

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC)

First-time freshmen as well as freshmen who have not earned the equivalent of thirty (30) semester hours of College credit are required to meet College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) requirements. Students who have not completed sixteen units of the CPC and who intend to be in degree programs leading to a baccalaureate degree must take additional courses to make up for the CPC deficiencies. Students who enter with a Technology/Career diploma, students from private high schools or from other states, students with a Georgia DOE General Education Diploma (GED), and home-schooled students must be evaluated for CPC completion and must take additional courses as necessary, following standard USG policy.

English Deficiency

Students graduating with fewer than four units of English will be required to take the COMPASS Tests in English and Reading, regardless of SAT or ACT scores. Students who do not score satisfactorily on the COMPASS test will be placed in Learning Support English and/or Reading courses.

Mathematics Deficiency

Students graduating with fewer than four units of mathematics will be required to take the COMPASS Test in Mathematics. Students who do not score satisfactorily on the COMPASS Test will be placed in a Learning Support Mathematics course at an appropriate level, in accordance with COMPASS Test scores.

Science Deficiency

Students graduating with fewer than three units of science will be required to take an additional course in a laboratory science, chosen from the approved laboratory science courses in Area D of the Atlanta Metropolitan College Core Curriculum.

Social Science Deficiency

Students graduating with fewer than three units of social science will be required to complete one additional three (3) credit-hour course, chosen from the approved social science courses in Area E of the Atlanta Metropolitan College Core Curriculum.

Foreign Language Deficiency

Students graduating with fewer than two units of the same foreign language will be required to complete one additional three (3) credit-hour, introductory-level foreign language course.

The following provisions apply to science, social science, and foreign language requirements:

- These additional required courses represent course work beyond the requirements for the program in which the student is enrolled; although the student receives credit in the grade point average for these courses, the credit hours do not count toward hours required for a degree. These courses are aimed at expanding the student's previous exposure to the disciplines.
- To remove the CPC deficiency, the student must earn a "C" or better in the course.
- Beginning freshmen must remove all CPC deficiencies by the time they have earned thirty semester hours of degree credit.
- Transfer students must take these courses immediately upon entering System institutions or as soon as possible thereafter.
- Courses taken to meet College Preparatory Curriculum requirements cannot be repeated for degree credit.

Students who accumulate thirty (30) degree-credit hours and have not successfully completed CPC requirements may enroll only in CPC courses until all CPC requirements are successfully met.

Conditional Acceptance

If an extreme circumstance beyond the applicant's control prevents the applicant from submitting all admission materials to the Office of Admissions prior to the published deadline, the Director of Admissions may grant a conditional acceptance. The student must present substantial evidence that the extreme circumstance warrants an exception that will permit the student to enroll temporarily, pending the Office of Admission receiving all required documents. No credit may be recorded and no grades may be released to a student attending the College under a conditional acceptance, until the required documents are received by the Office of Admissions.

The burden of proof rests upon the applicant to establish that his/her failure to submit required credentials or information is a result of circumstances beyond his/her control.