



## 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 824,941 and a population of 1.1 million projected by the year 2025.

### Academic Programs 2011-12

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 2011

Enrollment: **7742** FTE: **7037**

### Faculty: Fall 2011

Instructional Faculty: **485** Full-time: **301** College Employees: **807**  
Faculty FTE: **367** Student to Faculty Ratio (by FTE) of Fall 2011: **19.2:1**

### Finance: FY 2012

Total revenue exceeded **\$87** million, including **\$33** million from state appropriations. Nearly **42%** of total operational expenditures (approximately **\$85** million) accounted for instruction.

### Tuition and Fees 2011-12

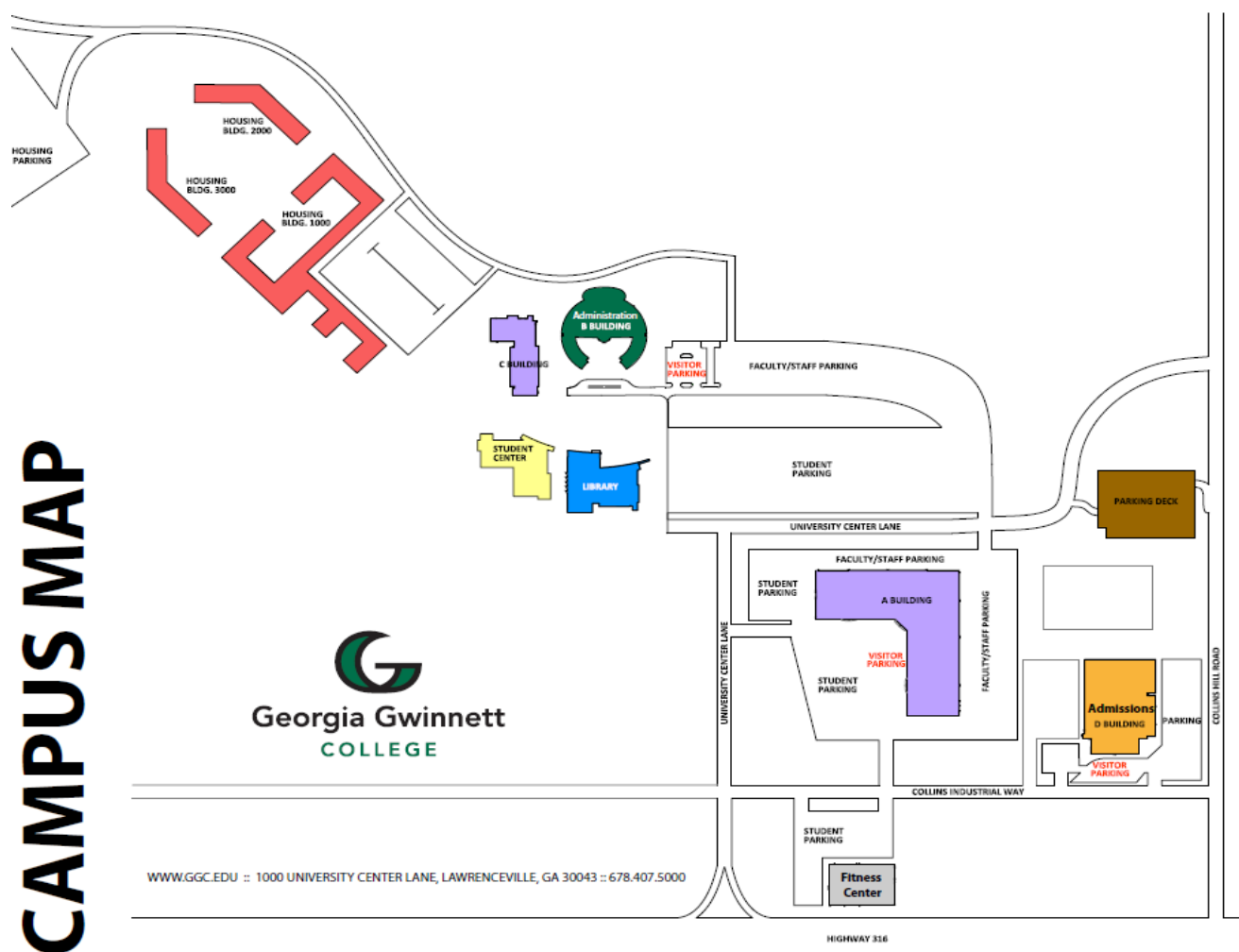
New and Existing Students	In-state	Out-of-State
Incoming freshmen and Transfer students from a non- USG school, and continuing and transfer students who began at a USG school before Fall 2007	<b>\$109.87</b>	<b>\$409.87</b>
Continuing and transfer students who began at a USG school between fall 2008 and summer 2009	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$400</b>
Flat Rate Tuition 15 credits and over	<b>\$1648</b>	<b>\$6148</b>

Activity Fee: \$55	Health & Wellness: \$70	Parking Fee: \$100
Athletic Fee: \$100	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 2011 -2012 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](http://www.ggc.edu) 9/4/2010*

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## **Vision**

Georgia Gwinnett College will be a premier 21<sup>st</sup> 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. GeorgiaGwinnett College will be a wellspring of educational innovation. It will be a dynamic learning community where facultyengagement 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.



