

academic record. A final, official high school transcript along with the other required documents, is required for full admission .

University System of Georgia Required High School Curriculum (RHSC)

Students who graduate from high school before May 2012 are evaluated on the basis of high school grade point average and evaluation of college preparatory curriculum (CPC) or Technical/Career Preparatory Program (TC or Tech/Prep) completion. Students who graduate from high school May 2012 and after will use the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC). For specific test score standards, or other requirements, call the Office of Admissions or refer to the Gordon State College website www.gordonstate.edu (<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gordonstate.edu%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cvickih%40gordonstate.edu%7Cd7f48949619d4b74367508dec67079e8%7C9450bf80253743819ecba433616fae0c%7C0%7C0%7C639166383560862574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslIAUJXAV42MlSRP0jortWfP0CISidUj0yq%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=c9a8Du1h6mHwjX5VnfJd2CZrHmPL8k9x9zTDwD8Ikcc%3D&reserved=0>).

For students graduating from high school May 2012 or later, the high school academic grade point average is based on grades received only for the five (5) academic or core areas of English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Science. Completion of the 17-unit Required High School C ([https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpxl-usgedu.terminalfour.net%2Fprod01%2Fchannel_4%2Fmedia%2Fusg%2Fstudent-affairs%2Fdocuments%2Fhigh-school%2Fadmissions%2FStaying-on-Course.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cvickih%40gordonstate.edu%7Cd7f48949619d4b74367508dec67079e8%7C9450bf80253743819ecba433616fae0c%7C0%7C0%7C639166383560940831%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslIAUJXAV42MlSRP0jortWfP0CISidUj0yq%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a2VbONlw2iPQTCr4CB2KnNSnp%2B9ZJ0dIX19De%2Br2A8s%3D&reserved=0](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usg.edu%2Fstudent_affairs%2Fassets%2Fstudent_affairs%2Fdocuments%2FStaying_on_Course.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cvickih%40gordonstate.edu%7Cd7f48949619d4b74367508dec67079e8%7C9450bf80253743819ecba433616fae0c%7C0%7C0%7C639166383560893834%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslIAUJXAV42MlSRP0jortWfP0CISidUj0yq%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BpEq0le%2FrcGn8f5T7MnuvZJuluUlllKeCdvvNyb5JA%3D&reserved=0)) will be required for students in programs leading to a baccalaureate degree.

The University System of Georgia’s RHSC requirements (https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpxl-usgedu.terminalfour.net%2Fprod01%2Fchannel_4%2Fmedia%2Fusg%2Fstudent-affairs%2Fdocuments%2Fhigh-school%2Fadmissions%2FStaying-on-Course.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cvickih%40gordonstate.edu%7Cd7f48949619d4b74367508dec67079e8%7C9450bf80253743819ecba433616fae0c%7C0%7C0%7C639166383560980599%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbgZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMClslIAUJXAV42MlSRP0jortWfP0CISidUj0yq%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=US8nVGhXqka48eBKumTNbf9GH6rTlEwsHdSy6YOx7w%3D&reserved=0) apply to all students described in the categories listed below who enroll in any program that leads to the baccalaureate degree:

1. Students graduating from Georgia or out-of-state public or private high schools within five (5) years of the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought. RHSC requirements do not apply to students who graduated from a high school located outside of the jurisdiction of the United States educational system.
2. Students who passed the GED exam in lieu of high school graduation if their graduating class at the high school would have graduated within five (5) years of the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought. The GED exam does not indicate fulfillment of Required High School Curriculum requirements.
3. Students enrolled in career associate degree programs are exempted from RHSC requirements. However, students in these programs who transfer into programs leading to the baccalaureate degree will be required to meet RHSC requirements if they have not earned a career associate degree before enrolling in the baccalaureate program.

See the separate listings below for required units/courses to be taken in high school to complete the Required High School Curriculum (RHSC):

Required High School Curriculum (RHSC)

Subject Area	Units Required	Standard Courses
English	4	Literature (American, English, World) integrated with grammar, usage and advanced composition skills
Foreign Language/ American Sign Language/Computer Science	2	Two units of the same foreign language must have an emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing. The 2 units of computer science must have a coding and programming emphasis.
Math	4	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II/Advanced Algebra, and a 4th unit of advanced math, or equivalent courses
Science	4	Must include two courses with a laboratory component. Georgia public high school students should have at least one unit of Biology, one unit of Physical Science or Physics, one unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, or an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course or the equivalent, and an approved 4th science unit.

Social Science	3	Must include one unit focusing on U.S. studies and one unit focusing on world studies.
Total	17	

See this link for additional details and a list of courses that satisfy the RHSC requirements https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/Staying_on_Course.pdf.

The University System of Georgia is dedicated to providing access to college to the students of Georgia and offers its support to the students of school systems in jeopardy of losing Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement accreditation. Admission to any University System of Georgia college or university will not be negatively impacted should SACSCASI determine that the accreditation of a school system must be revoked.

