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Students' *Guide* 2019

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Welcome New Students!

We feel privileged to hold one of the most rewarding positions on campus because it allows us the opportunity to meet and offer support to the newest student members of our collegiate family as they prepare for a significant transition.

With each new fall semester, we’ve seen the quality of Georgia College incoming students’ academic credentials, accomplishments and cultural and leadership talents grow at an impressive rate. Your class is no different!

However, with all new beginnings comes change and adjustment. Attending Orientation is one of the best ways to ensure your successful transition. Orientation will help prepare you for the physical and emotional opportunities and challenges that come with the “going off to college” process. Just getting to know members of the faculty and staff, learning classroom and resource facility locations, preparing for your August move-in and having a chance to get to know current students will open many doors for you this fall.

We hope you will benefit from the information in this guide. For each of you, we wish a very positive and successful experience!

Go Bobcats!

GC Orientation Staff

Welcome to Georgia College!



*Steve M. Dorman,
President*

Dear Student,

Welcome to the Georgia College Class of 2022!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Georgia College, the state's designated public liberal arts university, where we challenge our students to think independently and lead creatively.

From the moment you set foot on our campus, you'll feel an unmistakable air of preeminence. It hums from the historical architecture that speaks to our rich heritage and extends to the small-town residential feeling of the campus. Whether you are on our campus or strolling through quaint downtown Milledgeville, you will immediately feel at home here.

Through experiences both inside and outside the classroom, you will learn and develop as much personally as you will professionally. This is by design, as we've just formally introduced the GC Journey's program which provides:

- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Strong written and oral communication
- The ability to lead creatively as part of a team with diverse backgrounds and skill sets
- Civic engagement
- An understanding of our global community

Research has shown us that these are the types of skills that employers look for in college graduates. Our rich liberal arts philosophy will develop well-rounded and forward-thinking individuals who will find opportunities to lead and engage from multiple perspectives. That's what it means to "Think Independently. Lead Creatively."

I encourage you to get involved with the Georgia College community right from the start. Wherever your passion lies, chances are there's a group of students who share that passion. Find ways to get involved in some of our many student-led organizations or even create a new one so that you can do great things for the community around us.

We hope that the information here will be helpful as you become a Georgia College Bobcat! We look forward to your arrival for the Fall semester and wish you a wonderful summer!

With Bobcat pride,

Steve M. Dorman
President

Preparing for Fall: Your Summer Assignments

During Summer Orientation 2019, you will be given access to an online collection of twenty thoughtful, engaging essays on a variety of current topics. You are asked to select two to three essays to read in preparation for a faculty-led micro seminar during Weekend of Welcome.

As part of our comprehensive alcohol, drug and sexual misconduct prevention program, Georgia College requires each member of the first-year class to complete two online courses, AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates. These two courses prepare new college students for the unique challenges and responsibilities of college life by focusing on minimizing the risk associated with alcohol, drugs and sexual violence and by promoting healthy campus cultures that foster learning and personal growth.

Important Dates

Course Opens June 24, 2019
Part 1 Deadline Aug. 9, 2019
Part 2 Deadline Oct. 11, 2019

AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates: Part 1 will be available beginning June 24, 2019. Students will receive an email at their bobcats.gcsu.edu email address with a link to begin the course. **The deadline for finishing AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates: Part 1 is Aug. 9, 2019.** You must complete this section before moving into the residence halls.

About 45 days into the semester, you will receive an email informing you that it is time for you to complete AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates: Part 2. This part of the course follows up with students early in their college life to track how their attitudes and behaviors have shifted. **The deadline to complete AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates: Part 2 is Oct. 11, 2019.** Completion of the entire course is a requirement to receive a passing grade in the First-Year Academic Seminar class.

For more information, visit: gcsu.edu/studentaffairs/freshman-requirements

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA Welcomes You

Class of 2023,

We are very excited to have you on campus!

I would like to personally welcome you to the newest class of students at Georgia College. We are happy to have you here with us. Soon you will find out what an amazing place Georgia College truly is.

Milledgeville is a place full of new experiences and opportunities. My advice to you would be to engage in the campus in such a way that exposes you to new people, ideas and perspectives that will help you grow and find your passions. A great way to do this is by representing your peers in a position with the Student Government Association, a position that allows you share knowledge and resources to make our school a better place. Even if you don't join SGA, remember that there is a group of students dedicated to supporting you in any situation you might find yourself in during the next four years. Feel free to reach out to me at the email address below with any questions or concerns you may have.

Whether your path takes you to a new country on a study abroad, to discover new ideas through research or to meeting a new friend at the Max; I know there is a life-changing experience waiting for each one of you here at GC.

I know starting your first year here can seem daunting, but I was in your shoes once. Georgia College is the best place for you to grow into the greatest version of yourself and I want to support you as you take that first step. My goal is to make your college experience as special as mine has been.

I hope you find Georgia College to be as life-changing as I have.

Welcome to your new home.



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Self Help: How to Raise a Parent While at College

It is a little-known fact that properly raising a parent requires attention and thought. Developing parents can be tough enough when you are with them on a day-to-day basis. Teaching them that you can take care of yourself and have a life is difficult. Acknowledging and working with their problem of letting go is challenging. When you are away at college and your days are filled with other activities, nurturing your parents may be, at best, an afterthought. Be proactive and invest time in your parents now. Doing so can make your life easier in the long run. Several tips and strategies can be helpful in this process.

You are not the only one learning and growing. Your parents are losing a bird from their nest. Whether or not you are the first in your family to go to college or the last, your family will change as a result of you leaving. The role you played in your family was important and will not easily be replaced. Try to understand life from your parents' perspective. A little empathy goes a long way. Know they have anxieties and fears about the shift in your life as well as their own.

Parents don't magically know how to relate to their grown children as adults. There is no secret formula to this process. You figure it out through effective communication and conflict. Talk directly and openly with your parents about what you've learned. Know that they'll wish to contribute and allow them to.

Most parent-child relationships have a certain level of dependency. You count on your parents to be there in a time of need. Many adult children view being dependent as negative and strive toward independence. Your parents become accustomed to it. After all, you have been their child and were dependent on them for many years. Know that your parents may have difficulty immediately accepting that you are an adult. In fact, they may accept this idea only after considerable conflict occurs. Be patient with them. Tell them about your successes and failures. Reassure them that you are handling your mistakes responsibly.

The parental apple doesn't fall far from the grandparental tree. Your parents likely will approach your newfound adulthood similarly to how their parents approached them when first leaving home. Learn about the difficulties your mother or father had during this time. What did their parents do or say that was helpful or unhelpful? This history can be useful in understanding your parents' attitudes. Know that your parents are learning too. They need help relating to you as an adult and they struggle with losing a child they care for deeply. Help your parents understand that they are gaining an adult who has learned much from their parenting.

University Housing

You and your family will want to prepare during the summer for your upcoming departure to college. You are encouraged to contact your new roommate and begin discussing plans for living together. Who will contribute what to the room? What expectations do you have for your roommate relationship? You can refer to the “Roommate and Suitemate Agreement,” which is posted on the University Housing website, for a starting point: gcsu.edu/housing/housing-contracts-and-forms

Many of our students take advantage of online searches and social networking sites such as Facebook and Instagram to research their roommates prior to arrival. Please remember that information found online is often misleading and can result in rash judgments. We strongly encourage you to meet your roommate in person before making any decisions about how you will get along. Remember, it is likely they will be researching you, too.

The university’s housing program is designed to enhance students’ development as they move from the start of their first year through preparation for the post-collegiate world as seniors. The university’s requirement that all first-year students live on campus exists to provide a foundation for new students and aid them in their transition to the college experience—both inside and outside the classroom. We expect students to live on campus for at least their first two years at Georgia College and require all first-year students to reside in either the residence halls on Central Campus or The Village at West Campus. As students return for their sophomore year, they are able to select single rooms on Central Campus or apartments at The



Village. The programs in these buildings provide independent living under the umbrella of the university with the advantage of campus resources, services and programs.

All new students should plan to check into their buildings for the start of Weekend of Welcome activities on Thursday, Aug. 15. To assist in the process of moving in 2,000 students, you will be asked to check in during a designated block of time, which will be announced during Orientation and in the move-in mailer that will arrive late July.

If you or your parents have any specific questions prior to your arrival on campus, do not hesitate to contact our office. Please contact us at 478-445-5160 or email housing@gcsu.edu.

Frequently Asked Housing Questions

When should I check in?

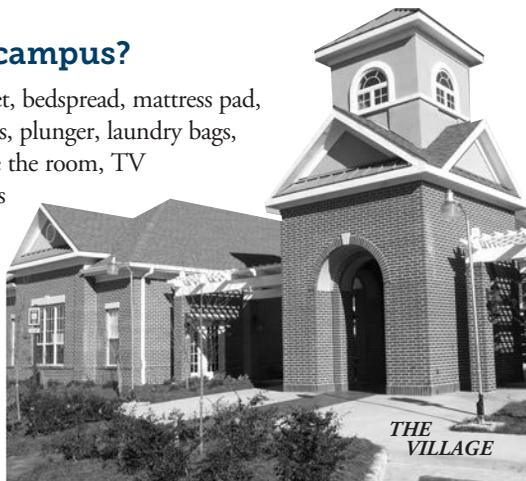
All students are encouraged to check in on Thursday, Aug. 15, between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Specific check-in times have been assigned to students based upon the first letter of their last name. Your specific check-in time will be announced during Orientation and in the move-in mailer that arrives late July.

What is provided in a typical student room?

Each resident is provided with a bed and mattress, desk and chair, dresser, lockable closet, bookshelf, window blinds, cable TV service and high-speed wireless internet. The Village also has a full kitchen, a furnished living room and dining room table and chairs.

What should I bring to campus?

Items to bring include a pillow, blanket, bedspread, mattress pad, sheets, shower curtain and rings, towels, plunger, laundry bags, hangers, umbrella, items to personalize the room, TV and a computer. At The Village, items to use for cooking in the kitchen are useful. We suggest that you wait to purchase these until you discuss supplying the kitchen with your apartment-mates. A full list of items is available at gcsu.edu/housing/move-in.





What should I not bring to campus?

Weapons and firearms, halogen or lava lamps, toaster ovens, hot plates, space heaters, indoor grilling appliance (i.e. George Foreman grill), extension cords, candles and incense, coffee pots with exposed heating elements and any items or appliances the university or the Fire Marshall may deem potentially dangerous should all stay at home. A full list of items is available at gcsu.edu/housing/move-in.

What kinds of appliances can I bring?

A refrigerator no larger than 4.3 cubic feet and 2 running amps and a microwave no larger than 800 watts are allowed. Cooking appliances with exposed elements should stay at home. Fire safety regulations allow cooking only in kitchens provided in each residence hall.

What size are the mattresses?

Mattresses are 80-inch “extra-long” twin-size in the residence halls and are standard full-size at The Village.

Can students bunk or loft their beds in the residence halls?

Yes. The beds in Bell Hall are already lofted. The beds in the rest of the residence halls can be bunked or lofted. Hardware is available from the housing staff. Loft kits are available for rent from CollegeProducts (collegeproducts.com/store/gc) during Orientation. Homemade lofts are not permitted. If beds are lofted, the use of safety rails is required.

Can a housing contract be canceled during the year?

The residence hall housing contract is a legal agreement and is binding for the fall and spring semesters. Contracts at The Village are for 12 months (Aug. – July).

Can I change my meal plan?

Meal Plans can be lowered until Aug. 14 for the fall semester and until Jan. 3 for the spring semester by contacting the Bobcat Card Office if you are a commuter student or through University Housing if you are living on campus.

How does a student request a room change?

After the first two weeks of the semester, room changes can be requested online.

What is a “CA”?

CAs (Community Advisers) are experienced students employed by University Housing and are key resources for you. There is a CA on each wing/floor.





What is a Community Director?

Each hall has a Community Director (CD)—either a full-time professional or graduate student—who lives in the hall with the students and provides leadership to the building and the development of a supportive functioning community throughout the hall. The Community Director supervises the CAs and is also a key resource for you.

Where can I learn more about Move-In?

Visit the housing website, gcsu.edu/housing/move-in, for details on move-in day, packing lists, room dimensions and more. You can also like GC Housing on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

“Your room will not clean itself. Agree on a cleaning arrangement with your roommate and stick to it! I promise it hurts a lot less than you think.”

– GC Community Advisor

GC Dining Services



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Welcome to GC Dining Services, operated by Sodexo Campus Services, where you'll find great customer service and the freshest and highest quality food in an atmosphere that promotes fun and excitement with innovative ideas to keep you involved. The camaraderie created each year among students, faculty and staff enhances the dining program.

We encourage student feedback through various means – e.g., comment cards, surveys and one-on-one sharing with dining staff. We're always responsive to customer suggestions and our menu is ever-evolving, following dining trends regionally, nationally and internationally.

There are several meal plans from which to choose, as well as four opportunities to eat daily, Monday through Friday (breakfast, lunch, light lunch and dinner). Brunch and dinner are served on the weekends.

Freshmen may select from the following four dining plans.

Unlimited 7: unlimited dining at The MAX seven days a week

Unlimited 5: unlimited weekday dining at The MAX

Weekly 14: Your choice of any 14 meals per week at The MAX

Weekly 10: Your choice of any 10 meals per week at The MAX

All plans include one meal equivalency swipe per weekday, for your choice of breakfast or lunch selections at The Lunch Box or late-night dining in the Bobcat Food Court. All meal plans automatically renew and the associated fees are assessed for spring semester unless University Housing (for residents) or the Bobcat Card Office (for commuters) is notified of a desired change by Dec. 1.

GC's main dining hall, The MAX, is located in Maxwell Student Union. Included in The MAX are several all-you-care-to-eat dining venues including the 441 Diner and Grill, Milla d'Villa Italian eatery, Magellan's Mongolian Grill, Vidalia's Vegetarian and Vegan fare, Sinclair's Sandwiches and Azul y Verde. On-campus retail dining includes Chick-Fil-A Express, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Subway, Books & Brew and The Lunch Box. Hours for retail dining locations vary from 7:30 a.m. until 11 p.m.

We are excited about this upcoming school year and look forward to serving you.

Student Health Services



The Student Health Clinic is located on the first floor of the Wellness and Recreation Center at West Campus. The clinic services are available to students for most illnesses, minor injuries, women's health care, sexually transmitted disease testing/treatment, laboratory testing and many other things. The clinic is staffed by nationally-certified Nurse Practitioners.

Students are seen by appointment and you should call 478-445-5288 to schedule a time to be seen. Clinic hours are Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can also be made online by logging into Unify, then selecting Medicat.

The Bobcat ID card is your official Georgia College ID and is **required** for entrance into the clinic and is also **required** to obtain services in the clinic. Students should bring their Bobcat ID card and insurance card to every visit. Insurance is filed for visits to the clinic, but there is no balance billing. Insurance plan information offered by the University System of Georgia/Board of Regents is available by contacting Adam Fathi at adam.fathi@gcsu.edu or 478-445-8516.

If you need medical attention on weekends or after hours, there is Fast Track Urgent Care located on Hwy. 441 (N. Columbia St.) next to Firehouse Subs; and there is the Navicent Baldwin Hospital Emergency Room located at 821 N. Cobb St., Milledgeville. These facilities are not part of Georgia College. For any emergency, you should call **GC Public Safety at 478-445-4400 or 911.**

For additional information about the clinic, visit our website at gcsu.edu/studenthealth/.

If you have specific questions or concerns, call the clinic at **478-445-5288.**

Barnes & Noble at Georgia College

The Georgia College Bookstore is operated by Barnes & Noble and serves students, faculty and staff as well as the local community. Barnes & Noble at Georgia College is located half a block off the main campus in the heart of downtown Milledgeville, right next to the courthouse in the Campus Theatre building. Barnes & Noble at Georgia College is a full-service bookstore, offering a large general reading section, GC clothing and gift items. Barnes & Noble at Georgia College also offers a convenient online storefront which allows students to order textbooks as they register for classes, or they can order directly from the store's website (shopGC.com). Orders placed online are available via UPS shipping or for in-store pickup within one business day of order. New, used and electronic textbooks are available; and the store offers a textbook rental program for select titles as well.

Barnes & Noble at Georgia College accepts cash, checks, major credit cards and CatCash (the Bobcat Card's debit account) for all purchases. The bookstore does not maintain charge accounts for individuals. Students may authorize financial aid funds to be used at the Georgia College Bookstore.

Barnes & Noble at Georgia College is typically open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Extended hours are offered during the first-of-semester rush.



GeorgiaCollegeBookstore



GCBookstore



GACollegeBooks

Innovation Station

The Innovation Station is Georgia College's premier location for all things tech. Located in Russell Library, Innovation Station features Mac and PC laptops and tablets, as well as accessories for all your devices. Stop by the store during Orientation to place orders for fall.

Students receive educational discounts when shopping through Innovation Station and the staff has worked with academic departments to ensure students get exactly what they need.

Serve, the GC help desk, is housed in Innovation Station so tech support is on site and ready to help.

The Innovation Station includes a demo room that serves as a digital sandbox where students, faculty and staff can try out the latest technology and find new applications in and out of the classroom.



GCInnovationStation



Innovation.Station



InnovationGCSU

The Bobcat Card:

Your Campus One-Card Solution

The Bobcat Card is an essential key to campus life and a handy tool for managing your money. As your official Georgia College identification card, the Bobcat Card gives you access to facilities, services and fun! You can also use your Bobcat Card for making purchases at participating locations around town. The Bobcat Card is truly an all-inclusive card, serving as your:

- Personal debit card to access available funds for purchases in a CatCash account
- Meal plan card
- Retail dining card (for purchases at on-campus retail dining facilities)
- Library card
- Access card to residence halls
- Laundry vending card
- Snack and beverage vending card (select vending areas)
- Copier vending card
- Bookstore debit card
- Computer lab pay-for-print card
- Debit card for use with select off-campus merchants



How to Get a Bobcat Card

Bobcat Cards are produced at the Bobcat Card Office next to Einstein's Bagels (lower level of MSU). Photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, is required to obtain your initial Bobcat Card. The initial card is issued free of charge, but there is a \$25 fee for replacement cards. Photographs for student cards are taken during orientation. **Students who were unable to have their ID photo made at Orientation should come to the Bobcat Card Office prior to checking in with University Housing.**

CatCash

“CatCash” may be used for purchases anywhere the Bobcat Card is accepted, both on and off campus.

CatCash funds in any amount may be added to your Bobcat Card any time via check, cash, money order or credit card at the Bobcat Card Office, the GC Business Office, the online Card Office (www.gcsu.edu/bobcatcard) or at PHIL (Payment Headquarters In Location) machines in GC Library with cash.

CatCash acts as an automated debit account. Each time you make a purchase with your Bobcat Card using CatCash, the amount is automatically deducted from your account – and you never have to choose which account you wish to pay from.

CatCash funds “roll forward” indefinitely (even across semesters and academic years) and balances are always available for a full refund upon graduation or official withdrawal from GC. You never have to worry about losing your money!

Contact Information

Bobcat Card Office

Georgia College
Lower Level—Maxwell Student Union
Campus Box 005
Milledgeville, GA 31061
Telephone: 478-445-CARD (2273)

gcsu.edu/bobcatcard



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“Don’t make the mistake in thinking that you don’t have to go to class as long as you keep up with the work assigned on the syllabus. Professors give a lot of information in class that does not come from the textbook or the syllabus.”

– GC Community Advisor

Business Office Services

Parks Hall 111 • Campus Box 022 • 478-445-5254

businessoffice@gcsu.edu

The Business Office is located on the first floor of Parks Hall and is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The online Student Account Center allows students and parents to view college bills and recent account activity as well as make payments and store payment profiles. Parents or guardians can be set up as an authorized user to access bills and make payments. All student statements are viewed through the Student Account Center. **No paper bills are mailed.** After each registration, an email notification will be sent to students and authorized users notifying them a statement is ready for viewing. Access the PAWS website at unify.gcsu.edu then select the Student Account Center tab.

Student accounts must be paid by the early payment deadline, or the account will be assessed a **\$75 late fee**. The late fee will not apply to accounts that are enrolled in the NELNET payment plan or accounts with active financial aid applications. The early payment deadline can be found in the university calendar as well as other pertinent semester dates and deadlines.

Student Accounts

Students are strongly encouraged to manage their student account through the Student Account Center. Here are a few of the features offered:

- Direct deposit enrollment
- Credit card and WebCheck payments
- View or print account summary
- Add authorized users
- Add additional email accounts

Payment Options

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD:

Credit/debit card payments for tuition, fees, housing and meal plans **must be made online** through the Student Account Center in PAWS. A convenience fee of 2.75 percent applies to all credit/debit card transactions. Please note, the Business Office does not accept credit/debit card payments in person, by phone or via fax for payment of tuition, fees, housing and meal plans.

WEBCHECKS:

WebCheck payments can be made online at no charge through the Student Account Center. Only personal checking or savings accounts are accepted. No credit card checks, business accounts or lines of credit are accepted. Please make sure you enter the correct routing and account numbers. All returned or rejected transactions are subject to a \$25 service charge.

OTHER:

The Business Office accepts check, cash or CatCash transactions in person or check payments by mail.

“Manage your time wisely. Create a balance between the things you have to do and the things you want to do, so that you can get your work finished AND have fun.”

– GC Community Advisor

PAYMENT PLAN:

To help you meet your educational expenses, Georgia College is pleased to offer Nelnet Business Solutions (NBS) as a convenient budget plan. NBS is a tuition payment plan offered by Nelnet Business Solutions that provides students and families with a low cost option for budgeting tuition and other educational expenses, including university housing and meal plans. **It is not a loan program. There are no interest or finance charges assessed and there is no credit check. The only cost to budget monthly payments through NBS is a nonrefundable NBS Enrollment Fee. Payment plans must be renewed each semester.**

Account Holds

The Business Office collects fines or charges for parking, infirmary, housing and the library. Holds are placed on the student’s account until the charge/fine has been paid; the student will not receive a bill for account holds. Parking fines can also be paid on the Parking and Transportation website. All other fines must be paid at the Business Office. We accept cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express and CatCash for payment of fines and miscellaneous charges.





Refunds

Refunds for excess financial awards are processed by the Business Office approximately 10 days after the first day of class. Direct Deposit is the preferred method of refunding and can be set up in the **Student Account Center** in PAWS. Refund checks will be mailed to the mailing address on the student's personal information record. Please keep mailing address updated in PAWS.

Check Cashing

Personal checks of \$50 or less can be cashed at the Business Office during the hours of 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The student must present his/her Bobcat ID and their account must be clear of any holds or balances. Checks should be made payable to "Cash;" and the limit is one per day.

CatCash

CatCash deposits or balance inquiries can be made at the Business Office, the Bobcat Card Office or by logging on to the Bobcat Card website.



Financial Aid Tips

Welcome to Georgia College. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships strives to help students reach their educational goals by providing appropriate financial aid resources to do so. These resources include scholarships, grants, work study and loans. Below is information regarding applications and additional information about several programs.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.fafsa.gov

This application must be completed each year after Oct. 1 for the upcoming academic year. Federal Aid including grants, work study and loans, as well as, HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship considerations are made from this application.

Once a student's aid has been packaged, he/she will be notified via email. Students may review their financial aid awards on the Georgia College online award letter.

Georgia Student Finance Applications (GSFAPPS) - www.GAfutures.org

This application may be completed if a student wishes only to be considered for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarships.

Once a student's aid has been packaged, he/she will be notified via email. Students may review their financial aid awards on the Georgia College online award letter.

HOPE Scholarship

Georgia residents who graduated from an eligible Georgia high school with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on all core coursework, may qualify for the HOPE Scholarship. The HOPE Scholarship Program provides assistance toward tuition. Students may apply for the HOPE Scholarship by completing the FAFSA or the GSFAPPS application. Students must maintain a B average at periodic check-points to continue their eligibility. All full-time freshmen will be reviewed at the end of spring semester.

Zell Miller Scholarship

The Zell Miller Scholarship pays full tuition charges for students who graduated from an eligible Georgia high school with the required 3.7 G.P.A. (unweighted) for all core coursework in high school classes and a 1200 or higher score (from one sitting) on the Math and Verbal section of the SAT, or an ACT score of 26 or higher, or if the student is the valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school as reported to the HOPE office. Students may apply for the Zell Miller Scholarship by completing the FAFSA or the GSFAPPS application. Students must maintain a 3.30 GPA at the periodic checkpoints to continue their eligibility. All full-time freshmen will be reviewed at the end of spring semester.

Student Loans

Students who wish to accept student loans as part of their aid package must complete a Loan Agreement (MPN) and participate in Loan Entrance Counseling. Both may be done electronically and are accessible from the Georgia College online award letter, also known as the Bobcat DEN, or at www.studentloans.gov.

Important Dates for 2019-2020

Oct. 2018 - Mid-Spring 2019

Early estimate award notifications will be made by the Financial Aid Office. Students will be notified via their university email account when their award is made. Awards can be viewed on their Bobcat DEN (Detailed Eligibility Notification) via PAWS.

Mid-Spring 2019

Official award notifications will be made and students will be notified via email.

July 1, 2019

Student Financial Aid files must be complete by this date in order to have funds to pay fees by the fall semester payment deadline. Files complete after this date will be processed as time permits and students will be reimbursed any funds awarded.

Aug. 12, 2019

Until the end of drop/add period, remaining funds will be available for use toward the purchase of books at Barnes & Noble at Georgia College once the Business Office bill for fall registration has been settled.

Approximately 7 to 10 days after classes begin

Any funds remaining after fall semester fees are satisfied will be available to students by the Business Office. Please refer to the Business Office's "Refund" section for further details.

What Are My Options for Financing My Education If I Lose the HOPE Scholarship?

Georgia College offers our students the quality liberal arts education usually found at private colleges at the cost of a public college. The Office of Financial Aid has many financial options available to students in addition to the HOPE Scholarship. **By completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), students are considered for all types of federal assistance.** Some programs are available to students regardless of their family's income.

Listed below are some examples of available resources:

NEED-BASED AID PROGRAMS:

Name of Aid Resource	Type	Award Amount
Federal Pell Grant	Grant	Maximum \$6,195
Federal Work Study	Work	Maximum \$2,800
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan	Loan	\$3,500 Freshmen \$4,500 Sophomore \$5,500 Junior and Senior

NON-NEED-BASED AID PROGRAMS:

(Students may qualify for these resources regardless of income)

Name of Aid Resource	Type	Award Amount
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	Loan	Dependent Students (Includes subsidized limits) \$5,500 Freshmen \$6,500 Sophomore \$7,500 Junior and Senior Additional for Independent Students (Does not include subsidized limits) \$6,000 Freshmen and Sophomore \$7,000 Junior and Senior
Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)	Loan	Cost of Attendance (COA) minus other aid received



In order to apply for these programs, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. Please list Georgia College & State University in the school section (Code 001602) so that we may receive the results of the application electronically.

If additional funding is needed after these resources, please contact the Financial Aid office for details.

How do I regain eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship?

Students who lose the HOPE scholarship after a check-point may regain eligibility one time if they have a “B” average at the point of attempting 30, 60 or 90 semester hours. End-of-Spring check-points are only to determine continued eligibility and not considered a point to regain eligibility.

HOPE Eligibility Check-points

Students are evaluated to ensure they attained a “B” average at the following check-points:

- 30 attempted semester hours
- 60 attempted semester hours
- 90 attempted semester hours
- At the end of every spring semester
(except for beginning Freshmen enrolled below full-time)

HOPE attempted hours include:

- All regular coursework attempted after high school graduation
- All attempted transfer coursework, withdrawals and dropped courses

HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

HOPE GPA includes:

- All earned grades after high school graduation
(including both grades when a course is repeated)
- Grades from all transfer work (even if courses are not accepted at GC)

HOPE GPA does not include:

- Grades given of S, U, IP, W
- Grades earned in college courses prior to high school graduation
- Grades earned by examination (i.e., AP credit and CLEP)
- Grades for non-credit coursework when given



Student Employment



We currently have two student employment programs on campus—Federal Work Study and College Work Study.

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a federally-subsidized program which is awarded to undergraduate students and in some cases graduate students, based on established financial need and at least half-time enrollment. An under-

graduate student must be enrolled in at least (6) six credit hours, whereas a graduate student must be enrolled in at least (5) five credit hours. Jobs are located on campus and work schedules are planned around your class schedule. If you are approved to receive Work-Study awards, it will be included as a part of your financial package. Students can work no more than 19 hours per week. Contact Financial Aid at 478-445-5149 for more information.

College Work Study (CWS) provides additional opportunities for students to secure campus employment. This program assists students who do not qualify for FWS funds but express a desire to work on campus. While financial need is often not a factor, earnings under this program could affect other aid received. CWS employment opportunities depend on money available in each department and wages will be at least the current federal minimum wage. Students are employed on an hourly basis for such work to be computed by the hour unless otherwise classified by the Office of Human Resources. Students in CWS must be currently enrolled at GC at least half-time during the semester of employment. An undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least (6) six credit hours whereas a graduate student must be enrolled in at least (5) five credit hours. Students can work no more than 19 hours per week. Student employment and budgeting is limited to a period of time coincident to the academic semester. Formal cooperative work agreements extending for periods in excess of one academic semester may be initiated as an exception to the one-semester limitation on student employment. Students may be employed at GC as a student employee subject to need and availability of funding. Therefore, when funds are no longer available, the position will end; and the student will no longer work. Students in the CWS program are provided the title of **Student Assistants**. Contact the Office of Human Resources at 478-445-5596 for more information or visit www.gcsujobs.com.

Georgia College Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety takes your safety very seriously. Our police officers and support staff go to great lengths to provide our students, faculty, staff and visitors with a safe and comfortable living, learning and working environment. Our department is proud of its safety record and we do everything we can to make Georgia College the safest place possible.

Our 20 full-time certified police officers patrol all of the university's facilities, grounds and parking lots 24 hours a day. Our officers remain highly visible on foot, bicycle and in marked patrol vehicles. The department provides monthly education and training sessions on relevant topics ranging from self-defense to drug and alcohol awareness.

Georgia College has implemented many resources to help enhance your safety. We have more than 70 emergency call boxes strategically placed around our campus. Each residence hall room is equipped with a panic button that is received by our 24/7 communications center. We also have more than 400 cameras throughout campus to aid in Public Safety efforts.

Public Safety also has the ability to alert all students, faculty, staff and visitors of any potentially dangerous situations through our emergency alert system. These systems include, but are not limited to: GC ALERT, outdoor emergency notification system, email alerts and Alertus Desktop. For more information on our emergency alert system, please visit gcsu.edu/alert.

Additionally, we encourage all students to enhance their personal safety and the safety of their friends by downloading the free Rave Guardian app. Simply search "Rave Guardian" in the app store on your mobile device. Rave Guardian allows you to invite friends and family to join your network as your "Guardians." You can then request one or more of your Guardians to virtually walk with you on or off campus. It's like having an emergency call box and a trusted friend with you at all times.

We are glad that you have chosen to become a part of the Georgia College family and we are honored to be entrusted with your safety. Please know that Public Safety is here to "Protect, Serve and Educate."

Georgia College Emergency Information:

Georgia College Public Safety
Hall House
301 W. Montgomery St.
Campus Box 093
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061
Phone (emergency assistance): 478-445-4400
Phone (non-emergency): 478-445-4054
Fax: 478-445-4404
publicsafety@gcsu.edu

Parking and Transportation

Parking and Transportation Services aims to help you get where you are going - safely, comfortably, on time, with style and in the right frame of mind to take care of business when you get there.

Here is some important info you should be aware of:

Student Parking and Transportation Fee

Student fees include a mandatory parking and transportation fee that provides unlimited access to the campus shuttle system and a parking permit valid for use in designated lots depending upon the student's status as a resident or commuter.

Parking Permits and Lot Designations

Any student parking a vehicle on campus is required to register for and display a valid university parking permit. Students may register for their parking permit at www.gcsu.edu/parking and pick it up at Orientation. A campus parking map can be found at www.gcsu.edu/parking and lot identification signs and enforcement hours are posted at the entrance to each lot.

Campus Shuttle System

Campus shuttles run regular weekday and weekend routes while school is in session. A shuttle schedule for the semester can be found at www.gcsu.edu/transportation; and a live shuttle map app, TransLoc Rider, can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Parking Enforcement

The university parking plan calls for firm, consistent and assertive enforcement of parking regulations. Fines, immobilization and towing are used as disincentives. Lot enforcement times are Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; however, special use spaces, accessible spaces and fire zones are subject to enforcement at all times. For more info on regulations, visit www.gcsu.edu/parking.



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Counseling Services

College is a time when students develop their ability to function independently in the world. Sometimes students experience roadblocks in this process and counselors are here to help. Counseling Services provides free and confidential short-term professional counseling to enrolled students for a wide range of issues, including:

- **Personal issues:** Through individual, couples and group counseling, we help students with an array of personal concerns, such as relationship issues, anxiety and depression, as well as the stresses of adjusting to college and life away from home.
- **Academic skills:** Time management, study skills, test-taking, test anxiety
- **Psychiatric Services:** Short-term medication management
- **Alcohol and Other Drug Education:** Education, screening and referral for treatment, if needed
- **Referral:** Assistance in locating additional sources of help, both on and off campus, including times when issues require long-term or specialized care
- **Consultation:** We consult with students, faculty, staff and family members who have concerns about others.

Counseling Services is located in Suite 210 in the Wellness and Recreation Center at West Campus. We see students by appointment Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you need assistance in an emergency outside of office hours, call GC Public Safety at 478-445-4400.

For more information, visit gcsu.edu/counseling or call 478-445-5331.

The Academic Advising Center

Second Floor, Lanier Hall
Telephone: 478-445-2361
gcsu.edu/advising

The Academic Advising Center is committed to helping students successfully transition to Georgia College. All undergraduate students are advised by professional advisors in Lanier Hall for the duration of their time at GC. We offer guidance that is intended to provide quality advisement to assist all students in making sound choices about majors and academic pathways.

Advisor assignments are listed on the student's Tranguide in PAWS. If an incoming student is not informed regarding his/her advisor assignment, he or she should contact the Advising Center in Lanier Hall.

Advisement and Registration

Advising at Georgia College is a shared responsibility between students and advisors. Through a centralized advising system utilizing professional advisors and a network of resources and support, students receive information and guidance aimed at the student's successful completion of degree requirements and preparation for post-baccalaureate opportunities. The Academic Advising Center helps students to gain self-understanding that will inform their decisions regarding academic, career and life goals.

Centralized Advising

All undergraduate students are advised by professional advisors in the Academic Advising Center in Lanier Hall. The Advising Center provides quality advisement through both the core curriculum and the major, as well as exploration opportunities for students to assist them in making sound choices about majors and career directions. In addition to the professional advisors in the Academic Advising Center, students may also have faculty mentors within their academic department.

Registration Periods

Students and advisors should note that while advisement can occur at any point during the term, the registration period for classes usually occurs around the mid-point of the semester and continues until the end of the Drop/Add period. During that time, students can go online and register for classes, provided they have met with their academic advisor to plan

coursework for the upcoming term and had the Advisor Hold lifted from their file. Traditionally, seniors and graduate students have access to the registration system on the first day of the registration period and then the process opens on a rolling basis during the remainder of the first week for juniors through freshmen. Final opportunities for schedule adjustments occur during the first five days of the new term in a period referred to as Drop/Add. Schedule adjustments made during this five-day period have no bearing on the number of attempted hours for the HOPE scholarship, but may have implications on the student's invoice. Should a student elect to drop a course after the five-day period, however, these hours are considered attempted hours and will be counted toward assessment of eligibility for the HOPE scholarship. **Along this same topic, it is important to note that students may only drop a course (outside of the initial five-day Drop/Add period) a total of five (5) times during their academic career at Georgia College.**

Core Curriculum

Georgia College, in cooperation with other institutions of the University System of Georgia, has adopted a Core Curriculum to allow the transfer of credit from one institution to another without penalty to the student. Each institution establishes the courses required to meet its Core requirements, but will accept the completed Core requirements of another System institution. Listed in the online Undergraduate Catalog are the areas of distribution for the Core Curriculum with Georgia College's approved courses for Areas A, B, C, D and E. (Courses not listed there are not approved for those areas.) A PDF version of a Core Curriculum checklist can be found on the Center for Student Success website: gcsu.edu/advising/registration.

Credit Hours

In college, each class will be worth a certain number of credit hours. These "hours" are usually allocated based on how many hours of instruction the student receives each week. The typical student will take five classes a semester, which usually means he or she will be taking 15 hours. A student may, however, take up to 18 hours. While 12 hours is the minimum for full-time status, we strongly encourage you to "Think 30" – to utilize fall and spring combinations of 15/15, 14/16, 16/14, 17/13, etc., so that you finish your first year with sophomore standing and are progressing on schedule toward graduation.

There is no specific minimum credit hour limit required for HOPE Scholarship eligibility; however, the value of the HOPE award each semester depends on the number of credit hours for which you are registered. **Decreasing a course load can result in a HOPE student owing a balance.** It is important to touch base with a financial aid advisor if you have HOPE and you elect to reduce your credit hours during the drop/add period.

Your Role as an Advisee

Academic advising takes the advisor and the advisee working together to achieve optimal success for the student. Share information with your advisor about interests, goals and educational and career plans. Share personal information that has a bearing on your academic career, such as the number of hours spent at work, responsibilities to family, financial aid status and any limitations. This can be helpful to advisors.

Be familiar with the Catalog and the Student Handbook. These are vital sources of information. Monitor your degree requirements and progress through **DegreeWorks** (located inside the PAWS system). Be familiar with deadlines. Be willing to contact the appropriate student support services available on campus.

Be prepared for meetings with your advisor, particularly when registering for the next semester. You should review what courses are necessary for your program and have an idea of what courses you would like to take. Alert your advisor immediately if you begin to have difficulties that are affecting your class work or continued enrollment. Be an active participant in your advising sessions!

A SOUND STUDENT APPROACH TO ACADEMIC ADVISING

Georgia College advisors prepare your fall semester class schedule for you through the POUNCE process.

During the First-Year Academic Seminar and through your first advising appointment in the fall, you will learn how to plan a schedule and will prepare to self-regis-



ter in October for the upcoming spring semester. In March, you will register yourself for the subsequent fall (and summer, if applicable) semester(s) and so on.

Preparation

- Know your advisor's name.
- Check your Bobcats email every day.
- Review the curriculum of your major program. Helpful sources of information: the University Catalog, the Registration Schedule, the Online Class Schedule, DegreeWorks and the program of study worksheet.
- Be mindful of the calendar. It's your responsibility to schedule an appointment with your advisor during an advising period.
- Develop a written list of questions or topics to cover with your advisor.
- Make an appointment with your advisor to discuss advisement and registration well ahead of your registration time.
- Mark your calendar with the day and time of both your advising appointment and your registration time assignment.
- Plan your schedule. Make sure you mark any times that are already set for you such as work.
- Check mid-term grades through PAWS.

The Advising Appointment

- Be on time.
- Help your advisor help you. If you're having trouble with a specific course or all of them, be prepared to discuss this and be open to your advisor's suggestions for using the Learning Center and/or Writing Center.
- Discuss courses for the upcoming semester and listen carefully to your advisor's recommendations. Check all prerequisites for the courses you want to take.
- Ask questions about your progress toward meeting CORE, major prerequisites and major and minor requirements. Review your progress toward graduation.
- Consider carefully the balance between your work responsibilities and your academic course load.
- Discuss plans for graduate/professional school or beginning a career.
- Be sure that you understand how to register through PAWS.

Follow-up

- "Think 30" – register for a full course schedule via the PAWS system.
- Utilize course waitlists if needed. The waitlist is how departments monitor need/demand.
- Let your advisor know if you are unable to register for any of the courses or alternates suggested.
- Verify your schedule through the web before the semester begins. Do not rely on an outdated paper/printed schedule. Classroom locations or instructor assignments can change.

GC Journeys

Who can Georgia College help you become?

Once upon a time, the education students received at high-quality institutions such as Georgia College was all fairly similar. Every day, professors told students about chemical equations, supply and demand and Shakespeare, believing that through learning a variety of subjects, students would become consummate thinkers and engaged citizens. But sadly, decades of research across the nation suggested that that approach just didn't accomplish those ends. One day, one university decided to turn education on its head and do whatever was necessary to actually develop extraordinary thinkers and empowered citizens. Because of that, the students who graduated from this university were demonstrably different from those graduating from other institutions. Because of that, those graduates were:

- more powerful thinkers who were better prepared to blaze their own trails;
- more agile thinkers who were better equipped to make a difference in this rapidly changing world;
- and more sought-after thinkers whom employers, graduate schools and non-profits clamored to attract.

In the end, that university transformed the lives of thousands of individuals and transformed higher education as we know it.

Georgia College is on a mission to turn this fairy tale into reality through a program we call "GC Journeys."

The journey consists of:

- **Transformative Experiences:** Five (or more) key experiences, specifically crafted to help you become someone beyond who you imagined you could be. These are experiences proven to help students push beyond their usual boundaries. Four experiences are built into the GC curriculum and the fifth is your choice. Do you want six or seven to become a transformation ninja? We can help make that happen.
- **A thinking-focused curriculum:** A curriculum and co-curriculum that don't simply focus on content, such as chemistry, American literature, or geography, but on actively developing essential thinking skills. These skills are designed to help you become a powerful, agile and sought-after thinker who knows how to think creatively, analyze, innovate and more. Your thinking expertise is then captured in an ePortfolio that can be shared with graduate schools, employers, non-profits and others.

Shouldn't education prepare you for wherever you want to go, even the places you can't imagine yet?

Learn more at: gcsu.edu/gcjournneys

The Learning Center

Second Floor, Ina Dillard Russell Library
Telephone: 478-445-1179
gcsu.edu/learningcenter

The Learning Center provides free tutoring for math, science and economic courses offered at Georgia College.

- Free drop-in tutoring every weekday, no appointment necessary
- One-on-one or small group tutoring
- Weekly study sessions led by student leaders for individual courses
- A math lab for help with specific math courses
- Study skills workshops
- Help with homework, assignments and test prep in a collaborative and laid-back environment
- Job opportunities for student tutors



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[@gc_learningcenter](https://instagram.com/gc_learningcenter)



Ina Dillard Russell Library

As the academic heart of the campus, the Ina Dillard Russell Library is a 21st-century learning and information commons. Our core values emphasize lifelong learning, excellence in service and meeting the instructional needs of the GC community. Our resources and services include:

Resources

- Library Collections – include over 230,000 print volumes, access over 152,000 online journals, 576,000 ebooks, electronic databases covering all disciplines, streaming audio and video and an extensive DVD collection.
- Instructional Technology – Computers and equipment for check-out (iPads, MacBooks, PC laptops, digital cameras, projectors, sound systems and various accessories)
- Account resources – Online access to library accounts and item renewals
- Facility resources include:
 - Technology enhanced group study rooms
 - Dedicated studios (Anatomy and Physiology, Audio/Video Editing, Experimental Technology, Photo/Poster Printing, 3D Printing)
 - Wireless printing stations on first and second floors (color printing is exclusive to second floor station)
 - Dry-erase boards for checkout
 - Dry-erase markers for check-out
- Special Collections maintains research materials related to Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, Senator Paul Coverdell, Representative Carl Vinson, the Honorable Floyd Griffin, Georgia College and middle Georgia.

Services

- Research Assistance – Ask a librarian via email, Instant Messaging, telephone or in-person
- Resource Sharing – Borrow resources from state, national and international libraries
- Other services:
 - Faxing
 - Laminating

Campus Partners in the Library

- Learning Center – Academic tutoring, located on the second floor
- Writing Center – Assistance with the writing process, located on the second floor
- Serve Help Desk – Assistance with computer problems/student technology needs, located on the first floor
- Innovation Station – Georgia College's in-house technology store, located on the first floor

Facility Hours (Fall and Spring Semesters)

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-1 a.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m.-1 a.m.

For more information, visit us online at library.gcsu.edu, or contact us via email: circ@gcsu.edu, phone: 478-445-4047, or text: 478-845-3057.

Study Abroad



Seize the opportunity to become a global citizen at Georgia College! Study abroad programs provide ample opportunity to see the world for academic credit and to gain international experience.

- Explore your World: Experience new cultures firsthand, both in and outside of the classroom.
- Academic Enrichment: Gain a new perspective on your course of study.
- Personal Growth: Discover new strengths and abilities, conquer new challenges and solve new problems.
- Learn a Language: Immerse yourself in a culture that speaks the language you are studying.
- Connect: Meet not only locals to the culture in which you are studying, but also other international students from around the world.

Georgia College offers a vast array of study abroad opportunities during the summer, fall and spring semesters, which vary in length from 14 days to yearlong programs, in more than 75 different countries and in virtually every discipline. Using your HOPE or Zell Scholarship as well as financial aid can make study abroad very affordable.

Study abroad may also qualify students for the opportunity to receive a “Bachelor’s Degree: International Plan,” which is recorded on Georgia College transcripts and demonstrates a significant level of international education and experience.

International Education Center

The Bone House, 141 S. Clarke St.

Telephone: 478-445-4789

studyabroadinfo@gcsu.edu

www.gcsu.edu/studyabroad

The University Career Center

Lanier Hall, Room 110 • 478-445-5384
www.gcsu.edu/career

Prior to graduation, undergraduate students at Georgia College are expected to complete a set of career planning benchmarks that follow a four-year career planning model. Known as the GC Career Planning Milestones, these benchmarks provide students an opportunity to engage in career development activities on an annual basis so that they are prepared for internships as well as transitions to a career or to graduate/professional school.

1. **Career Exploration:** First, GC students complete the Focus 2 career assessment and review it with a career advisor as part of their First Year Academic Seminar course. Students also register with Handshake, our database for jobs, internships and career resources and events.
2. **Career Preparation:** Next, students participate in resume review sessions that include an introduction to LinkedIn.
3. **Career Planning:** Once students have completed a career assessment and have identified their transferable skills through resume writing, students complete a career planning appointment. In this appointment, students work with a career advisor to discuss career plans and complete a mock interview focused on articulating transferable skills gained through their liberal arts education.
4. **Career Implementation:** In their final year, students complete a senior-year check-in in which they consult with career advisors on their resumes or CVs, LinkedIn profiles and career plans. Students also upload their final resume to Handshake to be included in Employer Resume Books.

The Career Center staff communicates regularly with students via their GC email to promote opportunities for completing the Career Planning Milestones. Activities include Resume Review Days, Mock Interview Days and Senior Check-In activities. For details on how to complete the Milestones, visit gcsu.edu/career/milestones.

The Career Center also hosts a variety of career planning meet-ups and over 10 different career fairs each year, which include the Part-time Job Fair, Fall and Spring Career and Internship Expos, a Summer Camp Job Fair and a Graduate and Professional School Fair. Students should access their Handshake account through Unify to view the calendar of events and to apply to job and internship opportunities.

The Career Center is located in Lanier Hall, Room 110. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. To make an appointment with a career advisor, students should go to "Schedule an Appointment" on Unify and choose "Career Center."

The Center staff can also be contacted at 478-445-5384, or through their website at www.gcsu.edu/career.

The HUB

**Blackbridge Hall – 111 S. Clarke Street
478-445-8519**

The HUB (Honoring, Uniting, Building) at Georgia College strives to honor and unite the intersectional identities of our campus community while challenging identity-based oppression through education and support. We offer a multitude of programs and opportunities for involvement, as well as a physical, welcoming space for students to gather and be in community with one another. We are an empowering place where everyone is welcome!

The HUB is home to the Cultural Center, the Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Programs, and Our Veterans' Lounge. We are organizationally located under the Division of Student Affairs.



Cultural Center

Phone 478-445-8155

The Cultural Center works with students to create programs and initiatives that support and advocate for underrepresented student populations. Our goal is to increase awareness and understanding of cultural and racial bias, provide educational opportunities for students to learn about cultural competency and the difference between equality and equity. Student organizations that belong to the Cultural Center are The Black Student Alliance (BSA) and the Latino Student Association (LSA).

Cultural Center Programs

Leaders Igniting the Fundamentals of Excellence (LIFE) is a mentor program that students can opt into at any time during their time as a student at Georgia College. Students requesting a mentor will have to submit an application and indicate if they are looking for a peer mentor or a professional mentor or both. The purpose of the mentor program is to assist students in their academic, emotional and socio-cultural adjustment of mentees to college life at Georgia College.

For more information, please contact us at 478-445-8155 or visit gcsu.edu/culturalcenter.

Women's Center

Phone 478-445-8519

The Women's Center at Georgia College strives to create a dynamic campus community that challenges gender-based oppression through education and support. Utilizing a feminist and intersectional lens, we work to achieve our mission through:

- Creating programming promoting healthy sexuality and relationships;
- Providing opportunities for leadership development and personal empowerment;
- Collaborating across campus and community for social change;
- Driving power-based interpersonal violence prevention efforts at GC;
- Supporting members of our campus community in times of crisis.

Project BRAVE is an initiative of the Women's Center. The mission of Project BRAVE (Bobcats Rising Against Violence Everywhere) is to:

- Implement comprehensive prevention education programs surrounding power-based interpersonal violence (PBIV; i.e. sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking and other sexual violence)
- Provide individual support and referrals for students who have experienced PBIV
- Create a community where violence prevention is everyone's responsibility

Project BRAVE has several trainings open to the campus community including our Be BRAVE: Step Up bystander intervention training and BRAVE Ally training. We also work closely with BRAVEheart, the student organization arm of Project BRAVE who hosts many awareness raising events on campus and our Project BRAVE Peer Facilitators who are responsible for bringing a number of educational programs and trainings to our campus community. Project BRAVE also offers individual support services and referrals to campus victim/survivors of PBIV of all genders.

The Women's Center (WC) supports students of all genders and is a place where anyone can come to learn about gender-based issues. For more information, please contact us at 478-445-8519 or visit gcsu.edu/womenscenter.

LGBTQ+ Center

Phone: 478-445-8519

LGBTQ+ Programs works closely with the Georgia College Pride Alliance to support the students, staff and faculty at Georgia College who identify as LGBTQ+. The office is also home to our STAR Ally program, a training series that educates our community on LGBTQ+ identities and ways in which to be an ally. For more information, please contact 478-445-8575 or visit gcsu.edu/lgbt.

Veterans' Lounge

The Veterans' Lounge in the HUB features a place for our military-affiliated students to relax, study, or make connections with other military-affiliated students on campus. The Veterans' Lounge also seeks to serve as a one-stop shop for information related to veterans' benefits and coordinating with offices across campus.

Student Disability Resource Center

Russell Library, Room 109

Phone 478-445-5931 • Fax 478-445-1959

The mission of the Student Disability Resource Center is to partner with the campus community in creating inclusive and sustainable learning and working environments and facilitate access, discourse and campus community involvement. We provide accommodations and other related services to Georgia College students with documented disabilities to fulfill our institutional commitment of equal access to facilities, courses, programs and activities. The Student Disability Resource Center also serves as a resource for students, faculty, staff and the community regarding disability issues.

Academic accommodation, as required by law, is intended to remove barriers and create access for students with disabilities to the learning environment and to be evaluated fairly. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students with disabilities who seek accommodations at Georgia College must self-identify by contacting the Student Disability Resource Center, provide documentation of their disability and request services and accommodations.

For more information about requesting academic accommodations, please contact the Student Disability Resource Center at 478-445-5931 or disability@gcsu.edu.

Campus Life

campuslife.gcsu.edu

Campus Life seeks to further the liberal arts mission of Georgia College by extending student learning outside the classroom and by fostering life-long connections to the university. We do this by exposing students to diverse social, cultural, multicultural, global, physical and intellectual opportunities; inspiring students to be active participants in meaningful learning opportunities in the areas of recreation, community service, leadership, activities and student organization governance; and coordinating traditional events and activities that create a sense of pride and belonging. Campus Life is composed of the following units: Student Involvement, Student Center Operations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Community Engagement and Service and the future home of The Coaching Center.

Through the office of **Student Involvement**, student organizations provide a great way to get involved. There are more than 170 recognized student organizations (RSOs) ranging from academic interests to religious groups to governance to service and activity organizations. If there is not a group that fits a need or interest, a student may start a new group by working with the Student Involvement staff. Whether through academic, fraternal or traditional organizations, Student Involvement invites all students to get involved, learn a lot and have fun. For more information, visit our website: orgs.gcsu.edu.

The Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Georgia College is a great way to be involved on campus and in the community. Joining a fraternal community is considered one of the most rewarding collegiate experiences students will ever have. Our organizations provide an environment that gives students a home away from home. Fraternities and sororities uphold core values of schol-



arship, leadership, service and friendship. We invite you to be a part of something bigger than yourself. We invite you to be a part of an active community of students who share the same core values. Students interested in joining a fraternal organization are encouraged to explore the many options available to them at Georgia College. Our community is represented by 27 organizations that make up four governing councils. Fraternities and Sororities take new members at various times of the year and the membership process looks different for each organization. Our Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council participate in a collaborative recruitment process known as "council coordinated recruitment." Our National Pan-Hellenic Council and United Greek Council's member organizations independently host recruitment or intake, known as "chapter coordinated recruitment." More information about the Fraternity and Sorority Life community can be found at fsl.gcsu.edu.

With less than one-fourth of women in leadership roles globally, cultivating future women leaders to bridge that gap is pivotal. A unique Georgia College program aims to do that through a one-of-a-kind experience for sorority women.

Through the **Sorority Living Learning Community**, Georgia College provides Panhellenic sorority women with a unique membership experience. Through this program, second year sorority women are expected to live in The Village on West Campus, in apartment style residences, alongside their sorority sisters and peer mentors as they participate in a leadership program.

The leadership program is committed to women's empowerment through focusing on self-learning and identity, interpersonal relationships and community engagement and social innovation. Our goal is that at the conclusion of this program, our sorority women are empowered and prepared to make a significant contribution to society.

To learn more about this program, please visit our website at gcsu.edu/fsl/sorority-living-learning.

The Department of Community Engagement and Service serves as the service clearinghouse, empowering and inspiring students to make a difference in our community by linking them to the needs of our community. The Department of Community Engagement and Service has four cornerstones which are, volunteerism, leadership, collaboration and legacy. Under the Department is a student-run center called The GIVE Center that provides service-oriented students with a more in-depth experience. Through the Department, students, faculty and staff can become involved in campuswide service events, as well as local, state and national service endeavors. The Department works with students who have a passion for service and help them to hone in on their leadership skills so they can reach their full potential while making the world a better place. This Department can assist students with reporting and tracking their service hours so they will realize the impact they are having on our community. The Department of Community Engagement and Service is located on the first floor of the Maxwell Student Union. For more information, you can reach us at 478-445-5700 or you can visit our website: gcsu.edu/give-center.

Student Center Operations manages the financial, facilities, event planning and customer service operations of the Student Activities Center (commonly known as the Student Center). The **Student Center** is home to "the DEN," which is a fun-filled space for students to play video games, billiards, foosball, board games and ping pong. It hosts state-of-the-art technology, which consists of a Mac Bar, eight large-screen TVs and surround sound. For students looking to relax, two full-body massage chairs are available, along with a number of comfortable sitting areas. While the DEN is an exciting place, the Student Center is also home to meeting rooms and the very popular Magnolia Ballroom, which are all available for student organization use. Finally, the Student Center is home to the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Department of Student Involvement, Student Center Operations and Health Promotions. The main office for Campus Life is located in Room 214.

For more information, our telephone number is 478-445-4027, or you can visit the Campus Life website: campuslife.gcsu.edu.



Georgia College Athletics



The men's and women's cross country teams compete in the fall and have re-written the school record books over the last few years. Both teams advanced to the NCAA Regional meet in 2018. The Bobcats hosted the Peach Belt Conference Championship race in 2016.

Bobcat volleyball was our newest varsity sport with its first season in 2013. Bobcat Volleyball qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight year in 2018. Georgia College hosted the conference tournament in Volleyball in 2016 and 2017, taking Runner-Up each of the last two seasons.

The GC women's basketball team has enjoyed tremendous success. The Bobcat women have gone to the NCAA Tournament seven times. In head coach Maurice Smith's nine seasons, they've won a PBC Tournament title and finished as runners up twice.

In the spring, the GC men's and women's tennis teams play at the Centennial Center courts. The women's tennis team has been to the NCAA Tournament for 24 straight years, the longest active streak in NCAA Division II. The men's tennis squad has also reached the NCAA Tournament for 12 straight seasons.

The GC softball team plays its games at the Peeler Complex on West Campus. The stadium is fan-friendly with a great view of the game from chairback seating. The twotime NCAA World Series participants played in the 2015 NCAA Super Regional and have made NCAA Tourney appearances in four of the last five years.

The Bobcat baseball team is a two-time Division II College World Series participant, and has been to the NCAA Tournament 13 times. The Bobcats have won five conference titles and four PBC Tournament Championships, taking both in 2018. John Kurtz Field is also located at West Campus and offers fans a great view right behind home plate, or plenty of room on the third base hill.

The GC golf team rounds out the Bobcat athletic teams. GC made an appearance in the NCAA Tournament for 20th season in 2017. The Bobcats advanced to the National Quarterfinals in 2012, two wins away from competing for the National Championship.

Twitter/Instagram/Facebook: @GCBobcats #BobcatNation



Wellness and Recreation Center

The Department of Wellness and Recreation, housed within the Wellness and Recreation Center on West Campus, enhances the Georgia College experience by providing elite programs, services and facilities that promote healthy lifestyles, build community and enable student success.

Through our various indoor, outdoor, individual and team-based programs, Wellness and Recreation is an inclusive environment where all GC students can feel welcome participating.

Student membership to the WRC is included in student fees. Program, Group Fitness, Operation Hours and more can be found at <https://wrc.gcsu.edu>. Students may complete Liability Waiver forms online prior to their initial visit. Bobcat ID cards are required for WRC entry.

Information on Intramural Sports, Club Sports and a variety of special events hosted by RecSports can be found at www.imleagues.com. Our sports include basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, rugby, lacrosse, bass fishing, eSports, dance team, Swimming and much, much more! With over 35 variations of Intramural Sports and more than 20 Club Sports there's something for everyone! We're also one of the largest student employers on campus. For more information check us out on social media at Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @GCWellnessRec and on Snapchat _gcrecsports.



