

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

On-Campus Application Process

Living in the residence halls at Gordon State College is an integral part of the educational process. Therefore, all students enrolled in twelve (12) or more semester hours at the College are encouraged to live in the residence halls. Students are required to register for 12 or more credit hours when residing on campus. Students are encouraged to maintain 12 or more credit hours for financial aid, graduation, transfer and or insurance purposes.

Students who complete the application process as specified will have their residence hall applications reviewed and processed according to the date they complete all of the steps. All new students living in the residence halls are strongly encouraged to participate in Gordon Orientation Week activities at the beginning of the Fall Semester. These sessions are designed to help students with transition issues regarding on-campus housing.

To apply for on-campus living, students should visit the housing webpage at <https://www.gordonstate.edu/student-life/campus-life/housing/index.html> (<https://www.gordonstate.edu/student-life/campus-life/housing/>)

Gordon State College Freshmen Residency Requirement

National Research shows that freshmen who live in the residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college career. For this reason, Gordon requires incoming freshmen with Learning Support requirements to live in the residence halls. These freshmen are able to live in any residence hall on campus and must remember that assignments are made on a first come, first served basis.

You are required to live on campus if all of the following apply:

- A first time, full-time freshman with Learning Support requirements (attending college for the first time and registered for 12 or more credit hours)
- Under the age of 21 (prior to July 1)
- Resides outside of the following contiguous counties
 - Butts
 - Lamar
 - Monroe
 - Pike
 - Spalding
 - Upson

Please visit www.gordonstate.edu/housing (<https://www.gordonstate.edu/housing>) for more information on the application and/or exemption process. A student who is required to live on campus may apply for an exemption to this policy if the student provides documentation for one of the following conditions:

1. lives with parent/guardian,
2. married,

3. veteran or active duty military, or
4. parent with custody of child.

Student Government Association

All students at Gordon State College can be members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA General Body consists of the executive board, legislative branch and judicial branch. The SGA Constitution is available for review in the Office of Student Life and Recreation.

Highlander Hall

Currently, Gordon State College offers unlimited meal plans for residential students. Meal plan fees are available online at Gordon State College | Aladdin Campus Dining (campus-dining.com).

Students must be properly dressed at all times when in the cafeteria and other eating locations on campus. Shoes and shirts are required by law.

Students are required to carry their own tray, utensils, and all leftover food to the appropriate kitchen window at the conclusion of each meal. This courteous action, other common courtesies, and a moderate noise level are required at all times and will make the dining hall an enjoyable and relaxing place for all.

Each student who lives in campus residence halls is required to pay board for the campus dining hall. Students with special diets must ask a physician to provide complete dietary requirements to the College. Commuting and off-campus students who wish to dine in Highlander Hall may choose to purchase one of the three meal plans, purchase a block plan, or pay the daily rate at the door. Identification cards are checked at every meal, and each student must have the appropriate Gordon State College identification card available when entering the dining hall. Suggestions for improving the dining hall are encouraged. Please direct all suggestions to the appropriate Food Service Committee or to the Dining Services Office.

Campus Safety

General Safety

Any person witnessing or having knowledge of a crime or discovering or being involved in an accident on College property should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety.

Fire Safety

All students shall be required to observe all state fire laws and College fire safety regulations. Any person discovering a fire on or in College property should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety.

Evacuation Procedures

All students should adhere to posted instructions for evacuating the buildings in the event of fire, natural disasters, disruptive actions, or other occurrences.

Vending Machines

Vending machines are located on the main floor of Russell Hall, second and third floor of the Instructional Complex, Student Lounge of Academic Building, Student Activity and Recreation Center, Library, Nursing and Allied Health Science building and the Residence Halls.

Campus Visitors

The College campus, buildings, and facilities are designated for the use of the students, faculty, and staff of the College. Guests of students, faculty, and staff members are welcome on the campus and are subject to all campus regulations while visiting the College. Such guests are the direct responsibility of those they are visiting, and the hosts can be held responsible for guests' actions.

Other occasional visitors are welcome at Gordon State College and shall be accorded the hospitality of the College.

Habitual loiterers or visitors whose conduct is in any way detrimental to the life and work of the College and individuals who refuse to identify themselves upon the request of a College faculty member, administrator, or Public Safety Officer shall be asked to leave the campus. Persons who refuse to respond to the request or who return to the campus after having been instructed not to do so shall be in violation of state law.

