LEARNING SUPPORT POLICIES

The Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (OUE) administers the Learning Support (LS) Program. College preparatory courses (for non-academic credit) are offered in mathematics and English for students who need further preparation to be successful in English, mathematics, and related courses.

Georgia Tech uses benchmark scores earned via the SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or ACT (English and Math) to determine placement in Learning Support. Students who score below a 430 on the SAT Critical Reading test (or 17 on the ACT English) will be required to complete the LS program for English. Students who score below a 500 on the SAT Math Test (or 21 on the ACT Math) will be required to complete the LS program for Math. Students may be required to complete the LS program for both English and Math. Georgia Tech will consider the higher of the SAT and ACT scores when determining LS placement.

Students who are required by the Institute to take courses in the Learning Support Program will be notified in writing. They must then register for a two-semester sequence of classes.

The first foundation LS courses, offered in the summer semester, are designated with the Learning Support (LS) prefix. These three-hour (non-academic credit) courses provide a foundation of knowledge in English Skills (LS 0298) or Mathematical Skills (LS 0398). These courses are offered only pass/fail and cannot be applied to degree requirements, including free electives. Students who do not pass LS 0298 or LS 0398 after two attempts will be suspended from Georgia Tech for one year. During this year, they may register for LS courses at schools in the Technical College System of Georgia.

Students who satisfy the LS requirement in the summer or fall or who matriculate to Georgia Tech in a semester in which LS courses are not available will proceed to the second semester requirements of the LS program: Gateway courses are required and include a two-hour co-requisite (also non-academic credit) designed to help students succeed in the Gateway class.

At Georgia Tech, the math Gateway course is MATH 1113, Pre-calculus (4 hours of academic credit). Students in the Learning Support program will take this course concurrently with MATH 0399, a two-hour (non-academic credit), pass/fail course that will reinforce pre-calculus concepts through practice exercises and directed group study.

Georgia Tech’s English Gateway course is ENGL 1101 (3 hours of academic credit). Students in the Learning Support program will take this course concurrently with ENGL 0199, a two-hour (non-academic credit), pass/fail course designed to reinforce critical reading and communications concepts.

MATH 0399 and ENGL 0199 are offered only on a pass/fail basis and cannot be applied to degree requirements, including free electives.

Students will have completed their LS requirement when they have passed the Gateway courses (ENGL 1101 and MATH 1113) with a grade of D or better. Students who do not pass a Gateway course in their first attempt must retake both the Gateway course and its co-requisite until they have passed the Gateway course. The grades for the Gateway class and the co-requisite need not agree. There is no limit to the number of times the Gateway and co-requisite may be attempted.

The LS program should be completed as soon as possible after matriculation to Georgia Tech. Students should work with advisors to determine the best timing for these requirements.

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