

Students who are **flagged as a “Low-Fail”** on the **Regents’ Essay Exam** must enroll in the Regents’ Essay Review course the following semester regardless of the number of semesters enrolled, effective Fall 2009. All other students have only three semesters to satisfy the Regents’ Essay exam. If they have not passed after three semesters, they must take an Essay review course each semester in attendance until the Essay Section has been passed, whether English 1101 or 1102 has been completed. A student who has never tested or satisfied the requirement and has been enrolled three semesters must also enroll in the Regents’ Essay Review course - each term is considered an attempt.

Each course carries two hours of institutional credit and will be considered a part of the student’s academic load. The student may not register for more than 18 hours Fall and Spring semesters including the review courses. Summer semester students may register for no more than 12 hours.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student must attend at least 75 percent of the classes and complete at least 75 percent of the assigned work in order to be eligible to take the Regents’ Test that same semester. Failure to attend at least 50% of the class sessions will result in the student being ineligible to enroll in the University for the subsequent semester.

REGENT’S REVIEW WORKSHOPS

To brush up on some test taking skills before the exam visit the Academic Success Center. Regents’ Review Workshops are offered each semester the week before the exam. Go to <http://academics.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/success/RegentsWorkshops.htm> to view the most current information about the workshops. Students who fail the Regents’ Exam and are not required to take the Review Class(es) **should** attend a Regents’ workshop.

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The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia instituted the Regents’ Testing Program to serve as one means by which each institution in the University System can ensure that students receiving degrees from the institution possess minimum skills of reading and writing.

REGENTS' TESTING PROGRAM

The Regents' Test is an examination that assesses the competency level in reading and writing of those students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs in University System institutions. The following statement is policy of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia:

Each institution of the University System of Georgia will ensure the other institutions and the system as a whole that students obtaining a degree from the institution possess literacy competence.

WHO TAKES THE REGENTS' TEST

- All regularly enrolled undergraduate students of Georgia Southern University.

- Students whose native language is not English will take the test but will be tested separately and given more time (2 hours) on each component of the test under the guidelines of the International Students' Policies.

- Students with a documented disability will take the test under provisions approved by the Student Disability Resource Center.

- All transfer students must take the test their first term of enrollment.

WHEN TO TAKE

THE REGENTS' TEST

Students must take both sections of the test during their first semester of enrollment unless they meet one or more of the exemptions listed below.

- Those who do not take the test while enrolled at Georgia Southern in ENGL 1101 cannot enroll in ENGL 1102 until they have taken the Regents' Test.

- Students who do not pass the test must continue taking the section(s) of the test not passed each term until both sections are passed.
- Students who fail both sections of the test are required to retake both sections at one testing.
- Students must take both sections of the test; however, even if one section is failed, the student may still enroll in ENGL 1102..

The Registrar's Office and Testing Office will register students for the test. The test will appear as RRE 0001 (Reading and Essay), RE 0001 (Essay only), or RR 0001 (Reading only) on students' schedules.

Students will be notified via their Georgia Southern email that they are registered for the test.

EXEMPTIONS

Reading

- Regents' Reading Test score: 61
- SAT-I Verbal score: 510
- ACT Reading score: 23 (SAT or ACT scores must be from a national administration.)

Essay

- Regents' Essay Test score: 2
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition score: 3
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition score: 3
- International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level English score: 4
- SAT II English Writing score: 650
- SAT Reasoning Test, Writing Section Score: 560 (effective March 2007)
- SAT Reading score of 510 AND SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section of 500
- ACT Combined English/Writing score of 24
- ACT Combined English/Writing score of 22 AND ACT Reading score of 23

TRANSFER STUDENTS

All transfer students must take the test during their first term of enrollment. Those who have not passed the test before their third semester of enrollment are subject to the review course requirement. **EXCEPTION: If a transfer student scores a 50 or below on the Regents' Reading Exam and/or a low fail score on the Regents' Essay, they will automatically have to enroll in the Regents' Reading and/or Essay Review course(s) the following semester regardless of the semester enrolled,** effective Fall 2009. Students who have not satisfied Regents' Test requirements but have satisfied ENGL 1101 prior to entering GaSoU may be permitted to enroll in ENGL 1102 and will be registered for the Regents' Test(s). Transfer students who have completed ENGL 1101 and/or 1102 still need to fulfill the Regents' Exam either through the exemptions option on the left or by taking the exam.

REGENTS' REVIEW COURSES

Students who score a **50 or below** on the **Regents' Reading Exam** must enroll in the Regents' Reading Review course the following semester regardless of the number of semesters they have been enrolled. All other students have only three semesters to satisfy the Regents' Reading exam. If they have not passed after three semesters, they must take a Reading review course each semester in attendance until the Reading Section has been passed, whether English 1101 or 1102 has been completed. A student who has never tested or satisfied the requirement and has been enrolled three semesters must also enroll in the Regents' Reading Review course - each term is considered an attempt.

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