



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Location

1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 678-407-5000

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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 808,167 and a population of 1.1 million projected by the year 2025.

### Academic Programs 2009-10

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 2009

Enrollment: **2947**      FTE: **2622**

### Faculty: Fall 2009

Instructional Faculty: **167**      Full-time: **124**      College Employees: **389**  
Faculty FTE: **143.7**      Student to Faculty Ratio (by FTE) of Fall 2009: **18.2:1**

### Finance: FY 2010

Total revenue of \$46 million included \$28.5 million from state appropriations. Nearly 40% of total operational expenditures (approximately \$39.6 million) accounted for instruction.

### Tuition and Fees 2009-10

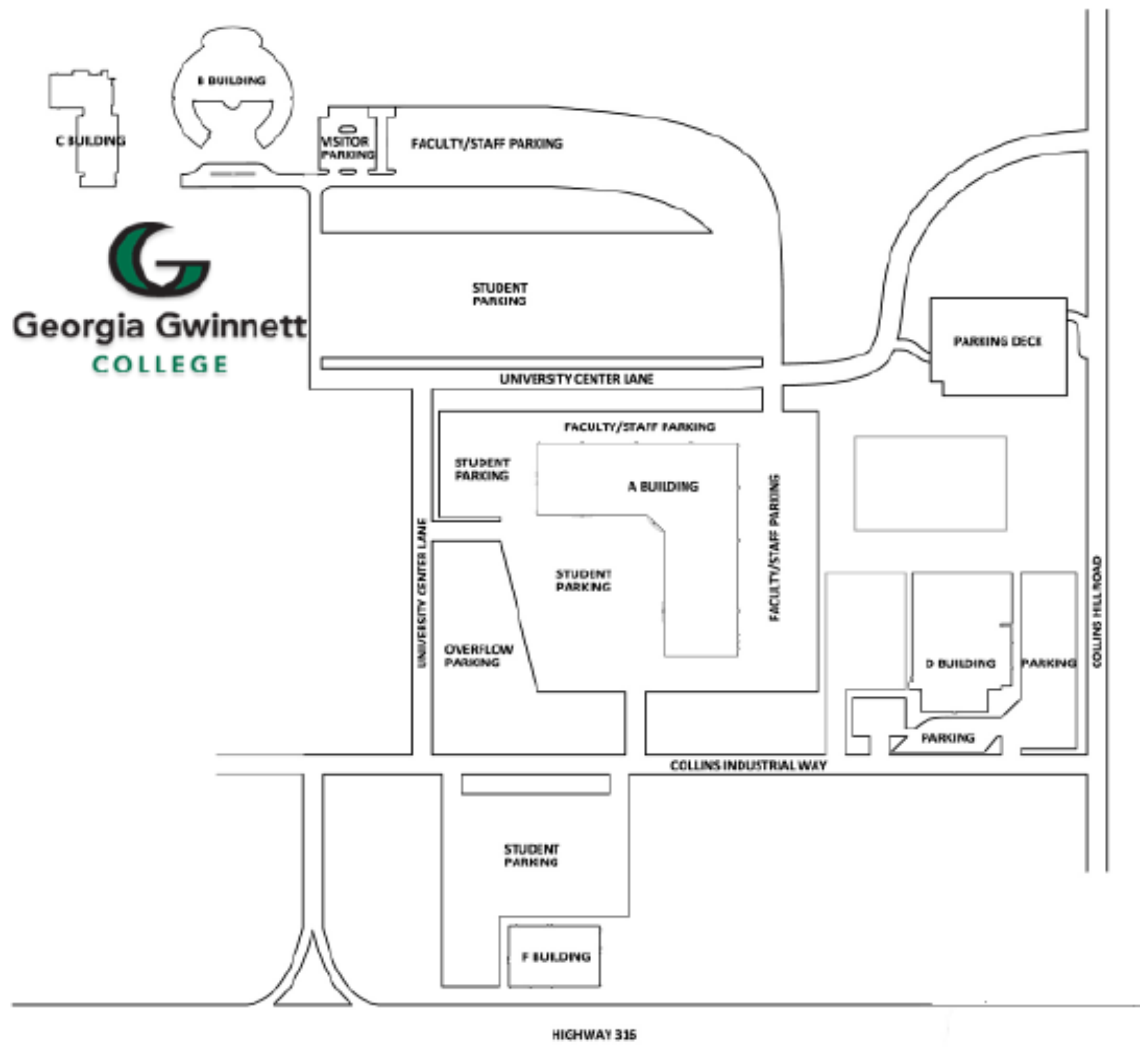
New and Existing Students	In-state	Out-of-State
Incoming freshmen; Transferred from a Non USG school Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007 and Fall 2007	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$400</b>
Continuing and transfer students (Began at a USG school before Fall 2006)		
Continuing and transfer students with <b>less than 60 hours</b> (Began at a USG school Fall 2006, Spring 2007 and Summer 2007)	<b>\$68</b>	<b>\$268</b>
Continuing and transfer students with <b>more than 60 hours</b> (Began at a USG School Between Fall 2007 and Summer 2008)	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$478</b>
Continuing and transfer students with <b>more than 60 hours</b> (Began at a USG school Spring 2007 and Summer 2007)	<b>\$107</b>	<b>\$427</b>
Continuing and transfer students with <b>less than 60 hours</b> (Began at a USG School Between Fall 2007 and Summer 2008)	<b>\$78</b>	<b>\$312</b>
Activity Fee: \$55	Parking: \$100	Student Center Fee: \$100
Intramural: \$40	Recreation: \$30	Student Recreation Center: \$40
		Technology Fee: \$75

