General Information

Georgia Gwinnett
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About Georgia Gwinnett College

Georgia Gwinnett College opened its doors to students on August 18, 2006 as the first new four-year public college created in Georgia in more than 100 years; furthermore it is the first new four-year public college created in the nation in the 21st century.

Location

1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 678-407-5000   **www.ggc.edu**

GGC is located in Lawrenceville, Georgia, in the heart of Gwinnett County. Gwinnett County is a vibrant community 30 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta where a mixture of quiet postcard neighborhoods and bustling commercial districts blend the past with the present. Gwinnett County remains one of the most dynamic regions in the south to live and work with a current population of 842,046 and a population of 1.1 million projected by the year 2025.

Academic Programs 2012-13

Business Administration (B.B.A.)	English (B.A.)	Mathematics (B.S.)
Biology (B.S.)	Exercise Science (B.S.)	Political Science (B.A.)
Criminal Justice/Criminology (B.S.)	History (B.A.)	Psychology (B.S.)
Early Childhood Ed. (B.S.)	Information Technology (B.S.)	Special Education (B.S)

Students and Enrollment: Fall 2012

Enrollment: **9397**   FTE: **8484**

Faculty: Fall 2012

Instructional Faculty: **545**   Full-time: **342** College Employees: **891**

Faculty FTE: **415.7**   Student to Faculty Ratio (by FTE) of Fall 2012: **20.4:1**

Finance: FY 2013

Total revenue exceeded **$106** million, including **$35** million from state appropriations. Nearly **43%** of total operational expenditures (approximately **$108** million) accounted for instruction.
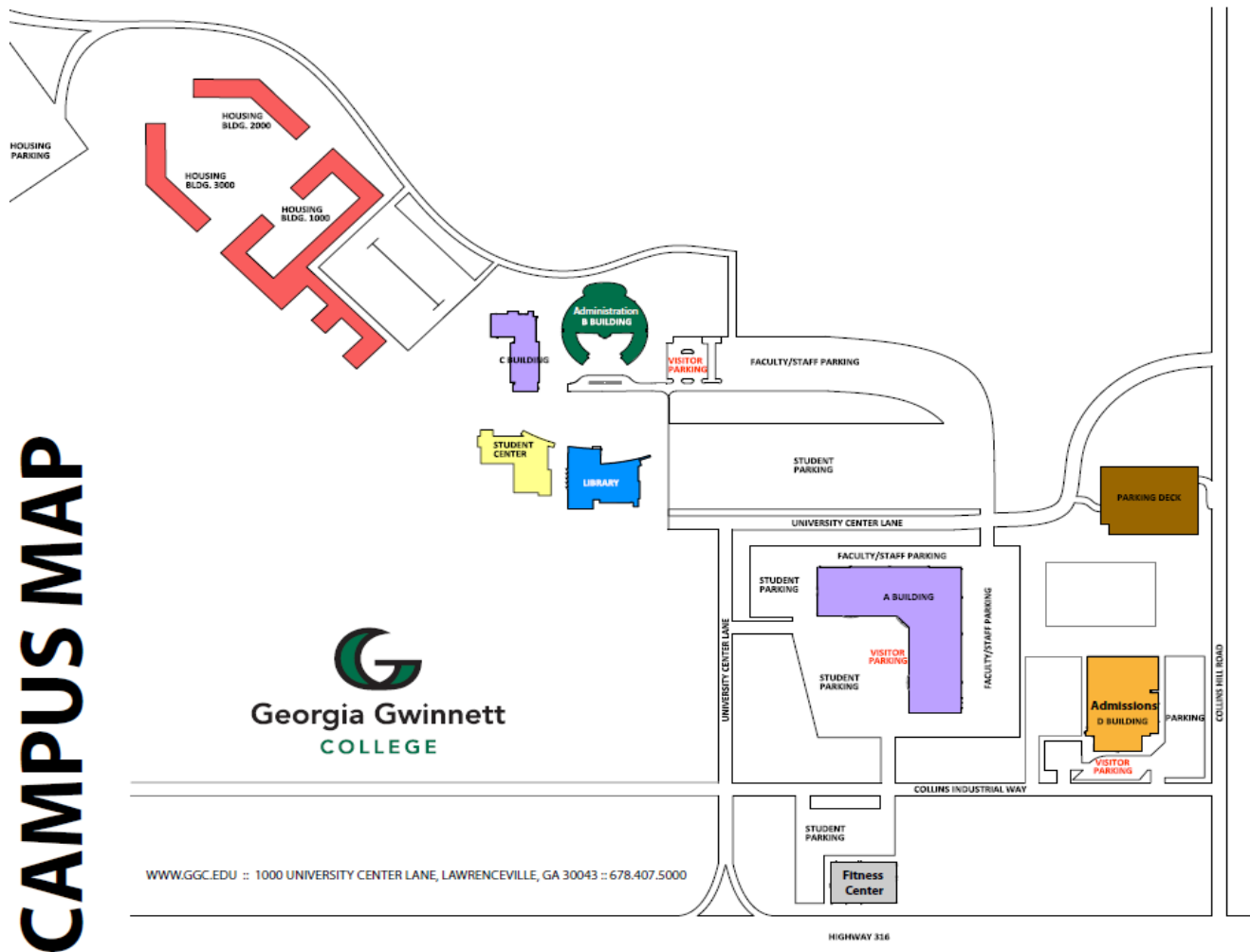
Tuition and Fees 2012-13

