

Mandatory First Year Experience (FYE)

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.25 Mandatory First Year Experience

III. Policy Statement

Beginning Winter 2014, students new to GRCC who are enrolled in a degree seeking program and have a high school GPA of less than 3.0 are required to complete a college learning success course, CLS 100 (Introduction to College: New Student Experience). [Students placing into two or more developmental courses are required to enroll in PY097 instead of CLS 100]

Students have the option of attempting a CLS 100 Challenge Exam. Passing this exam will exempt a student from the course.

Students must complete the course requirement [CLS 100 or PY 097] their first semester of classes taken at GRCC.

A degree-seeking student who has already successfully completed 12 or more credits of college-level courses at GRCC, another college or university or has received GRCC transfer credit for these courses will not be required to complete CLS 100.

IV. Reason for the Policy

Traditionally, community colleges attract a diverse population of students, entering their first year with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. Many of these students will benefit from help to prepare them for the academic rigor of college, the social adjustments, and personal challenges associated with higher education. Research indicates that students completing this course are more likely to persist and graduate.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Faculty
Students

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

Faculty
Students
All GRCC Staff

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog

VIII. Contacts

Associate Dean of Student Success and Retention
Program Director, Counseling and Career Center

IX. Definitions

A. CLS: College Learning Studies

B. CLS 100 Challenge Exam: An exam offered for a fee in the Academic Testing Center. This exam may be attempted once. Students receiving a passing score on this exam will receive two credits for CLS 100 by examination and will not be required to enroll in the course. Please note: Transferability of credit by examination is determined by the transfer institution and is not guaranteed.

C. PY: Psychology

X. Procedures

Students who have completed 12 or more college credits (with a GPA of 2.0 or higher) and have not transferred those credits to GRCC or the credits have yet to be evaluated, may contact the Office of Associate Dean of Student Success and Retention for a waiver of this requirement.

XI. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

January 2014

XIII. Policy History

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XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

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