

## Remedial courses necessary

Letter writers Eduardo Padron, president of Miami Dade College, and Tillie Fox are unfortunately correct that so many incoming students are simply unprepared for college. Without remediation, these students have a slim chance of succeeding in college courses. Remediation is needed to best serve the needs of the community, but there is an overriding question: Should colleges be charged to provide this remediation, especially by tapping already stretched budgets? The real question is, why are recent high school graduates unprepared in basic subjects like math? Too often, the non-credit remedial course-work that many times begins with basic arithmetic should have been mastered long ago. Colleges should do what colleges do best, which is to deliver a good college education.

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