Developmental course work consists of non-degree-applicable basic skills courses.

A student’s need for developmental coursework shall be determined using appropriate assessment instruments, methods, or procedures.

No student shall receive more than 30 semester units for developmental course work, subject to the following exceptions:

A. A student who is enrolled in one or more courses of English as a Second Language is exempt from this unit limitation.

B. A student who has been officially identified by the college as having a learning disability is exempt from this unit limitation.

A student who demonstrates significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to enrollment in college-level courses may request a waiver of this unit limitation. Such a waiver, if granted, will be given for specified periods of time or for specified units pursuant to standards approved by the MiraCosta College Board of Trustees.

Students who need more than 30 units to develop college-level basic skills will be restricted to taking only noncredit courses, non-degree-applicable courses that do not involve remediation, and those degree-applicable credit courses that do not have basic skills prerequisites or advisories on recommended preparation.

If a student who has been dismissed due to lack of progress or substandard grades (see Board Policy /Administrative Procedure 4250 and Administrative Procedure 4255) successfully completes developmental course work or demonstrates skill levels that assure success in college-level courses, he or she may petition the Committee on Exceptions for reinstatement to proceed with college-level course work.

The MiraCosta College catalog shall include a clear statement of the limited applicability of developmental course work toward fulfilling degree requirements and any exemptions that may apply to this limitation.