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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 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 its 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 schools 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.



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By the fall of 2008, a new 90,000 square-foot Library and Learning Resource Center was under construction. In early 2009, work began on Phase I of Student Housing and a new Student Center.

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 expand its degree programs and to apply for research grants and awards from foundations for students and faculty members. GGC now also 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.

In the summer of 2010, the College celebrated the opening of its new Library and Learning Center and its first student residence halls. More than 5,000 students enrolled for the 2010 fall semester. The new Student Center will open by mid-fall, 2010.

The college completed a new laboratory facility in August 2011 to serve its dramatically expanding enrollment, which will reach 9,000 during the 2012-13 academic year. The college has received funding for an Allied Health and Science building, which will be under construction during fall 2012.

Recently accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, GGC has broken ground for its intercollegiate athletics facilities. The Grizzlies will meet Tennessee Temple University for an Aug. 25 double-header men's/women's soccer match – the college's first official intercollegiate competition.

*Source:* <http://www.ggc.edu/academics/docs/2012-2013-catalog/2012-2013-catalog.pdf>

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## **Institutional Highlights and Achievements 2011-12**

**According to an economic impact study** released by the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents, Georgia Gwinnett College produced an economic impact of \$130.6 million on the Gwinnett region during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

**GGC enrolled** more than 8,400 students for the fall 2011 semester.

**The college hired** more than 180 faculty members to meet the needs of the expanding student body.

**GGC opened** its Instructional Laboratory Facility in August 2011.

**Gordon Harrison**, vice president for Advancement, retired.

**Dr. Mark Iken was hired** as vice president for Educational Technology, replacing Dr. Lonnie Harvel, who passed away unexpectedly in the fall of 2010.

**The winter/December 2011 commencement ceremony** was the first one large enough to require being held off campus, at about 160 graduates. The ceremony included the college's 5000<sup>th</sup> graduate, its first ROTC graduate and its first graduates in education, history and exercise science. Richard Tucker, a member of the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents, presented the keynote address

**GGC's intercollegiate athletics complex** was approved by the USG Board of Regents.

**Georgia Gwinnett's innovative iTouch Chemistry Project** won a Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) Excalibur Award.

**Dr. Jessica Damián, associate professor of English**, was one of three University System of Georgia (USG) faculty members selected to receive the 2012 University System of Georgia Board of Regents' Teaching Excellence Award.

**Portions of the Georgia Gwinnett campus** were featured in a made-for-TV movie tentatively titled, "Game of Your Life," which appeared on NBC.

**Dr. Darin Wilson was hired** as the college's first director of athletics in the summer of 2011. Over the next several months, he hired coaches and other key staff positions. By early 2012, the first game schedules in some of the sports were announced. He also received the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) - Athletics Directors Association Athletics Director of the Year Award for 2010-11.

**GGC introduced** a certificate in Latin American Studies.

**Jose Targa, a 26-year-old exercise science major from Puerto Rico**, became Georgia Gwinnett College's first cadet to sign a commissioned officer contract with the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

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**As part of the college's second annual International Week**, the Honorable Ambassador Andrew Young discussed a variety of global issues as well as his many experiences during a conversational forum with GGC President Daniel J. Kaufman.

**About 200 students graduated** at the spring 2012 commencement ceremony. The keynote address was presented by Debra Smithart-Oglesby, chairman of the board of directors for Denny's, Inc.

**The college created its first-ever Board of Visitors.** The GGC School of Business Board of Visitors is a consortium of prominent business and civic leaders selected from prestigious regional, national and international entities.

**The Georgia Gwinnett College Grizzlies** were accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security approved** Georgia Gwinnett College's request to enroll international students, beginning with the fall 2012 semester.

**GGC broke ground** on its intercollegiate athletic complex.

**The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification** was awarded to the GGC Library and Learning Center by the U.S. Green Building Council.

**GGC established** several student honor societies, both general and major-specific.

*Source: Office of Public Affairs, <http://www.ggc.edu/about-ggc/news/News>*

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## Programs of Study 2011-12

### **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.)**

*Business, 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**

*Source: The Office of Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, GGC 2011-12Catalog, GGC Curriculum Committee*