Outdoor Center

www.gcsu.edu/outdoor, 478-445-7536

The Outdoor Center at Georgia College offers a broad range of custom designed group development experiences and challenge course programs that are focused on team building and team effectiveness as well as other outdoor activities, leadership training and technical training. Check out our website or give us a call for the latest programming information.



Outdoor Trips

Do you wish you could get away for a weekend in the woods but you don't have the equipment? No problem! Interested in paddling for a day, learning or refreshing your paddle strokes? We're here to help! Not sure what to do for spring break? We've got ideas! The Outdoor Center is committed to providing Georgia College students with exciting opportunities to get connected to nature through adventure trips and activity-based workshops. Whether you are a nature novice, or an outdoor enthusiast, there is a place for you! You can sign up as an individual or in a group.



Challenge Course at East Campus

Most people would agree that a group that plays together, stays together! As well, a group that works together is more effective when its members communicate and problem solve well, respect and utilize diversity in the group, cooperate and constructively deal with controversy and use leadership within the group to transform itself into a highly functioning team. This is a great opportunity for campus organizations to intentionally build community within their groups.

Directory of Academic Offices

area code 478-445- and the extension listed below:

DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	PHONE
Accounting	Atkinson Hall 402	4023
Art	Ennis Hall	4572
Athletic Training	Health Sciences 336	2136
Biology	Herty Hall 201	0809
Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy	Herty Hall 301	5769
Public Health	Parks Memorial 104	4072
Computer Science	Atkinson Hall 301	5721
Criminal Justice	Arts and Sciences 2-03	4562
Early Childhood Education	Kilpatrick 228	5479
Economics and Finance	Atkinson Hall 402	4210
English	Arts and Sciences 3-03	4581
Environmental Science	Herty Hall 201	0809
Exercise Science	Parks Memorial 104	4072
French	Beeson Hall 317	4415
History and Geography	Humber White House	5215
Honors Program	McIntosh House	4025
Liberal Studies	Beeson Hall 336	5221
Management	Atkinson Hall 432	4324
Management Information Systems	Atkinson Hall 301	5721
Marketing	Atkinson Hall 432	5721
Mass Communication	Beeson Hall 219	8260
Mathematics	Arts and Sciences 1-29	5213
Middle Grades Education	Kilpatrick 126	5479
Music	Porter Hall 202	4226
Music Therapy	Health Sciences 130	2645
Nursing	Parks Memorial 235	1076
Philosophy	Beeson Hall 336	5221
Political Science	Arts and Sciences 2-03	4562
Pre-Engineering	Herty Hall 301	5213
Psychology	Arts and Sciences 1-03	4574
Department of Communication	Beeson Hall 219	4581
Secondary Education	Kilpatrick 141A	7368
Sociology	Arts and Sciences 2-03	4562
Spanish	Beeson Hall 317	4415
Special Education	Kilpatrick 228	4577
Theatre and Dance	Black Box Theatre	8290
	Fourth Floor, Room 218	

Georgia College Lingo:

A reference guide to all new GC Students

Soon after you arrive at GC, you may hear words or phrases that seem strange to you. In reality, they are talking about the buildings, programs and places around campus. The list below should help you speak the same language.

Bobcats Email *n.* – The official means of University communication with students. A student’s email address will typically be `first.last@bobcats.gcsu.edu`, with some adjustments made for students who share the same name. Students can access their email through the student GMAIL link found on `paws.gcsu.edu` and should check it daily.



CA – (Community Advisor) *n.* The CA is a current student, employed and trained by University Housing, who lives in the residence halls with the residents. The CA is a valuable resource and connects students to the campus resources they need. In addition to answering questions and assisting with everyday needs, CAs also build community in the residence halls by hosting events and activities.

CLAWS *n.* – (Cross-Listing for Available Work for Students) *n.* This listing is available for students in the PAWS main menu as a starting point in their search for employment, both part-time and full-time. The listing offers Federal Work Study, College Work Study and general employment opportunities.

PAWS *n.* – This secure site provides students with access to personal information, including class schedules, financial aid information, registration and grades. This is where you can check email, register for courses and explore the Internet. Students may also use PAWS to access services formerly available in **PAWS (Personal Access to Web Services)**. Those services include access to all personal information, including registration, grades, financial aid, class schedule, undergraduate and graduate catalogues, course catalogue, etc.

MSU – (Maxwell Student Union) *n.* A building located on Front Campus that houses the The MAX, mail room, Colonnade (newspaper), Chick-fil-A Express, Subway, Einstein Bros. Bagel Co., The Give Center, the Bobcat Card office, Midsouth Community Federal Credit Union and the office of Auxiliary Services.



CD – (Community Director) *n.* The CD is a professional staff member who lives in the residence halls and works with the CA staff to build hall community and assist residents. CDs are experienced staff members with extensive training who supervise the CA staff and ensure issues within their buildings are addressed in a timely manner.

RSO – (Recognized Student Organization) *n.* These are the organizations on campus that are registered with Student Activities and receive the benefits of having a mailbox housed in the office of Student Activities, the use of university facilities and equipment, the use of GC in their title and the ability to solicit memberships and raise funds on campus.

SERV *n.* – This one actually doesn't stand for anything, but it is the last four digits of the phone number that reaches the technology help center on campus 478-445-7378, which provides assistance to students with any computer problems.

SNAP *n.* – (Student Night Auxiliary Patrol) *n.* This program enables students to patrol the campus via foot and golf carts and provides safety escorts to the university community during the evenings and at night. Anyone who is on or within the immediate proximity of the GC campus is encouraged to call the GC Department of Public Safety at 478-445-SNAP (7627) and ask for a safety escort to their residence hall. The service is free of charge and will be available most weeknights.

TAIL (Transfer Articulation Information Locator) *n.* – Visit gcsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfersdefault.html to access information on transferring credit from another institution to Georgia College.

The Village *n.* – Short for The Village Apartments at West Campus, GC's apartment community located on West Campus.

Academic Calendar

The following dates are subject to change and should be confirmed before plans are made. For additional calendar information or to view calendars for Maymester and summer session, please visit gcsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars or read Front Page at frontpage.gcsu.edu

FALL SEMESTER 2019

Payment deadline for Fall 2019 courses	August 9
Late fee to be added for non-paid Fall 2018 fees.....	August 12
Fall 2019 Registration begins for TAP and Amendment 23 students.....	August 12
Residence Halls open for Fall 2019.....	August 15
Last day to withdraw (drop all Fall 2019 classes) and receive 100% refund.....	August 16
Classes begin.....	August 19
Last day to add a course	August 21
Last day to drop a course (reduce course load) without fee penalty.....	August 23
Labor Day holiday.....	September 2
Midterm Feedback due.....	October 9
(for all 1000 - 2000 level core classes due no later than 9 a.m.)	
Fall break (no classes).....	October 14-15
Last day to drop a course or withdraw from ALL courses with a "W" grade (Unless previously assigned an "F" by instructor for absences or if maximum number of dropped courses has been exceeded)	October 17
Spring 2020 Registration begins for Continuing, Degree-Seeking Students.	
Registration times: 7 a.m. - midnight each day.....	October 21-24
Graduate students, Seniors, priority registration.....	October 21
Juniors.....	October 22
Sophomores.....	October 23
Freshmen.....	October 24
Spring 2020 Registration begins for Transient Students.....	November 4
Thanksgiving holidays.....	November 27-29
Last day of classes.....	December 9
Final exams.....	December 10-13
Last day for December 2019 graduation candidates to complete coursework for degree requirements.....	December 13
Residence Halls close.....	December 13
Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony.....	December 14
Grades due no later than 9 a.m.....	December 18



SPRING SEMESTER 2020

Spring 2020 Registration begins for Transient Students.....	November 4
Thanksgiving holidays.....	November 27-29
Last day of classes.....	December 9
Final exams.....	December 10-13
Last day for December 2019 graduation candidates to complete coursework for degree requirements.....	December 13
Residence Halls close.....	December 13
Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony.....	December 14
Grades due no later than 9 a.m.....	December 18
Graduate Students, Seniors and Priority Registration.....	March 9
Juniors.....	March 10
Sophomores.....	March 11
Freshmen.....	March 12
Spring Break.....	March 16-20
Classes resume.....	
March 23	
Summer and Fall 2020 Registration begins for Transient students.....	March 30
Last day of classes.....	April 27
Final exams.....	April 28-May 1
Last day for Spring 2020 graduation candidates to complete coursework or degree requirements.....	May 1
Residence Halls close.....	May 1
Graduate Commencement.....	May 1
Undergraduate Commencement.....	May 2
Grades due no later than 9 a.m.....	May 6

Contact Information

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