

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Gordon State College requires students to complete a minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for a degree in residence at Gordon State College. Some programs may require a higher percentage for completion of the program as noted in program specific sections of this Catalog.

Associate of Arts, Associate of Science Degrees

To qualify for an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Gordon State College, the student must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Satisfy the Core IMPACTS Curriculum requirements, specified in the Academic Catalog. These requirements consist of 42 semester hours of course work.
2. Earn at least 18 hours of degree requirements at Gordon State College. Note: Active duty military personnel follow the SOC residency requirement. See "Military Service Members" section of this catalog for those requirements.
3. Have a minimum cumulative institutional grade point average of 2.0.
4. Satisfy the U. S. and Georgia history and Constitution requirements mandated by the Georgia Legislature.
5. Apply to graduate by the official midterm date of the semester prior to the anticipated semester of graduation. A student who plans to graduate at the end of Spring Semester, for example, is required to complete an application for graduation no later than the midterm of the preceding Fall Semester. The Application for Graduation is available online through the student's Banner Web account.

Notes:

1. To graduate with an associate degree, a student must satisfy the requirements for the degree by meeting all of the requirements listed in any one of the Academic Catalogs in effect during the student's period of consecutive enrollment. However, returning students who have had an absence from Gordon State College of three semesters or longer must meet requirements of one of the Academic Catalogs in effect subsequent to their return. If the student had completed any Core IMPACTS requirements prior to or during their absence of three or more semesters, they would incur no additional obligations for the completed Areas.
2. Students may graduate and receive a diploma at the end of any semester in which all degree requirements are fulfilled. Formal commencement exercises are held only at the end of fall and spring Semesters.
3. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 18 semester hours of degree requirements at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation.
4. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 18 semester hours of degree requirements at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation with honors.

Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

Requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing degree are outlined beginning on page 235 in the Academic Catalog.

Notes:

1. To graduate with an associate degree, a student must satisfy the requirements for the degree by meeting all of the requirements listed in any one of the Academic Catalogs in effect during the student's period of consecutive enrollment. However, returning students who have had an absence from Gordon State College of three semesters or longer must meet requirements of one of the Academic Catalogs in effect subsequent to their return.
2. Students may graduate and receive a diploma at the end of any semester in which all degree requirements are fulfilled. Formal commencement exercises are held only at the end of fall and spring semesters.
3. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 18 semester hours of degree requirements at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation.
4. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 18 semester hours of degree requirements at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation with honors.

Baccalaureate Degrees

To qualify for a baccalaureate degree at Gordon State College, the student must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Satisfy the 42 hours of Core IMPACTS Curriculum requirements, specified in the Academic Catalog, together with applicable Field of Study requirements.
2. Complete all courses required for the selected degree and major program. Requirements are specified in the Academic Catalog. Baccalaureate programs require a minimum of 120 earned semester hours (including the 60 hours from Core IMPACTS requirements) together with applicable Field of Study requirements. More hours may be required for particular programs.
3. Fulfill all additional program requirements for the selected degree and major program. Additional requirements for each baccalaureate degree program are outlined in the Academic Catalog.
4. Earn at least 30 semester hours of credit applicable toward the degree at Gordon State College. In addition, half of the upper level hours required for the degree must be completed at Gordon State College. Note: Active duty military personnel follow the SOC residency requirement. See "Military Service Members" section of this catalog for those requirements.
5. Have a minimum cumulative institutional grade point average of 2.0.
6. Satisfy the U. S. and Georgia history and Constitution requirements mandated by the Georgia Legislature.
7. Apply to graduate by the official midterm date of the semester prior to the anticipated semester of graduation. A student who plans to graduate at the end of Spring Semester, for example, is required to complete an application for graduation no later than the midterm of the preceding Fall Semester. The Application for Graduation is available online through the student's Banner Web account.

Notes:

1. To graduate with a baccalaureate degree, a student must satisfy the requirements for the degree by meeting all of the requirements listed in any one of the Academic Catalogs in effect during the student's period of consecutive enrollment. However, returning students who have had an absence from Gordon State College of three semesters or longer must meet requirements of one of the Academic Catalogs in effect subsequent to their return. If students have completed the Core IMPACTS Curriculum at a USG institution prior to or during their absence of three or more semesters, they would not have any additional obligations relative to the Core IMPACTS Curriculum beyond those associated with a change of major area. Additionally, if students have completed any of Core IMPACTS Curriculum prior to or during their absence of three or more semesters, they would incur no additional obligations for the completed requirements.
2. Students may graduate and receive a diploma at the end of any semester in which all degree requirements are fulfilled. Formal commencement exercises are held at the end of fall and spring semesters.
3. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 30 semester hours of credit applicable toward the degree and half of the upper level hours required for the degree at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation.
4. Students who have received Academic Renewal must complete at least 30 semester hours of credit applicable toward the degree and half of the upper level hours required for the degree at Gordon State College after acquiring Academic Renewal to be eligible for graduation with honors.

Nexus Degree

Structure & Requirements

To qualify for a nexus degree at Gordon State College, the student must satisfy the following requirements:

- 42 credit-hours of general education Core IMPACTS curriculum
- 18 credit-hours of coursework focusing on the skills and knowledge requirements of a major industry or field
 - Minimum of 12 credit-hours of upper-division courses
 - Must include a substantive experiential learning component
- At least six- credit hours in an apprenticeship or clinical model such as those used for preparation in the healthcare professions.
- The experiential learning opportunity will be in a real or simulated environment. All placements will be supervised by a person employed at the company and by a faculty or staff member at the institution.
- Students will be assessed based on their performance and the projects they complete.