Learning Support is a statewide program designed to help students progress academically. Learning Support courses carry institutional credit only, which means that grades are not computed in the semester grade point average or in a transfer or graduate average. However, these courses prepare students for credit-level courses ahead.

A rigid set of policies from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia governs Learning Support. The following policies are most important to Learning Support students.

1. During each semester of enrollment any student (full or part-time) must first register for all required Learning Support courses before being allowed to register for other courses. Students requiring remediation in two or more areas may be allowed to enroll for remediation in two Learning Support courses along with Freshmen College Studies 1010, Freshmen College Computer Studies 1100, or a Physical Education course.

2. A student may not accumulate more than 20 hours of academic credit before completing ALL Learning Support requirements. A student who accumulates twenty hours of academic credit and has not successfully completed required Learning Support courses may enroll ONLY in Learning Support courses until requirements are successfully completed.

3. Students enrolled in both Learning Support and credit courses may not withdraw from Learning Support courses unless they also withdraw from credit courses.

4. A student must complete requirements in any one area of Learning Support (English, reading, or math) in three attempts. If a student does not complete requirements in three attempts, the student will be suspended for three years, at which time Georgia Highlands College may readmit the student.

5. A transfer Learning Support student may be granted semester hours to exit an area(s) if that student was making appropriate progress at the sending institution and is ready for the exit level course at Georgia Highlands College and provided the student has not exceeded system attempts.

6. Suspension for three years is subject to appeal. To be eligible to appeal, the student must be in an exit level course and must have reached the semester hour limit in only one Learning Support area. If granted the additional course, the student may enroll in only that course for the semester.

Students in a career program, rather than a transfer program, must check with an advisor to determine how these policies apply.

Receipt of any form of financial aid may require that students complete all Learning Support courses within a specified time. See the Director of Financial Aid for more information.