

**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COURSE (SDV)**

**Policy Number:** 230

**Categorized:** [Academic](#)

**Responsible Office:** Chief Academic Officer

**Subject:** Requirement for taking SDV 100 College Success Skills or SDV 101 Orientation to a specific discipline

**Related Policies:**

**Procedures:** See below.

**Additional Information:** [Course Content Summary SDV 100](#), [Course Content Summary SDV 101](#), [SDV ABLE Exam](#)

**Effective Date:**

**Last Reviewed Date:** 07/29/2021

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**1. Scope**

This policy applies to all students who enroll in at least 15 credits and do not already have a degree.

**2. Policy Statement**

All students, except those in some career studies certificate programs, shall participate in a one-credit student development course designed to help them succeed in college, either SDV 100 College Success Skills or SDV 101 Orientation to a specific discipline.

**3. Definitions**

N/A

**4. Procedures**

Students must take an SDV course within their first 15 semester hours at the College, unless the requirement has been met in an alternative way. This requirement may be met in several ways:

- a. Take the course on campus or through NOVA Online (1 credit hour).
- b. Use transfer credit from another university version of the course to fulfill the requirement.
- c. Pass the SDV ABLE Exam with a score of 38 or better. First time to college students, ages 17-24, are ineligible to take the exam in their first year.
- d. Students who hold a transfer-oriented associate degree or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have met this requirement.

## **5. Authority**

VCCS Policy 6.4.0.3. Orientation/Student Development