Concessions and Fund Raising

All student organizations must consult with the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations and receive prior written approval along with the Student Life and Recreation Office before being involved in any fundraising activities at Gordon State College.

Fundraising projects must be conducted in a lawful manner and in compliance with college regulations. State law prohibits raffles and lotteries except within very specific parameters involving sales promotion activities which are strictly regulated.

Student Health Center

Gordon State College has a partnership with Lamar County Health Department and WellStar GME in Griffin. Students may schedule two free appointments with the Health Department throughout the Fall semester. Appointments will need to be scheduled by visiting their website: <http://www.district4health.org> or calling (770) 358-1483. You will need to bring your Gordon ID to verify your identity. The Health Department is open M-F from 8AM-5PM.

We also have a partnership with WellStar GME to serve your other needs. These services are not free, but they will take your health insurance. WellStar GME will offer financial assistance if you are 18 years old and have no insurance coverage. You must schedule an appointment with them as well by scanning the QR code below or calling (470) 604-8250. This clinic is open M-F from 8AM-4PM.

Identification Cards

Each student will be issued a photo identification card at no cost when they register for classes at Gordon State College for the first time. This card will serve as a student's identification card, library card, and meal card (if applicable). Student identification cards must be carried at all times and will be used for identification at all student activities, in all recreation facilities (e.g., the SARC), to check out library books, residence hall access, and for meal plan privileges. Replacement identification cards may be purchased in the Bursar's Office in the Student Services Center, or Public Safety in Gordon Hall.

Lost and Found

Students should report any items which are lost or found on campus to the Department of Public Safety (678-359-5101) located in Gordon Hall.

Student Life and Recreation Office

The Student Life and Recreation Office is responsible for maintaining **3 student life bulletin boards** located in high traffic areas on campus. Bulletin boards are located in the following buildings:

Building	Floor	Board
Instructional Complex	1st Floor	1 board
Student Center	1st floor	1 board
Russell Hall	1st floor	1 board

Materials to be posted on a campus bulletin board must be submitted to the Student Life and Recreation Office for approval. All approved materials will be posted by the Student Life and Recreation Office usually within 24 to 72 hours from the time they are approved. Due to space limitations, posters should be no larger than 11" x 13".

Written materials may be distributed free of charge by College students on campus, either individually or as officials of registered student organizations, pursuant to the following regulations:

- Distributors are subject to the Code of Student Conduct, local, state, and federal laws.
- Materials distributed must identify the author or publisher and, when necessary for clarification, a statement disclaiming College sponsorship.
- Distribution of materials may not take place within College buildings except within the specifically designated areas:
 - Student Center and individually approved building lobbies (materials must not be posted on any entrance doors, glass surfaces or motorized vehicles.)
- Distributors may not in any way interfere with orderly process of the College. They shall not, for example:
 - obstruct vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian or other traffic;
 - obstruct entrances or exits to buildings or driveways;
 - interfere with educational activities, inside or outside any buildings;
 - harass passers-by or otherwise disrupt normal activities;
 - interfere with or preclude a scheduled speaker from being heard;
 - interfere with scheduled College ceremonies or events;
 - damage property, including lawns, shrubs, automobiles or trees.
- Materials must be removed when the event has concluded.
- This policy does not apply to officially printed materials of the College.
- Materials must be given to the Director of Student Life and Recreation at least one (1) week prior to the date needed to be posted.
- Materials must be approved by the Student Life and Recreation Office.
- Unless flyers are promoting a "special" club sponsored event, the size of the flyer should be limited to 8.5" x 11".

Off-Campus Housing Statement

Students living off campus must arrange for their own housing. The College assumes no responsibility for off-campus housing, but does attempt to assist students by helping them become aware of available options in the surrounding area. Students are responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office of their correct off-campus mailing address.

Student Complaint Policy

Students have the right to lodge a complaint whether academic or non-academic. Students wishing to file a complaint should fill out the "Student Complaint Form" found on the Gordon State College website (see below). The completed form will be reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs and assigned to the appropriate department for resolution. The student will receive confirmation of the complaint within ten days. The student will be notified of the resolution within 30 days. Should the student not be satisfied with the resolution they may appeal the decision to the Vice President of the division of the college with oversight of the complaint. The student will be notified in writing within ten days of the decision of the Vice President or designee. The decision of the Vice President will be final.

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