Students graduating from a high school regulated by a school system and state department of education, meeting all other Board of Regents and institutional admission requirements, including the 16 units required of the College Preparatory Curriculum (for those graduating prior to 2012) or the 17 units required for the Required High School Curriculum (for those graduating 2012 or later), will continue to be considered for admission in the same manner as students from SACSCASI accredited schools in the state.

RHSC Deficiencies

The 17 minimum RHSC requirements compose the traditional freshman student's high school academic GPA. The University System policy is very specific as to how RHSC deficiencies are decided. Applicants who have not completed the Required High School Curriculum must satisfy deficiencies within their first 30 degree-level credit hours at Gordon State College.

Students may satisfy RHSC deficiencies through any of the following methods:

1. Demonstrate subject matter proficiency through standardized exams, e.g. SAT, ACT, SATII Subject Tests, CLEP, DSST, and ACCUPLACER .
2. Demonstrate subject matter proficiency through approved coursework. A student may address RHSC deficiencies prior to enrollment at Gordon State College by passing an approved high school course in the deficiency area(s) at a high school accredited by a recognized accrediting agency or by passing a three-credit collegiate course at a regionally accredited college or university. A student who has passed a terminal course in a subject area while in high school will be considered to have met the RHSC requirement in that subject area. For example, a student who has completed calculus in the 11th grade will be deemed as meeting the RHSC requirement in math.
3. Demonstrate subject matter proficiency through appropriate college courses. Students who have RHSC deficiencies, which are addressed after enrollment, can be admitted under the Limited Admissions category. These students may address RHSC deficiencies after enrollment at Gordon State College by passing a three-credit collegiate course in the area of the deficiency at Gordon State College or any regionally accredited college or university within the first 30 college credit hours. Students who earn 30 hours of degree-level credit and have not satisfied all RHSC deficiencies may not register for other courses (except required Learning Support courses)

unless they also register for the appropriate deficiency course(s) as applicable.

English: Exempt or exit the Learning Support English requirement

Foreign Language: Pass a three credit collegiate introductory foreign language course

Math: Exempt or exit the Learning Support math requirement

Science: Pass any three or four credit collegiate science course

Social Science: Pass any three credit collegiate social science course

Collegiate courses used to satisfy RHSC deficiencies will be applied toward graduation and will be computed in the semester and cumulative grade point average. Students who completed collegiate courses to satisfy RHSC or CPC deficiencies prior to Fall 2014 may appeal to have those courses applied toward graduation. Contact the Registrar's Office at 678359-5022 for information on the academic request process.

Every Gordon State College student is assigned an academic advisor who assists the student in setting up a class schedule that fulfills completion of RHSC deficiencies. The advisor will be assigned at the beginning of the school term.

GED Students

Applicants are considered GED students if they have passed the GED exam in lieu of high school graduation and if their high school class would have graduated within five years of the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought. A minimum score of 145 on each section of the GED is required for admittance or 2250 on the previous version of the test. A student receiving a GED cannot be admitted to the College for any term before his or her high school class's date of graduation. GED applicants are required to submit the following documents and/or information to the Office of Admissions *before* a final admissions decision can be made:

1. Application for admission
2. Official GED Scores
3. Immunization Record(s)
4. Verification of Lawful Presence
5. ACCUPLACER Scores, and
6. Official Transcripts showing all coursework completed in high school.

Home-Schooled Applicants

The Board of Regents has established five paths to admission for a home-schooled student. They are:

1. Diploma from a regionally accredited home study program or Center of the Accrediting Commission for Independent Study (ACIS),
2. SAT scores in top 5% of national college-bound seniors,
3. GED test,
4. SAT II Subject Tests, and
5. Portfolio Assessment.

Visit this link for a current list of homeschool accrediting agencies recognized by the University System of Georgia https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section3/C659 (https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usg.edu%2Facademic_affairs_handbook)

Registrar of the applicant's home institution typically furnishes the Letter of Transient Permission.

The student, in accordance with established College policies, may request transcripts of course work attempted at Gordon State College.

Transcripts will not be automatically forwarded to the student's home institution.

Auditors

Auditors are persons who wish to enroll in a course or courses at Gordon State College but do not wish to receive any college credit toward degree requirements for the work attempted. Applicants wishing to apply as auditors must submit the following required documents/information before a final admissions decision can be made:

1. Application for Admission
2. Official High School transcript and/or official college transcript *or* Official GED score sheet
3. Immunization Record(s)
4. Verification of Lawful Presence

Students enrolled as auditors must pay all regular fees for enrollment.

Students may not transfer from audit to credit-seeking status without satisfying the admissions requirements for credit status as either a beginning freshman or transfer student. Students who receive an audit grade may not convert it to a credit grade, and vice versa.

Post-Baccalaureate Students

Applicants are considered *post-baccalaureate students* if they have received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and wish to enroll in undergraduate courses and receive college credit.

Post-baccalaureate students will be admitted as non-degree students without a limitation on the number of credit hours they can earn.

