

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Completion of Remedial Coursework

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Current Board policy concerning remediation provides that all degree-seeking students who place in developmental/remedial coursework must take the prescribed sequence of courses until remediation is completed. However, the policy does not provide that remedial coursework must be completed prior to attempting higher level courses. Therefore, it is possible that students may delay taking the necessary remedial courses until late in their college careers. Doing so circumvents the intent of remedial coursework to adequately prepare students for college-level

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This proposal is brought forward following the conversations and recommendation of the Academic Affairs Council who have appropriately considered this matter.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Requiring students to complete all required remedial coursework prior to the completion of 30 college-level credits will:

- ensure that students are adequately prepared for advanced coursework prior to proceeding;
- and
- increase the likelihood for a student's success and persistence on to degree completion.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

Special circumstances may delay a student taking the remedial courses prior to completing 30 credits. (Language allowing for institutional exceptions is part of the policy to address this possibility.)

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Maintain the current policy so that students are not limited in the number of college-level credits that may be completed prior to the completion of the requisite remedial courses.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title #4 Chapter #16
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

placement procedures may be used for mathematics placement at the community colleges in lieu of the ACT or SAT.

Mathematics Test Scores to Be Used

(Minimum test scores will be set by each institution
for any course listed with a test score range)

Mathematics Course

Enhanced ACT Math