

Georgia College & State University

Information Security Program

Georgia College continually develops, maintains and improves its information technology (IT) infrastructure and applications to support the creation, storage, modification and sharing of data. These IT systems are essential to the efficient and effective operation of the University. GC, therefore, has a responsibility to institute appropriate safeguards to keep its IT systems and information assets secure. Securing campus information plays a key role in protecting the campus image and facilitating the campus mission and vision of providing an expansive educational experience, highly intentional engagement, promoting diversity and inclusive excellence, and preparing students for leadership. In addition, the University must comply with regulatory requirements that are also designed to keep certain types of data secure and confidential.

The security of IT systems and information assets is dependent on the individuals managing as well as the individuals utilizing such resources. GC is committed to supporting the principles of academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas and the University's information security policies and programs are intended to support those principles while still maintaining an appropriate level of security.

The goals of this security program are to:

1. Protect GC's IT systems and information assets from unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure or destruction.
2. Ensure the reliability and availability of the University's IT systems and information assets.
3. Ensure the privacy of faculty, staff and student information and that of other University customers or associates.
4. Protect the reputation of the University and ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.
5. Establish resources and guidelines that allow all individuals within the University community to practice good data stewardship.