

# STUDENT AFFAIRS

## Intramural Sports

Intramural sports at Gordon State College offer students a fun, inclusive, and competitive way to stay active and build community on campus. With a wide range of sports and activities—from basketball and flag football to volleyball, students of all skill levels can participate, fostering teamwork, school spirit, and healthy lifestyles. These programs provide a great outlet for stress relief, social connection, and leadership development, all within a supportive and student-centered environment. Whether playing for fun or for the win, intramural sports are a vibrant part of student life at Gordon State College.

## Club Sports

Club sports at Gordon State College provide students with opportunities to engage in competitive, student-led athletic teams that go beyond the recreational level of intramurals. These clubs allow students to represent the college in regional and national competitions while developing their skills, leadership, and teamwork. Organized and managed by students with guidance from faculty advisors or coaches, club sports foster a strong sense of community, commitment, and school pride. Whether continuing a passion from high school or exploring a new sport, students involved in club sports enjoy a dynamic and rewarding college experience.

## Student Life and Recreation

Student Life and Recreation at Gordon State College is at the heart of the student experience, offering a vibrant mix of programs, events, and resources that support personal growth, well-being, and community engagement. From campus-wide events and student organizations to fitness programs, outdoor adventures, and leadership opportunities, students have countless ways to get involved, stay active, and make lasting connections. With a focus on inclusivity and student development, the Office of Student Life and Recreation creates a dynamic environment where students can thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

## Registered Student Organizations

A complete listing of registered student organizations is available in the Office of Student Life and Recreation.

## Recreational Facilities

Gordon State College offers a variety of recreational facilities designed to promote student wellness, engagement, and community. At the heart of campus life is the Student Activity and Recreation Center (SARC), a modern facility featuring a 2,100-seat arena adaptable for sports events, concerts, and movie nights. The SARC also includes a fully equipped cardio and weight room with state-of-the-art Matrix equipment, a game room with pool and ping pong tables, and a digital gaming room with multiple gaming stations. Additional amenities include a multi-purpose room for club meetings and events, as well as convenient on-site dining options.

Beyond the SARC, students have access to outdoor recreational spaces such as tennis and racquetball courts, and an extensive Athletic Complex. This complex features athletic fields, a walking trail, and a ropes course complete with a climbing wall and zip wire. These facilities support a wide range of activities, from casual fitness routines to organized sports and team-building exercises, enhancing the overall student experience at Gordon State College.

## Liability

Many recreational activities and athletic programs (e.g., trips, dances, sporting events, intramural sports, sightseeing, etc.) involve substantial risk of bodily injury and/or property damage. Specific dangers include but are not limited to hypothermia, broken bones, strains, sprains, bruises, drowning, concussion, heart attack, and heat exhaustion.

Before participating in any extracurricular and/or recreational activities, the following liability waiver documents must be completed and filed with the Director of Student Life and Recreation. Before participating in any athletic activity, the following liability waiver documents must be completed and filed with the Athletic Director.

1. *Notice to All Persons Participating in Athletic or Recreation Activities and*
2. *Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue*

These documents are available in the Student Life and Recreation Office and must be signed as a package at least annually by all persons who participate in extracurricular, athletic, and/or recreational activities. The signature of each participant must be witnessed as indicated.

## Counseling and Accessibility Services

Gordon State College's Office of Counseling and Accessibility Services offers comprehensive support to promote students' emotional well-being and ensure equitable access to academic resources. Located in the Student Center (Room 212), the office provides free, confidential services to all enrolled students, including those attending online or at satellite campuses.

Counseling services encompass short-term individual therapy, group counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to community resources. Students can access inperson or tele-counseling sessions, with appointments scheduled via phone or email. The office also offers immediate online therapy through the Uwill platform, available 24/7. All counseling interactions are confidential and do not appear on academic records.

Accessibility Services ensures that students with documented disabilities receive appropriate academic accommodations. Support is available for a range of disabilities, including physical, psychological, and learning disorders such as ADHD. Accommodations may include extended test time, note-taking assistance, accessible furniture, and housing modifications. The office adheres to federal guidelines under the ADA and Section 504 to provide equal educational opportunities.

Additionally, the office assists students with pregnancy-related accommodations under Title IX, ensuring they receive necessary support during their academic journey.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, students can contact the office at (678) 359-5585 or visit the Counseling and Accessibility Services webpage.