
Contacting GHC

Call Georgia Highlands College at 706-802-5000 or 800-332-2406 to reach the departments mentioned on this page.

Other Services

The number of attempts completed in a Learning Support course may affect financial aid. Contact the Financial Aid Office to learn more.

Check with the Advising Office if you are in a career program since math requirements are different for some career programs.

Visit the Tutorial Center for extra help with courses.

Visit Counseling and Career Services for career and study advice as well as counseling services.

Contact the Access Center if you need accommodation for disabilities.

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Learning Support

Placement, Scores, and Rules



Academic Support Division

Tel: 706-295-6357 or
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Learning Support Placement at GHC

The Division of Academic Support at GHC offers Learning Support courses in English, Reading, and Mathematics. The aim of these courses is to prepare students for college-level academics in accordance with the policies of the Georgia Board of Regents (BOR). The COMPASS test, a computerized, adaptive test, is used for placement. If students place into Learning Support courses, they must pass the courses and an exit COMPASS test to complete Learning Support requirements.

If students present CPE scores rather than COMPASS scores, please refer them to the Academic Support Division office.

Institutions in the University System of Georgia recognize scores from sister institutions but vary in criterion scores within a range established by the BOR. A student is only exempt from Learning Support if an area has been successfully completed at another USG institution.

Students may have been directed to take COMPASS because of SAT or ACT scores (or lack of them), CPC deficiencies, transfer of fewer than 30 hours of acceptable credit, or other reasons recognized by the BOR. Students who transfer fewer than 30 hours of acceptable credit may be required to take Learning Support courses based on COMPASS testing results.

Scores and Testing

Reading

Students must test if they have

SAT Verbal below **430**, ACT Verbal below **17**
English CPC deficiency
Lack of standardized test scores

Required course

COMPASS score **79** or below: READ 0099

English

Students must test if they have

SAT Verbal below **480**, ACT Verbal below **20**
English CPC deficiency
Lack of standardized test scores

Required course

COMPASS score **59** or below: ENGL 0099

Math

Students must test if they have

SAT Math below **440**, ACT Math below **18**
Math CPC deficiency
Lack of standardized test scores

Required course

COMPASS score **31** or below: MATH 0097

COMPASS score between **32** and **39**: MATH 0099

Learning Support Rules

In every term of attendance, students must first register for all required Learning Support courses before being allowed to register for other courses.

Students may not withdraw from Learning Support courses without also withdrawing from credit classes.

A student may not accrue more than 20 semester hours of credit before completing all Learning Support requirements. A student who accrues 20 semester hours of academic credit and has not successfully completed Learning Support courses may enroll only in Learning Support courses until LS requirements are met.

Students are allowed three attempts to complete all course work in an area. Students who do not exit an area are allowed to appeal to the Academic Support Division Chair for a final attempt. A form must be completed and signed by the student. In addition, the student must have reached the attempt limit in only one LS area, must be in an exit level course, and must enroll only in that course in the semester of the final attempt.

Students who do not complete Learning Support requirements at the end of the final attempt will be suspended from USG institutions for three years.

All time spent in Learning Support courses is cumulative within the University System of Georgia. All attempts at all USG institutions are included in the attempts rule.

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