

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Associate Degree Programs Achievement

Associate degrees are intended for transfer leading to the baccalaureate degree. However, certain associate degrees provide immediate employment opportunities. Students who choose to earn an associate degree do so for various reasons: ease of transferability within the University System of Georgia, lower tuition costs, and increased financial earnings. Communication, problem solving, and critical thinking skills are essential components of an associate degree, all of which are necessary for success in any chosen career.

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree is typically a 2-year degree which provides a foundational liberal arts education. By selecting one of Gordon State College's associate degrees with a major or the general Associate of Arts degree (with additional baccalaureate pathways), students build a foundation in a specific field of study.

1. Associate of Arts (general)¹
2. Associate of Arts in Psychology

¹ Associate of Arts (general) Pathways: Core Curriculum, English, History, Political Science, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Teacher Education.

Associate of Science Degree

The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is typically a 2-year degree which provides a liberal arts foundation as well as foundational knowledge in STEM fields such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. By selecting one of Gordon State College's associate degrees with a major or the general Associate of Science degree (with additional baccalaureate pathways), students build a foundation in specific fields of study.

1. Associate of Science (general)¹
2. Associate of Science in Business Administration
3. Associate of Science in Computer Science
4. Associate of Science in Criminal Justice
5. Associate of Science in Engineering
6. Associate of Science in Information Technology
7. Associate of Science in Nursing

¹ Associate of Science (general) Pathways: Biological Sciences and Biology, Health and Physical Education, Health Information Management, Human Services, Mathematics, Nursing – Transfer, Pharmacy – Transfer, and Physics.

Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

The Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.) degree is typically a 3-year program that leads directly to a career in health care. The curriculum trains students as generalists who are capable of providing nursing services in a wide range of health care facilities. Graduates of the A.S.N. program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam required to become a registered nurse.

Baccalaureate Degree Programs Achievement

Baccalaureate degrees prepare students for the choice of entry into the workforce or enrollment in graduate school. Students who choose baccalaureate programs at Gordon State receive excellent preparation for various master's and doctoral programs along with practical, real-world training so that they can gain immediate employment.

Bachelor of Arts Degree

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree is typically a 4-year degree which provides a foundational education in a specific field of study such as English or History. Graduates have ultimately pursued careers in a wide variety of fields from communication to education or public service.

- Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science Degree

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree is typically a 4-year degree which provides a liberal arts foundation as well as foundational knowledge in STEM fields such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students obtaining a Bachelor of Science at Gordon State College will be prepared for fields of pharmaceutical and biotechnology, medical school, physical therapy, environmental biology, and zoology, teaching, social services, management, criminal justice, computer science, nursing, and business.

- Biology and Biology with Secondary Teacher Certification
- Criminal Justice
- Elementary Education/Special Education
- Secondary Education
- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Business
- Nursing
- Organizational Leadership

Nexus Degree Programs Achievement

The University System of Georgia's Nexus Degree, a new academic credential and the first new degree program in the United States since the 1890s when the associate degree was added, will help more Georgians access careers in high demand areas. Creation of this degree is in direct response to talent demand analysis with employers in high demand career areas.

The Nexus degree is intended to be highly specialized within a high-demand career sector. Course requirements include 42 credit-hours of general education core, and 18 credit-hours of coursework focusing on the skills and knowledge requirements of a major industry or field. The 18 credit-hours of coursework beyond the general education core will include a minimum of 12 credit-hours of upper-division courses with at least half in an apprenticeship or clinical model.

Gordon State currently offers the following Nexus degrees:

- Film Production in collaboration with Georgia Film Consortium
- Film Post-Production in collaboration with Georgia Film Consortium
- Digital Entertainment, Esports, and Game Development in collaboration with Georgia Film Consortium

Minor Programs Achievement

Students use minors to complement their major or explore a different discipline. Students who decide to get minors in college often are a step ahead when they graduate as they have gained valuable experiences in an area outside of their major. A minor must contain 15 to 18 semester hours of coursework with at least 9 hours of upper-division coursework. Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas A through E may not be counted as coursework in the minor. Field of Study courses may be counted as coursework in the minor.