DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

Students attending Texas public institutions of higher education must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). The state of Texas assesses entering college students for college readiness in reading, mathematics, and writing unless they qualify for an exemption, exception, or waiver. Students who do not meet the minimum passing standards of the exam must complete a college readiness/academic program designed to help them achieve college readiness.

The Developmental Education program offers courses in English, Mathematics, and Reading to help learners attain the skills to succeed in college-level courses. Because of students' diverse learning styles and preferences, we offer more than traditional classroom instruction, including self-paced computerized learning modules, integrated reading and writing, accelerated math, and supplemental instruction. A student enrolled in a developmental education course may not drop the course without facing a forced withdrawal from the university.

Mission Statement
The mission of developmental education at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is to facilitate the academically challenging, engaging, and rewarding growth and scholarly development of students whose assessment scores indicate they need our services to help them sharpen their skills, enable them to satisfy the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA), and ensure they enroll and succeed in college level courses.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

Please review the Texas Success Initiative (http://catalog.tamut.edu/admissions/tsi) in this catalog for additional information.

Effective fall 2014, the TSIA identifies students as
• College Ready—Eligible for college-level coursework
• Developmental Education (Dev Ed or DE)—Eligible for Dev Ed Interventions
• Adult Basic Education (ABE)—Eligible for ABE Interventions at Community and Technical Colleges

Program Objectives
• To facilitate various Developmental Education interventions
• To assist students in satisfying the Texas Success Initiative (TSI)
• To comply with the state-required acceleration changes
• To meet student learning outcomes in math, reading, and writing
• To provide adequate academic support for students

Guidelines for Concurrent Credit Courses and Developmental Education Courses
Students must adhere to the guidelines below to be in compliance with Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Developmental Education Plan:

• Students are limited to taking no more than 13 SCH per semester if they need two (2) or more developmental education courses.
• If students need any one part of the TSI requirement (mathematics, reading, or writing), they MUST BE ENROLLED in that course while being enrolled in other academic coursework. Students may NOT elect to take credit courses without concurrent enrollment in the requisite developmental course for which they have not provided proof of TSI completion.
• Students who have satisfied the mathematics TSI requirement, but not the reading, and/or writing TSI requirements, must demonstrate mastery of the reading and/or writing college readiness skills in INRW II or the required re-test of the TSIA before enrolling in any college level course (with minimum exceptions listed below).
• Students enrolled in INRW 0398 or INRW 0399 may concurrently take any of the courses listed below:
  • ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
  • BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications
  • DRAM 1310 Introduction to Theatre
  • GEOG 1303 World Regional Geography
  • MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
  • SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
  • Any Activity Course (e.g., IS 0300 and IS 1100)
• Students who have satisfied the reading and writing TSI requirements, but not the mathematics TSI requirements, must demonstrate mastery of the mathematics college readiness skills in MATH 0300, MATH 0301, and MATH 0302 or the required re-test of the Math TSIA before enrolling in a college level mathematics, science, or engineering course.
Drop Policy
Students may not drop or be dropped from developmental education courses. Students who unsuccessfully attempt the same developmental education intervention for the third time will be allowed to enroll only in developmental education courses until TSI requirements are met.

For more information about the TSI and Developmental Education, please contact the Developmental Education at (903) 223-3046, DevEd@tamut.edu, or visit the Developmental Education (http://www.tamut.edu/Academics/Student-Support/Developmental-Education) website.