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The Division of Business and Computer Science (BCS) at Atlanta Metropolitan State College is committed to high standards of academic excellence and relevance while providing business and computer academic programs, services, and extra-curricular activities, which meet the dynamically challenging needs of the diverse population that the College serves.

In accordance with the overall mission of the college, the Division offers three types of degree-granting business programs:

• Business and computer related transfer programs for students intending to pursue the baccalaureate degree in business or computer related fields.
• Business and computer related career programs for students seeking academic preparation for employment.
• Business and computer related cooperative programs to complement vocational/technical certification in a business or computer field.

The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) is a special program of the Business and Computer Science Division that provides professional services and programs to businesses and residents in the metro Atlanta area. The CFE provides a wide range of courses, workshops, and services to meet the needs of the business sector, including: (1) writing business plans, (2) establishing sound fiscal practices, (3) obtaining business licensing and completing IRS documents, (4) acquiring bank loans, (5) understanding business accounting, (6) launching effective business marketing and public relations, and (6) starting for profit and nonprofit businesses.

The instructional and learning activities, extra-curricular activities, and support services of the Division of Business and Computer Science are especially designed to develop in students a general business knowledge that is both globally and technologically relevant. The activities and services also place emphasis on the development of critical thinking, communications, and computer and information literacy skills.

In addition to the academic degree programs and services offered, the Division of Business also works in conjunction with other units of the college to provide services and programs for the college community, as well as for local businesses and industry.

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

In courses offered by the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, students examine the human experience through the eyes of writers, philosophers, artists and musicians.
Members of the Division are committed to providing opportunities for students to satisfy their Core Curriculum requirements in English Composition and electives in Humanities and Fine Arts. Members of the Division are sensitive to the needs of individual students and seek to develop logical thinkers, articulate communicators, avid readers, accurate writers and analytical listeners. In addition, members of the Division provide extra-curricular activities, which engage students' creative energies while complementing their academic experience.

State-of-the-art computer technology used in Division courses encourages students to become computer literate so that they can be successful in an ever-changing global environment.

DIVISION OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The Science, Mathematics, and Health Professions Division is committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in science, mathematics and engineering. The Division also seeks to promote the development of the critical thinking, and communication skills of its students. To this end, the Division provides quality instruction that is intellectually challenging, yet considerate of the needs of the “non-traditional” student. Accordingly, instruction is provided in various formats to accommodate varied learning styles. Instructional technologies, including computer aided instruction, multimedia, and audio-visual programs, are used to enhance teaching and learning. Hands-on activities and interactive learning are an integral part of laboratory instruction. The Division supports pre-College initiatives and sponsors bridge programs for the purpose of attracting and preparing young scholars for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers.

The Division offers course requirements and electives for allied health programs, pre-engineering, and laboratory sequences in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Transfer programs are designed to prepare students for matriculation at a senior college or university, whereas students can also complete a Baccalaureate program in Biological Science or Applied Mathematics. The Core Curriculum, each of the units of the University System of Georgia, including Atlanta Metropolitan State College, facilitates the transfer of credits among member institutions. The Division is the instructional unit for STEM transfer and career programs, providing course work appropriate to those programs of study (Area F). The Division also offers Area D requirements and elective courses for all programs offered by the College.

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Members of the Division of Social Sciences provide students with the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the developing person and society, along with knowledge of the interaction between the social
environment and behavior, in preparation for advanced educational training and/or vocational opportunities.

The Atlanta Metropolitan State College LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Atlanta Metropolitan State College Learning Support (LS) program serves students who need additional preparation in English, reading, and/or mathematics, by providing College preparatory courses in these three areas. Learning Support English and reading courses are offered through the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts. Learning Support mathematics courses are offered through the Division of Science, Mathematics and Health Professions. In addition full-time counseling services are available to assist students with the many challenges of academic life.

Learning Support Placement Requirements

Screening and placement into the three areas of Learning Support English, reading and mathematics are implemented in accordance with policies established by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Although neither SAT scores nor ACT scores are required for admission to Atlanta Metropolitan State College, students who have recent ACT or SAT scores that meet the following criteria may be exempted from Learning Support placement testing:

- An ACT English score of 17 or a SAT Verbal score of 430 and completion of the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) <formerly called the College Preparatory Curriculum> in English are needed to be exempted from placement testing in Learning Support English and reading. An ACT Math score of 17 or a SAT Math score of 400 and completion of the RHSC in mathematics are needed to be exempted placement testing in Learning Support mathematics.

- For students transferring from a Commission on Colleges (COC)-accredited Department of Technical Adult Education (DTAE) College, comparable scores from the DTAE College may be used according to guidelines issued by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of the USG. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements are then administered the COMPASS (Computerized-Adaptive Placement Support System) exam to determine if Learning Support courses are required. Those students whose COMPASS scores are below the established cutoffs for the English, reading, and/or mathematics will be required to complete appropriate Learning Support courses in accordance with Board of Regents Policy. (Students who have taken a COMPASS or ASSET placement test at a COC-accredited DTAE College and transfer to a USG institution will not be required to take another placement test if they were in attendance at the