General Information

Georgia Gwinnett
COLLEGE

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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 789,499 and a population of 1.1 million projected by the year 2025.

Academic Programs: 2008-09

Biology (B.S.)   Information Technology (B.S.)
Business Administration (B.B.A.)   Psychology (B.S.)

Students and Enrollment: Fall 2008

Enrollment: **1563**   FTE: **1374**

Faculty: Fall 2008

Instructional Faculty: **115**   Full-time: **105**   College Employees: **319**
Faculty FTE: **111**   Student to Faculty Ratio (by FTE) of Fall 2008: **12.4: 1**
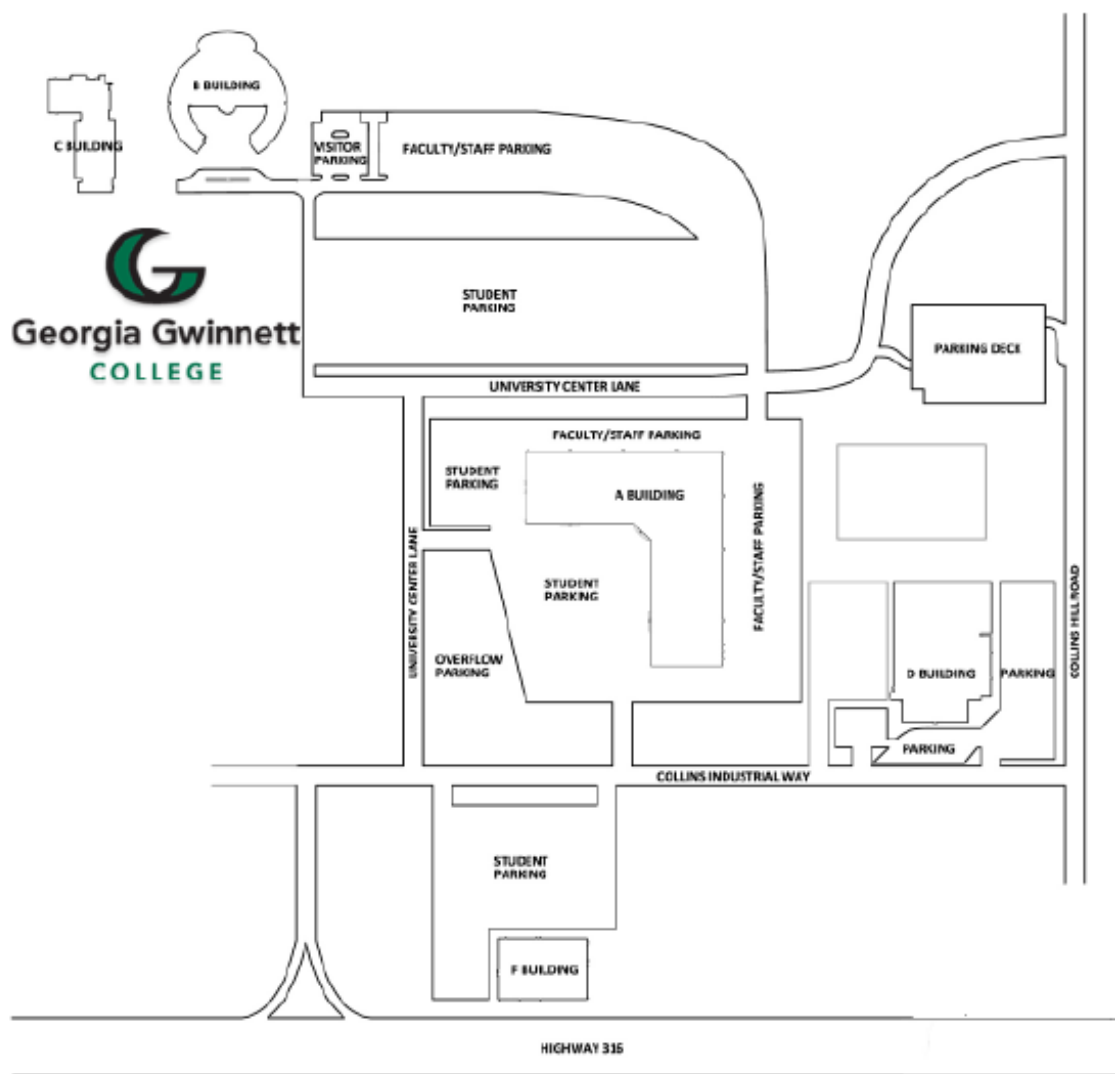
Finance: FY 2009

Total revenue exceeded $34 million, including $26 million from state appropriations. Nearly 36% of total operational expenditures (approximately $33 million) accounted for instruction.

