



GOODWIN COLLEGE

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TITLE:	Enrollment of Developmental Students
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POLICY STATEMENT:

Goodwin College strongly believes that all people should be afforded the opportunity to pursue a college education. To support this, the College maintains an open door admission policy, which results in having an entering student body with a wide range of college preparedness levels. In order to ensure that students are enrolled in courses based on their skill level, all students are given a placement exam. Those students whose scores indicate that they are not yet ready for college-level work are placed into pre-collegiate, developmental courses.

After taking the placement test, students who place into developmental coursework are enrolled into the AS General Studies Program in order to better track progress and provide centralized advising and services. There are three levels of developmental English and two levels of developmental mathematics. Students must pass these courses with a grade of “C” or better in order to continue their studies. They are provided with a developmental academic advisor who monitors their progress throughout developmental coursework.

PROCEDURE DETAILS:

While students are generally enrolled into a program based on interest or having met selective admission requirements, the College groups all students who need to complete developmental coursework into the AS General Studies Program in order to better track progress and provide centralized advising and services. The following procedure outlines enrollment procedures for those developmental students.

Admissions Officer

- During Admissions Process
 - Review student’s previous college work to determine if there is a transferable English and/or Math or if the applicant has successfully completed an Associate’s degree.
 - Ensure that all students that lack a transferable English and/or Math or an Associate’s degree take the placement examination before going to an Applicant Advisor for course selection.

Applicant Advisor

- First Visit with the Developmental Student
 - Enter the applicant’s placement scores into Sonisweb under ‘Tests: Additional’.
 - Review the applicant’s placement scores and use the Placement Guide to select the appropriate courses.
 - Indicate which courses the applicant will need to complete on the preliminary plan of study.
- Second Visit with the Developmental Student
 - Register the applicant in Sonisweb for courses based on those selected on the plan of study.
 - Enter in *Associate in Science General Studies* for all of the following fields:
 - Application Page:
 - ‘Program Accepted’ and ‘Accepted Degree’ fields

- Biographic Page:
 - 'Field of Study' and 'Department' fields
- Enter the student's program of interest or intended major once developmental coursework is completed on the Majors Page in Sonisweb.
- Assign a developmental academic advisor to each student taking a developmental course.
 - Students whose intended major is Health Science are assigned to a General Studies developmental academic advisor.
 - Students whose intended major is in Business, Criminal Justice, Homeland Security, Human Services, Education, Management and Leadership, Manufacturing or Public Safety and Security are assigned to a SSBE developmental academic advisor.

Developmental Academic Advisor

- Advise Developmental Students with Course Selection and:
 - Monitor developmental student course selection to ensure that no more than 15 collegiate credits are completed prior to completion of developmental courses.
 - Monitor that developmental courses may be repeated only once without departmental permission.
 - Monitor that under no circumstance will a student be permitted to attempt a developmental course more than three times (Exception: MATH 097 may not be attempted more than two times)
 - Monitor that developmental students can complete all developmental work within 30 credits (10 courses)
- Enroll Developmental Students in Program of Choice
 - Each semester, assist those developmental students that are currently enrolled in their final developmental course with completing program change forms with the Registrar's Office to ensure that the students can move into their program of choice the following semester

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COLLEGE CATALOG

STAFF HANDBOOK

FACULTY HANDBOOK

STUDENT HANDBOOK

DEFINITIONS:

Developmental Student – A student enrolled in even ONE developmental course (courses with numbers beginning with '0')

Transferable English – College-level composition with a grade of 'C' or better

Transferable Math – College-level math course with a grade of 'C' or better and a competency level at intermediate algebra or higher

EXCLUSIONS:

Students placing into developmental courses may enter some certificate programs at Goodwin without first completing developmental coursework. In order to enroll in these certificates, students must place into English 089 or higher on the placement exam. At the conclusion of these certificate programs, and before students enter a degree program, they must retake the placement test. Students placing into developmental courses may take no more than 6 additional collegiate credits without permission of the Vice President for Academic Affairs before completion of the necessary developmental coursework.

Students will not be permitted to attempt the developmental course, MATH 097, more than two times.

OFFICES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE POLICY:

Admissions Officer – Ensures that applicants complete the placement exam if they do not have a transferable English and/or Math or an Associate's degree.

Applicant Advisor – Uses placement scores to determine whether the student needs to take any developmental courses and indicate program enrollment for all applicants in Sonisweb.

Developmental Academic Advisor – Provides all typical advising assistance to students (course selection, service referrals, etc.) in addition to:

- Ensuring that no more than 15 collegiate credits are taken before completion of developmental coursework
- Monitoring that developmental courses may be repeated only once without departmental permission
- Monitoring that under no circumstance will a student be permitted to attempt a developmental course more than three times
- Monitoring that developmental students can complete all developmental work within 30 credits (10 courses)
- Assisting students with program changes in the semester of their final developmental course

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APPENDIX: