



# REGISTERING FOR SUMMER CLASSES

Summer enrollment is an excellent opportunity for undergraduates to stay on track to graduate in four years (or even earlier), and it is required in several graduate programs. If you plan to take classes in the Summer semester, please review the following information to ensure that you do not have any issues on registration morning.

## **Prerequisites**

If you are taking two courses during the summer and the first course is the prerequisite for the second course (i.e., SPAN 2001 and 2002), you will need to get a prerequisite override from the department offering the second course before you will be able to register for it. You may do this before registration begins so you do not receive a registration error on registration morning.

If some of your Summer classes are prerequisites for your Fall classes, you must register for the Summer classes first so you don't have prerequisite issues when you register for Fall.

## **Summer Terms**

The summer term has six parts: Full term, May Term, June Term, July Term, May-June Term, and June-July Term. Please pay extra attention to the terms and dates that classes meet when you plan your schedule; you will not be eligible for refunds or late withdrawals if you register in the wrong part of term.

You may take a maximum of 18 hours during the entire summer. You may take classes during any or all of the summer terms, although we strongly recommend taking no more than two courses at any time unless they are part of a program cohort.

Even though it is possible to take as many as 18 hours, please seriously consider how much time you will spend in class (or online) and doing homework when you plan your course load. It is expected that you will spend two hours studying for every hour that you are in class. Therefore, if your class meets for two and a half hours, you should plan on having five hours of work to do on your own before your next class meeting. If your class is online, you should still plan on having an equivalent amount of classroom activity in addition to study time. Because of this time commitment, faculty will also expect that a summer course will be your primary focus during the weeks you are enrolled. You should not register for summer courses that coincide with vacations, extended work hours, or other personal obligations.

## **Online Courses**

GCSU offers a number of general education courses online each summer, as well as select major and graduate courses. To search for these courses, select "online" from the location drop down menu on the course schedule. Courses that have no meeting times are fully online; courses that have some meeting times list and an on-campus room assignment are hybrid courses and will require some attendance on campus. Courses that have a meeting time and an "online" room

assignment will meet together online at the times specified; students must be able to participate in courses on these days and times.

### **Grades and Transcripts**

Grades for all Summer courses are processed and posted at the end of the semester, which typically occurs in early August. Exact dates can be found on the [appropriate academic calendar](#). If you need a transcript with the Summer grade recorded, we will not be able to send an official transcript until the date listed on the summer calendar. However, if your instructor has posted the grade on PAWS before that date, we can send a letter verifying the course that you took and the grade that you received. Please contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@gcsu.edu](mailto:registrar@gcsu.edu) if you need this option.

### **Summer Degrees**

If you are completing degree requirements at any point during the Summer term (Full term, May Term, June Term, July Term, May-June Term, June-July Term), your grades and degree will be posted at the end of Summer. Please see the appropriate academic calendar for the conferral date. Diplomas for Summer graduates are generally mailed two to four weeks after the end of the semester.

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