

FIRST SEMESTER

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Get to know your Academic Advisor

The Academic Advising Center is committed to helping you successfully transition to GCSU and, ultimately, to reach your academic goals. Academic Advising is a partnership between you and advisors. We provide information, guidance and encouragement while you create and work towards completing your goals. Come visit us up on the 2nd floor of Lanier—we're excited to meet you!

gcsu.edu/advising  @gcacademicadvising

Learn about GC Journeys

GC Journeys is our vision for enacting our liberal arts mission where every aspect of your time here—courses, athletics, clubs, residential life and even the campus itself—contributes to helping you become a thinker and doer prepared to go beyond where you ever imagined you could go. During your first semester you'll develop your initial GC Journeys plan.

gcsu.edu/gcjourneys  @gcjourneys_

Get to know your peer leaders

Your Community Advisor (CA) and First-Year Guide (FYG) are student leaders here to support you throughout your first year at GCSU.

 @gchousing  @georgiacollegefy

Participate in a Campus Organization

A huge part of your college experience is the life you make as a student. Where you live, what activities you're involved with and the friends you make are all decisions that will shape your academic endeavors. With over 140 student organizations, find one that's a good fit for you. Research shows that students who are involved persist through college, make better grades and graduate at higher rates.

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Develop your academic success skills

The Learning Center — Free academic support in mathematics, physics, economics, kinesiology and science courses throughout the core curriculum. In addition to traditional tutoring and academic success workshops, you may also have a course with a Supplemental Instructor (SI). SIs assist students with traditionally challenging academic courses through regular study sessions.

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The Writing Center — A free service available to all students for any writing project to improve the writer in all of us. Undergraduate Peer Tutors and Graduate Writing Consultants assist writers in all stages of the writing process, from brainstorming and organization to revision and polishing.

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Focus on your wellness

The Wellness and Recreation Center — Programs and services that promote healthy lifestyles, build community and enable student success.

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Counseling Services — Free and confidential short-term counseling and psychiatric services to support students on their path to academic success and personal wellness.

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Explore your major

- ▶ Take the FOCUS2 assessment
- ▶ Activate your Handshake account
- ▶ Visit academic department open houses
- ▶ Attend the Academic Expo in September
- ▶ Meet with a professor in your major

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Continue working with an Academic Advisor

Review your degree plan, make sure you're on track to earn 30 credit hours by the end of your first-year.

Review your GC Journeys Plan with an Academic Advisor

What are your next steps? Four years will fly by, make sure you're being intentional about maximizing your liberal arts experience with GC Journeys.

Develop your leadership skills

At GCSU, leadership means more. Beyond simply learning how to be successful in business or in your professions, at GCSU, we help our students forge meaningful connections to our communities and world. Explore the Leadership Certificate Program or other Leadership Program opportunities. Consider seeking out a student leadership position as a CA, FYG, SI or in a student organization.

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Visit the Career Center to learn how to package your skills

- ▶ Participate in a Resume Writing Workshop
- ▶ Upload your resume to Handshake

Get to know more about your major

See if there is a student organization for students with your major. Attend a departmental workshop or event. Explore possible undergraduate research opportunities within your program.

Apply for scholarships for the next academic year

Start planning for summer

Do you want to take a class this summer? Or maybe look for an internship? What about a study abroad opportunity? There's so much to consider.

Engage with your community

- ▶ Learn about the Milledgeville/Baldwin County area along with surrounding counties
- ▶ Become Certified to Serve as a Registered Volunteer through the Office of Community Engagement
- ▶ Get involved with a Service Registered Student Organization and make an impact today
- ▶ Track an impact hour in Give Pulse
- ▶ Take part in a community-based engagement project

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