Post-baccalaureate students must submit the following documents/information *before* a final admissions decision can be made:

1. Application for Admission
2. Official Transcript from the Institution which Awarded the Highest Degree, and
3. Immunization Record(s), and
4. Verification of Lawful Presence.

Post-baccalaureate students who decide to pursue a degree at Gordon State College must satisfy the admissions requirements for transfer students.

Non-Degree Students

Applicants without a baccalaureate degree may enroll as *non-degree students* for a maximum of ten (10) semester credit hours (including institutional credit).

Non-degree students may not enroll in any course for which there is a Learning Support prerequisite unless they have been screened for and exempted the relevant Learning Support course. Applicants seeking admission as non-degree students must submit the following documents *before* a final admissions decision can be made:

1. Application for Admission
2. Immunization Record(s), and

3. Official High School and/or College Transcripts, and
4. Verification of Lawful Presence.

Dual Enrollment Program for High School Students

In accordance with the Board of Regents Academic Affairs handbook, section 3.6.2, the University System of Georgia recognizes the need to provide academically talented high school students with opportunities for acceleration of their formal academic programs. This recognition has led to the development of three organized programs:

1. Dual Enrollment: Programs in which the student, while continuing his/her enrollment in high school, enrolls in courses for both high school and college credit in which tuition and textbook costs are covered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).
2. Joint Enrollment: Program in which a student, while continuing his/her enrollment in high school as a junior or senior, enrolls in courses for college credit.
3. Early Admission: Program in which the student enrolls as a full-time college student following completion of the junior year in high school.

The minimum admission standards for the programs are established by the Board of Regents, ensuring consistent application of standards across institutions. These guidelines are detailed at this link <https://usg.policystat.com/policy/19899070/latest/#autoid-p5jrr> (<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fusg.policystat.com%2Fpolicy%2F19899070%2Flatest%2F%23autoid-p5jrr&data=05%7C02%7Cvickih%40gordonstate.edu%7Cd7f48949619d4b74367508dec67079e8%7C9450bf80253743819ecba433616fa%7C0%7C0%7C639166383561094505%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWU%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WuHIY7bOorFp%2B48%2FKC1WqcxL4AXIUArHZ3dvOwpMKQU%3D&reserved=0>)

Non-Traditional Students

Applicants are considered *non-traditional students* if they meet the following criteria. Applicants must have:

1. Graduated from high school at least five years before the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought or have been part of a high school class that *would have graduated* at least five years before the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought,
2. A high school diploma from an accredited or approved high school or a GED,
3. Earned fewer than 30 transferable semester credit hours, and
4. Not attended college within five years of the beginning of the semester for which admission is sought or must be in good standing at the last college attended if admitted to that college as a non-traditional student.

Applicants applying as non-traditional students who have taken the SAT or ACT may submit their test scores to the College. All non-traditional students will be encouraged to take both the verbal and mathematics sections of ACCUPLACER to determine Learning Support requirements.

International Students

Gordon State College is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. If an applicant is neither a U.S. citizen nor a U.S. permanent resident, then they are considered an international

student. If English is their native language, they are required to complete the SAT or ACT, and submit official high school transcripts.

Admissions Requirements

- Minimum TOEFL scores: 525 paper; 197 CBT or; 71 IBT
- Or Minimum SAT I scores: 430 Verbal and 430 Math
- Minimum ACT scores: 17 English and 18 Math

Required Documents

- Completed application(below), and \$30 fee
- Immunization form signed by a physician or health official. The form must show proof of two doses of the MMR vaccination.
- Official copy of document showing that the applicant has attained an education level equivalent to a United States high school diploma.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended in the United States and other countries.
- Official TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language) scores if English is not the applicant's native language. If you have graduated from a US High School, the TOEFL will not be required.

If not a US citizen or Resident Alien, an official, certified financial statement of responsibility must be provided. This statement must document that the applicant has sufficient funds to cover all expenses involved in attending Gordon State College for one (1) academic year (2 semesters) of study; traveling to and from the United States; and living away from the college when the campus residence halls are closed for holidays.

The applicant must provide all necessary documentation of current status with the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (BCIS). This documentation includes, but is not limited to:

- Copy of VISA
- Resident Alien Registration or Permanent Resident Card (front and back)
- Passport
- Copy of current I-20 form (if transferring from US college/university).

Upon request, the applicant may be asked to provide additional documentation.

IMPORTANT: All documents must be provided in English language translation.

Accepted applicants will be issued the I-20 form for entry into the United States. Prior to registration for classes, international applicants may be required to take the Accuplacer. The Accuplacer exam results are used for determining the applicant's entry level into the college and are used in advisement.

NOTE: International students have been mandated by the Board of Regents to pay for mandatory student health insurance. These fees are charged to students automatically when the fee assessment process is finished. A waiver request can be completed if you have personal insurance and can provide documentation supporting this. To request a waiver, please contact the Bursar's office.

Former Gordon State College Students Seeking Re-Admission

Former Gordon State College students seeking re-admission must apply through the Office of Admission. Please see the section on Readmission of Former Students (page 58) for more information.