



Gordon State College

LIVING

APPLICATION GUIDE



ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF GORDON STATE COLLEGE LIVING

Our promise is to make residence life safe, convenient and fun for every Gordon student. It's a promise that's at the center of everything we offer in Gordon State College Living.

Choosing where to live

Because no two students are exactly alike, Gordon State College has created different kinds of living experiences. When deciding which is the best fit for you, consider:

Campus location

You may want quick access to some facilities on campus, such as the library or student center. See the campus map to determine which residence halls are located near facilities that most interest you.

Privacy

In Melton Hall (traditional housing), you'll share a room with another student. And all students on a hallway share a community bathroom and showers. The Gordon Commons and Gordon Village offer more privacy; students have a bedroom and share semi-private bathrooms with another student. In the Commons apartments, the living area and kitchenette are shared by either two or four people.

Accessibility

Some halls are equipped to accommodate students with disabilities. If you have a disability or medical condition that requires special accommodations, please contact Gordon State College's Counseling & Accessibility Coordinator at 678-359-5585 or visit www.gordonstate.edu/studentslife/home1



AMENITIES

- Planned social and recreational activities, such as birthday bashes, movie marathons, karaoke and more
- Student leadership opportunities
- 24/7 safety patrol
- Live-in housing staff
- Fast access to indoor pool, fitness center, game room, tennis/volleyball courts and other campus recreation facilities
- Furnished rooms (beds, desks/chairs, dressers, closet space)
- Free access to high-speed Internet, cable TV and telephone
- Free wireless Internet access in lobby areas
- Keyed entry for double occupancy and private bedrooms
- Smoke detectors and updated sprinkler systems
- 24-hour laundry facilities and computer labs in each residence hall
- Outdoor grills and picnic areas
- Available parking
- Vending machines
- Apartment-style amenities in Gordon Commons and Gordon Village: semi-private bathrooms, kitchenettes furnished with microwave, refrigerator and dining area

GORDON COMMONS

Opened in 2005, Gordon Commons provides more than 430 students with fully furnished apartments, each with a private bedroom, semi-private bathroom and shared kitchenette and living room. Located in the heart of the Gordon campus, the Commons provides quick access to nearby classroom buildings and campus activities. Apartments sleep two or four students. Rooms are individually assigned, so you're only responsible for your own rental space.

- Interior: White tile floors with accent colors, white/beige walls
- Additional furnishings and equipment: Sofa, oversized easy chair, end table, TV stand, 4-chair dining table, space-saver microwave, frost-free refrigerator with ice maker
- Bedroom measurements: 11'0" x 9'4"; windows, 5'2" x 3'5"

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

- Recreation Center
- Indoor Pool
- Walking Track
- Ropes Course
- Dining Services (meal plan required for all residents)

GORDON VILLAGE

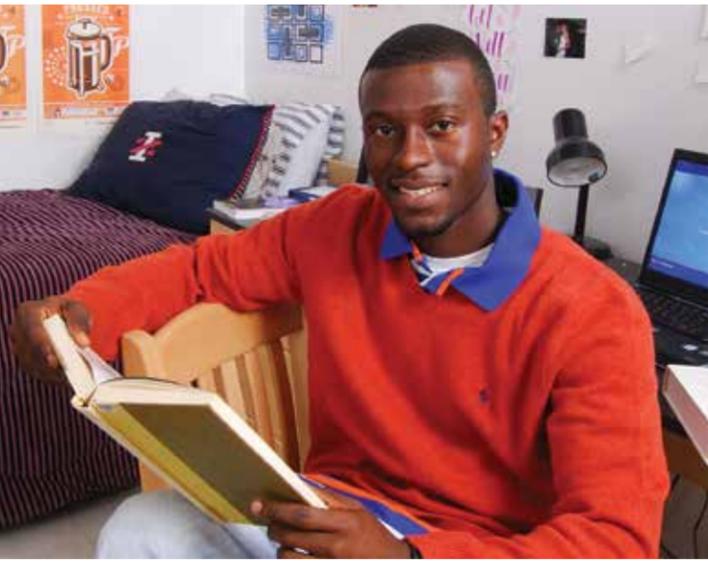
Opened in 2008, Gordon Village offers a unique blend of living accommodations and a bistro/café food service with inside/outside patio dining. Resident students can choose to make their home a one double bedroom one bath, two bedroom one bath, or two bedroom one bath with kitchenette/living room. As with all our on-campus housing, Gordon Village offers all inclusive packages featuring Internet, local phone service, cable, unlimited laundry, study/computer labs, and utilities.