New and Existing Students	In-state	Out-of-State
Incoming freshmen and Transfer students	**$112.60**	**$420.14**
Flat rate tuition 15 credits and over, per semester	**$1689**	**$6302**

Activity Fee: $55	Health & Wellness: $70	Parking Fee: $100
Athletic Fee: $120	Institutional Fee: $245	Student Center Fee: $105
Health Fee: $25	International Studies Fee: $7	Technology Fee: $75

All fees listed refer to the maximum charge.

Source: Georgia Gwinnett College 2012 -2013 Catalog

Campus Guide and Directions

CAMPUS MAP

Directions to the Campus

From Atlanta: Take I-85 North for 24 miles to Highway 316/University Parkway. Travel 6.6 miles and turn left at the first traffic light (Collins Hill Road). Travel 0.2 miles on Collins Hill Rd. and turn left into the Campus East Entrance. The Admissions office is in the first building on the right.

From Duluth: From downtown Duluth, travel East on Duluth Hwy (120) for 4.3 miles. Turn right onto Sugarloaf Parkway and continue to Highway 316 (1.4 miles). Exit left onto Highway 316 East towards Athens. Travel four miles and turn left at the first traffic light (Collins Hill Road). Travel 0.2 miles on Collins Hill Rd. and turn left into the Campus East Entrance.

From Snellville: Take Highway 124 S.W. (approx. 6.5 miles) into Lawrenceville. Follow the signs to Highway 316. Turn left onto Highway 316. Travel 0.8 miles to the first intersection, Collins Hill Road and turn right. Turn right onto Collins Hill Road. Travel 0.2 miles on Collins Hill Rd. and turn left into the Campus East Entrance. The Admissions office is in the first building on the right.

From Greenville: Take I-85 South to Exit 115. Exit onto Highway 20. Merge into the right lane, traveling eastbound towards Lawrenceville. Follow Highway 20 to Russell Road (4.7 miles) and turn right. Travel 1.6 miles and turn left onto Collins Hill Road. Travel 1.8 miles to University Center Lane and turn right into the Georgia Gwinnett College campus.

Vision

Georgia Gwinnett College will be a premier 21st Century Liberal Arts college where learning will take place continuously in and beyond the confines of the traditional classroom. Its cornerstones will be innovative use of educational technology and a commitment to an integrated educational experience that develops the whole person. Georgia Gwinnett College will be a wellspring of educational innovation. It will be a dynamic learning community where faculty engagement in teaching and mentoring students will be the hallmark. It will be a driving force for change in student success. As such, it will be a model for innovative approaches to education, faculty engagement with students and highly efficient student, facility and administrative services.

