take courses in Area A1, Area C1, or Area E. *In Area D, these students may only take Math and Computer Science courses.*

Students who have not completed their LSP requirements in writing may not take courses

in Area A1 or Area C1.

Students who have not completed their LSP requirements in mathematics may not take courses in Area A2. *In Area D, these students may only take Astronomy, Biology, Geography, Geology, Computer Science and Psychology courses.*

Students who have accumulated 20-30 semester hours of college-level credit at Georgia State and have not successfully completed required Learning Support courses may enroll only in Learning Support courses until all LSP requirements are successfully completed. Students with LSP requirements who are enrolled in both LSP courses and other courses may not drop or withdraw from the required LSP courses unless they also drop or withdraw from all other courses. Any student experiencing difficulty and/or considering dropping or withdrawing from an LSP course must first meet with an advisor. The advisor will inform the student of the program's drop and withdrawal policies, including the right to apply for hardship withdrawal if an emergency situation exists.

Students are allowed a maximum of two attempts to exit reading and writing and a maximum of three attempts to exit mathematics. To exit, students must pass all required courses and pass the exit exam. Any grade other than a W counts as an attempt. *If a student does not complete the requirements for reading or writing in two attempts and math in three attempts, the student will be suspended from Georgia State University until they have completed their LSP requirements. According to BOR policy, no appeals for attempts will be granted.*

Exiting LSP

Students exit an LSP area by earning a grade of "C" or better in the exit level Learning Support course in the area and earning a passing score on the COMPASS test for the area. The passing COMPASS scores are:

- Reading, 74
- Writing, 60
- Math, 37 (on the COMPASS Algebra test)

Students who fail the exit test but have earned a grade of "C" or better in the relevant course, may retake the test one time.

Students who have passed an LSP course but not passed the COMPASS must re-enroll in the relevant LSP course. Students who have passed the COMPASS but not earned a grade of "C" in the relevant course must re-enroll in the relevant course.

Requests for waivers to any of the above regulations should be submitted to the Director of the Student Advisement Center.

Rationale:

The Board of Regents recently revised its LSP policy and this led to a review of GSU's policy.

The general thrust of these changes is to give LSP students more time at the outset to complete the LSP requirements but reduce the number of appeals and reattempts that occur once the time limits have been reached.

GSU admits less than 10 LSP students/year.