Tuition and Fees: 2008-09

New and Existing Students	In-state	Out-of-State
Incoming freshmen; Transferred from a Non USG school Fall 2006 or Fall 2008	**$100**	**$400**
Continuing and transfer students with **less than 60 hours** (began at a USG school Fall 2006, Spring 2007 and Summer 2007)	**$68**	**$268**
Continuing and transfer students (began at a USG school before Fall 2006)	**$122**	**$484**
Continuing and transfer students with **more than 60 hours** (began at a USG School Between Fall 2007 and Summer 2008)	**$120**	**$478**
Continuing and transfer students with **more than 60 hours** (began at a USG school Spring 2007 and Summer 2007)	**$107**	**$427**
Continuing and transfer students with **less than 60 hours** (began at a USG school between Fall 2007 and Summer 2008)	**$78**	**$312**
Activity Fee : $35	Recreation : $40	
Dining Dollars: $100 - $200	Student Center : $100	
Parking Fee : $50 - $100	Technology Fee : $75	

Source: GGC Student 2008-2009 Catalog

Campus Guide and Directions

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.

Source: www.ggc.edu

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.

Source: Georgia Gwinnett College 2008-2009 Catalog

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 Georgia Gwinnett College 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 the 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 160 acres to establish the Gwinnett University Center a partnership among several state institutions. Before the year was up, 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 ten months and by 2001, the College's predecessor, the Gwinnett University Center (GUC), 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 which had attracted more than 8,000 students.

In March 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 initial bachelor degree programs: Bachelor of Science with major in Biology; a Bachelor of Science with 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; 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.

By the fall, a new 90,000 square foot Library and Learning Resource Center was under construction and is expected to open in 2010. In early 2009, work began on Phase I of Student Housing and a new Student Center. Both are scheduled to open in the fall of 2010.

Source: www.ggc.edu/about-ggc/history.html

Highlights and Significant Achievements 2008-09

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved Georgia Gwinnett College's student housing complex's ground lease and rental agreement in August 2008.

A national survey showed GGC was among the top 10 percent in student engagement in September 2008. First-year GGC students reported having access to enriching educational experiences, active and collaborative learning environments and student/faculty interaction.

GGC's official Grizzly mascot was unveiled at the first Rock 'n Rib Fest in October 2008 in downtown Lawrenceville**.**

Rep. Marin spoke to GGC students about contributions from the Latino community in October 2008.

A U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter landed at GGC for Military Appreciation Day on October 21, 2008. A U.S. Army UH 60 Blackhawk helicopter, piloted by GGC math professor Terry "Tee" Barron, landed on the Georgia Gwinnett College campus in front of the college's signature building as part of Military Appreciation Day.

GGC students qualified for federal financial aid as of October 2008. This included Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and other government aid.

GGC broke ground on a library in November 2008. It is expected to open in 2010.

GGC graduated 31 students at its winter commencement on January 9, 2009.

Gwinnett County bestowed a gift of land to GGC in January 2009**.** The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of Georgia Gwinnett College, accepted a donation of 40 acres of land from Gwinnett County.

GGC prepared to break ground on student housing in March 2009**.**

U.S. Central Commander Gen. David Petraeus presented the keynote address at GGC's spring commencement on Friday, May 29, 2009.

Georgia Gwinnett College achieved SACS accreditation in June 2009**.**

The Board of Regents approved new majors to be offered at GGC in June 2009. The Board of Regents approved Bachelor of Arts programs in English and history and a Bachelor of Science program in mathematics. Each of these majors includes a concentration in teacher certification as does the college's existing biology major, which was also approved by the board.

The Board of Regents approved the land lease and purchase agreement for GGC's student center at its June 2009 meeting. The building is expected to open in August of 2010.

Source: Office of Public Affairs

Programs of Study 2008-09

Majors:

School of Business

Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)
- *Accounting*
- *Finance*
- *General Business*
- *Marketing*

School of Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (B.S.)
- *Psychology*

School of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Biology (B.S.)
- *General Biology*
- *Cell Biology and Biotechnology*

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (B.S.)
- *Business*
- *Software Development*
- *Systems and Security*

Minors:

- **Business Administration for Non-business Majors**

Source: Georgia Gwinnett College 2008-2009 Catalog