All fees listed refer to the maximum charge.

*Source: Georgia Gwinnett College 2009 -2010 Catalog*

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## 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](http://www.ggc.edu)

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## **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:* <http://www.ggc.edu/academics/docs/2009-2010-catalog/2009-2010catalog.pdf>



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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



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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. All three facilities will open for fall semester 2010.

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, giving the college the ability to apply for research grants and awards from foundations for students and faculty members, and expand its degree programs. Georgia Gwinnett now offers majors in early childhood education, history, exercise science, mathematics, special education, English, political science, and criminal justice/criminology. GGC expects to begin its nursing program soon.

When the doors opened for fall semester 2009, more than 3,000\* students were on campus. About 5,000 students are expected for the fall of 2010.

*\* The college history provides a general overview. The enrollment number is rounded off for simplicity. For specific enrollment data, please see the chapter of "Enrollment and Student Information."*

*Source:* [www.ggc.edu/about-ggc/history.html](http://www.ggc.edu/about-ggc/history.html)

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## Highlights and Significant Achievements 2009-10

**GGC broke ground on its third building in less than a year** on July 16, 2009. Georgia Gwinnett College brought the community together for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new, 77,000-square foot Student Center that will house the college's dining hall, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, game room, student post office, copy center and office and meeting space to support Student Affairs and campus activities.

**GGC enrolled more than 3,000 students as of** August 21, 2009, nearly doubling its size over the last year's enrollment.

**The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved a new major for GGC Students on** October 14, 2009 in criminal justice/criminology.

**SACS approved new degree programs at GGC** on December 14, 2009. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved eight new degree programs at Georgia Gwinnett College. The new majors were offered starting January 2010.

**Gwinnett Federal Credit Union established the first scholarship for education majors on** January 22, 2010 for GGC students majoring in early childhood education, special education, or other major leading to teacher certification.

**A local family established an English scholarship at GGC** on February 12, 2010. The Antonio Damian Scholarship Fund, donated by Michael Schelke, supports GGC students majoring in English, with a preference for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**GGC biologist received the USG teaching excellence award** on March 19, 2010. Dr. Candice Timpfe, associate professor of biology, was one of four University System of Georgia faculty members to be honored with the Board of Regents' Teaching Excellence and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award.

**GGC hosted a conference on innovative STEM education** on April 16, 2010. Educators from across the state gathered at GGC for a conference on enriching the educational experience for undergraduate college students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**U.S. Senator Jack Reed gave the keynote address at GGC's spring commencement on** May 3, 2010.

**GGC students benefitted from \$11.3 million in federal financial aid as of May 6, 2010.** GGC disbursed \$11.3 million in federal financial aid, which benefitted students by covering the costs of tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

**GGC student was selected for the accounting Leadership Institute** on June 22, 2010. Valerie Allen was the first Georgia Gwinnett College student chosen for the program.

**GGC celebrated its new student housing complex with a ceremony and tours** on June 23, 2010.

*Source: Office of Public Affairs*

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## Programs of Study 2009-10

### Majors/Concentrations

#### **School of Business**

- **Business Administration (B.B.A.)**

*Accounting, Finance, General Business, International Business, 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.)**

*Business, Software Development, Systems and Security*

- **Mathematics (B.S.)**

*Applied Math, Pure Math, Teacher Certification*

### Minors:

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

*Source: The Office of Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, GGC 2009-10 Catalog, GGC Curriculum Committee*