Mission

Georgia Gwinnett College provides access to targeted baccalaureate level degrees that meet the economic development needs of the growing and diverse population of the northeast Atlanta metropolitan region. It emphasizes the innovative use of technology and active-learning environments to provide students enhanced learning experiences, practical opportunities to apply knowledge, increased scheduling flexibility and a variety of course delivery options. Georgia Gwinnett College's outstanding faculty and staff actively engage students in various learning environments serve as mentors and advisors and assist students through programs designed to enhance their academic, social and personal development. Georgia Gwinnett College produces contributing citizens and future leaders for Georgia and the nation. Its graduates are inspired to contribute to the local, state, national and international communities and are prepared to anticipate and respond effectively to an uncertain and changing world.

Operating Principles

Georgia Gwinnett College is committed to:

- Continuous review, assessment, change and experimentation.
- Holistic development of students.
- Building partnerships with its business and community constituents.
- Developing a workforce of highly competent teachers and staff who are also action oriented and innovative.
- Innovatively integrating technology into educational experiences.
- Diversity and building a multicultural environment to prepare students to succeed in a global society.
- Being the community of choice to work for faculty, administrators and staff.
- Providing a supportive work environment that encompasses involvement, open communications, a spirit of collegiality and an appropriate reward system.

History

Georgia Gwinnett College opened its doors on August 18, 2006, as Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, GGC President Daniel J. Kaufman, Georgia Board of Regents Chairman Allan Vigil, U.S. Representative John Linder and GGC Foundation Chairman Glenn White cut the ceremonial ribbon for the nation's first four-year public college founded in the 21st century and the first four-year public institution created in Georgia in more than 100 years.

Recognizing that Gwinnett was the largest county east of the Mississippi River lacking a four-year college, the County purchased 160 acres of land located off Georgia Highway 316 and Collins Hill Road in 1994 and designated it specifically for the development of a college campus. Five years later, the Georgia Legislature showed their support by allocating nearly $20 million for the signature building which serves as the focal point on the campus today.

The following year, Gwinnett County donated the 160 acres to establish the Gwinnett University Center (GUC), a partnership among several state institutions. Before the year ended, the Board of Regents would approve a unique public-private venture to construct the first classroom building on the new campus. The new 120,000 square-foot building was constructed in a record 10 months and by January of 2002, the College's predecessor, the Gwinnett University Center, would open its doors.

In October of 2004, the Board of Regents voted to create a new four-year college in Gwinnett County, which had doubled in population in each of the past three decades and was home to nearly 700,000 people. The new college would inhabit the GUC campus and replace the four institutions then offering courses on the site.

In March of 2005, the Georgia General Assembly passed Senate Resolution 33, authored by Sen. Don Balfour, establishing a new college in Gwinnett County. That same year, Gov. Perdue deferred a $5 million appropriation in the 2006 state budget for a 29,000 square-foot classroom building.

In September of 2005, the Georgia Board of Regents hired Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman, a retired Army brigadier general, as the
College's inaugural president. A month later, the Board voted to name the institution, "Georgia Gwinnett College."

Before the end of the year, the Board of Regents approved several initial bachelor degree programs: Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology; a Bachelor of Science with a major in Psychology; a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Early childhood Education (including eligibility for certification in special education); a Bachelor of Applied Science with a major in Technology Management; a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in General Business and Marketing; a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

In 2006, Georgia Gwinnett College opened its doors to 118 juniors as its first students. The following fall, the College's first freshman class joined GGC. In 2008, the College

held its inaugural commencement ceremony, graduating 17 students. In January of 2009, Georgia Gwinnett College held its first winter graduation ceremony.

In May of 2009, with Gen. David H. Petraeus, U.S. commander of Central Command, as the commencement speaker, GGC graduated 38 students. In June 2009, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted Georgia Gwinnett its initial accreditation in record time, giving the College the ability to apply for research grants and awards from foundations for students and faculty members, and expand its degree programs. GGC now also offers majors in early childhood education, history, exercise science, mathematics, special education, English, political science and criminal justice/criminology.

When the doors opened for fall semester 2009, more than 3,000 students were on campus.

