Remedial Coursework

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Remedial coursework refers to nondegree-applicable basic skills courses.

A student’s need for remedial coursework shall be determined using appropriate assessment instruments, methods, or procedures.

No student shall receive more than 30 semester units of credit for remedial coursework completed in the Sierra Community College District unless exempt by statute. Remedial coursework completed at other community college districts will not be included. Students who have exhausted the unit limit and who need further remediation will be referred to appropriate adult noncredit educational services offered at the college or through other providers within the District.

Students who have been identified as having a learning disability as defined in Title 5, Section 56036 or students who are enrolled in one or more English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are exempt from this policy.

A waiver of this policy may be granted for one semester to a student showing significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to his or her enrollment in college-level courses. Students wishing to apply for a waiver which limits students to the completion of 30 semester units of credit for remedial coursework must submit a General Student Petition to the Counseling Office prior to the beginning of each semester.

- A waiver may be granted for one semester if the student is showing significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to his or her enrollment in degree-applicable credit courses. Waivers may be approved if the student meets one or more of the standards below.
  - The student has a disability other than a learning disability.
  - The student needs to update his/her skills or knowledge.
• The counselor determines that the student could benefit by continued enrollment in remedial coursework.

• If approved, the General Student Petition will be placed in the student’s academic file.

• Students who exceed the 30 unit limit will be notified by the Admissions & Records Office and directed to see a counselor. If a waiver is not approved for the semester, the student will be withdrawn from the College and referred to appropriate adult noncredit education services.

• Students who have been dismissed from the College as a result of exceeding the 30 unit limit must submit a General Student Petition to the Admissions & Records Office and meet with a counselor prior to reinstatement.

• A student who successfully completes remedial coursework or who demonstrates skill levels which assure success in degree-applicable credit courses may request reinstatement to proceed with such coursework.

District catalogs shall include a clear statement of the limited applicability of remedial coursework toward fulfilling degree requirements and any exemptions that may apply to this limitation.

See Board Policy 4220.