

Pace Requirements for Undergraduates

Academic Affairs

Academic / Degree Progression

Policy Owner: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Effective date: Spring 2019

Approval date: March 1, 2024

Schedule for Review: Spring 2029

Policy Summary:

This policy ensures undergraduate students complete required remedial, introductory mathematics, and composition coursework in a timely manner. It establishes credit thresholds for completion to promote academic success, retention, and compliance with state mandate

Policy Statement:

Pace Requirement for Remedial Education

All undergraduate degree-seeking students required to complete remedial coursework must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses prior to earning 30 college-level semester credits at Fort Lewis College.

- Students may be required to complete remedial coursework based on placement exams, prior coursework, or other academic placement criteria (see **Placement Policies**).
- Students enrolled in Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) courses must earn a grade of "C" or better before completing 30 college-level semester credits.

Pace Requirement for Mathematics and Composition

All undergraduate degree-seeking students must meet the Liberal Arts Core (LAC) introductory composition (CO1) and mathematics (MA1) requirements prior to earning 45 college-level semester credits at Fort Lewis College.

- Students with placement above CO1 are considered to have fulfilled the CO1 requirement.
- Transfer students with waived LAC requirements are considered to have fulfilled CO1 and MA1 requirements.

Reason for Policy

1. State Mandates:

- The Colorado Developmental Policy (Section I) and Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) mandates require students to complete developmental and SAI requirements by the time they have earned 30 semester credits.

2. Institutional Goals:

- Fort Lewis College is committed to rigorous academic standards. Early completion of composition and mathematics courses improves student retention, success, and graduation rates, as evidenced by data from initiatives such as Complete College America.

Responsibilities:

For oversight of the policy: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

For procedures for implementing policy: College Registrar, Director of the Skyhawk Station & Advising

For enforcement of the policy: Registrar's Office

Definitions:

Remedial Course: Any course numbered below 100, typically listed as "TRS" courses (e.g., TRS 082).

Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI): College-level courses (100 or higher) paired with an academic course in the same subject for academic support.

College-Level Course: Any credit-bearing course numbered 100 or higher.

Procedures:

Cross-Referenced Policies:

Placement Policy

Consequences of Non-Compliance:

Failure to meet the pace requirements will result in a hold on the student's record. This hold prevents course registration until the student meets with their advisor to review the policy and ensure appropriate registration for the next term.

Review and Revision History:

This policy combines two policies formerly known as "Pace Requirements for Remedial Education" which was approved May 9, 2019 and the "Pace Requirements for Mathematics and Composition" which was approved April 2, 2014.

Revisions:

Waiver for students with Liberal Arts Core exemptions: October 4, 2017

Fulfillment of CO1 requirement through CO2 placement: November 9, 2017 based on Faculty Senate recommendation on April 6, 2017.