In the summer of 2010, GGC celebrated the opening of its new Library and Learning Center and its first student residence halls, transforming the commuter college into a residential campus. More than 5,300 students enrolled for the 2010 fall semester. The new GGC Student Center opened in January 2011. A new laboratory building opened in August 2011 to serve the college's dramatically expanding enrollment, which reached 9,400 in fall 2012.

In early 2013, the college broke ground on its Allied Health and Sciences Building, future home of the School of Science and Technology and the newly formed School of Health Sciences and its proposed nursing program. The 2012-13 academic year was the Grizzlies' first season of official intercollegiate competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and marked the completion of the varsity athletics facilities.

President Kaufman departed GGC for the presidency of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce as of July 1, 2013. Dr. Stanley "Stas" Preczewski, formerly vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, is serving as interim president.

Source: http://www.ggc.edu/academics/docs/2013-2014-catalog/2013-2014-catalog.pdf

Institutional Highlights and Achievements 2012-13

Dr. Diane White was appointed as Dean of the new School of Health Sciences, which is to be housed in the recently approved $30 million Allied Health and Sciences building and due for completion in 2014. Groundbreaking for the new building commenced in Spring 2013.

GGC's Fall enrollment reached nearly 9400 students.

Faculty and staff of GGC's School of Science and Technology were recognized with the Blackboard Catalyst Award for Mobile Innovation for their work on the iTouch Project, which utilizes hand-held devices in novel ways to support learning in the classroom. The award recognizes members of the community who have used mobile technology in a way that creates a positive effect on student and learners' educational experience. Winners are helping define the emerging field of mobile technology for use in and beyond the classroom.

Georgia Gwinnett College graduated more than 250 students today in the college's largest commencement ceremony to date.

GGC was awarded a $500,000 grant by the Georgia Department of Transportation to create pedestrian pathways connecting various buildings and locations across campus. The pathways project is projected to be completed in early 2014.

Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman announced his intent to step down as GGC's first president, effective June 30, 2013. He accepted the position of president of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Stanley "Stas" Preczewksi, the VP for Academic and Student Affairs at GGC was named interim president.

In early February 2013, Lonnie Harvel Boulevard was opened, providing a connection between Collins Industrial Way and University Center Lane. The new street was named in a ceremony to honor of Dr. Lonnie Harvel, the former Vice President of Educational Technology who passed away unexpectedly in 2010.

In March 2013, GGC hosted its first-ever on-campus baseball game at its new, state-of-the-art baseball complex.

In April 2013, Georgia governor Nathan Deal chose GGC as the location for the signing of House Bill 131. House Bill 131 establishes that dual credit courses will be treated in the same manner as advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses for purposes of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship. This new benefit will encourage even more high school students to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at colleges like GGC.

Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and City of Atlanta mayor Andrew Young spoke at GGC's Spring 2013 commencement ceremonies.

Programs of Study 2012-13

Majors/_Concentrations_

School of Business

- **Business Administration (B.B.A.)**
  Accounting, Finance, General Business, International Business, Leadership, Management Information Systems, Marketing

School of Education

- **Early Childhood Education (B.S.)**
- **Special Education (B.S.)**

School of Liberal Arts

- **Criminal Justice/Criminology (B.S.)**
  Criminal Justice, Criminology, Liberal Arts
- **English (B.A.)**
  Interdisciplinary Studies, Language and Literature, Teacher Certification, Writing and Rhetoric
- **History (B.A.)**
  Interdisciplinary Studies, Teacher Certification, United States History, Western Civilization, World History
- **Political Science (B.A.)**
  American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Legal Studies, Teacher Certification
- **Psychology (B.S.)**

School of Science and Technology

- **Biology (B.S.)**
  Biochemistry, Cell Biology and Biotechnology, General Biology, Teacher Certification
- **Exercise Science (B.S.)**
- **Information Technology Major (B.S.)**
  Digital Media, Enterprise Systems*, Software Development, Systems and Security
- **Mathematics (B.S)**
  Applied Math, Pure Math, Teacher Certification

Minors

- **Business Administration for Non-business Majors**
- **Criminal Justice/Criminology**
- **English**
- **History**
- **Information Technology Major**
- **Leadership**
- **Political Science**

*Business Concentration is renamed as 'Enterprise Systems' in 2012-13.