- Interior: Beige tile with accent colors in green, rust and yellow
- Additional furnishings are available and depend on room type
- Bedroom measurements:
Double with bath: 25' x 12'4"
2 BR with bath: 16'6" x 6'3"
2 BR with bath, kitchen & common living room: 19'11" x 8'9"

MELTON HALL

Built in 1995, Melton Hall has a signature curved-glass front which floods the lobby area with natural light. The hall faces historic College Drive and offers resident parking right outside. Nearly 145 Gordon residents call Melton home.

- Interior: White tile floors, white walls, blinds on windows
- Bedroom measurements: 11'6" x 15'6"



In case you were wondering about...

Assigning rooms (and roommates)

While Gordon State College will make every effort to accommodate your interests when assigning student housing and roommates, unfortunately, we can't grant every wish. Current residents are assigned to residence halls before any new students are assigned housing. After current residents, we give preference to academically qualified new students. (See Academic Requirements under Applying for Student Housing on page 6.)

In all cases, we don't process residence hall applications/agreements or make room assignments until we receive your housing application fee. And, of course, your application for admission to Gordon State College must be accepted before we process your housing assignment. Your best bet is to be early and thorough in submitting your request. Also, keep in mind that roommate requests must be mutual.

Safety

All residence halls are locked 24 hours, seven days a week. Only students and staff who live in a specific hall have access to that hall. Visitors and guests have access only when escorted by a resident. The Residence Life Office and Gordon State College Police Department join efforts to sponsor safety and awareness programs throughout the academic year.

Rent and utilities

Gordon State College Living is simplified. Tuition, room and board fees and related activity fees are billed to your student account. You may pay in the Bursar's Office or online through Banner Web. A payment plan (Nelnet Business Solutions) is also available so you can pay rent by the semester.

Also, your fees cover electricity, water, AC, heating, laundry, cable television, local phone service (one line per room/apartment unit), Wi-Fi, and one data connection per student.

Changing your mind

To cancel your housing application/agreement, you must submit the appropriate form to Housing. A cancellation can not be submitted through any other office, including Admissions. The application fee is nonrefundable.

Any student who cancels a room assignment will not receive an application fee refund.

Parking

Parking is available for resident students on a first-come, first-serve basis in designated lots. Gordon State College does not assign parking spaces to students. You must buy a parking permit to park at or near your residence hall. Residence Life does not control any parking lots or parking issues, and your building/hall assignment does not have any bearing on which spaces are available to you other than those lots designated for student parking only. For more information on parking, contact Public Safety at 678-359-5101 or visit www.gordonstate.edu/publicsafety/parking.

Dining

Sodexo provides cafeteria food service and all on-campus catering. Residence hall students may purchase a meal plan for 19, 12, or 9 meals per week. The Highlander Hall cafeteria serves hot, nutritionally balanced meals seven days a week. The cafeteria also offers a pizza station, salad bar, deli sandwich station, grill and a variety of desserts. And it has flexible hours to accommodate your demanding workload.

If you're on the run or waiting in-between classes, the Gordon Grind (located in the IC Building) sells a variety of snacks and beverages, and Simply To Go (located in the Student Center) has options too. The Spot in Gordon Village residence hall offers food service with inside dining as well as an outside patio.

The new Student Activity and Recreation Center (SARC) has food and snack options as well in Wholly Habanero's and The Grille.

Depending on the meal plan you choose, you can pay for meals with cash or Gordon Bucks. For more on Gordon State College Dining, call 678-359-5052 or visit www.gordonstate.edu/studentlife/home and click on Dining Services.

Bookstore

The Gordon State College Bookstore, located in the Student Center, offers books for classes, school supplies, clothing, snacks, Gordon merchandise and more. The bookstore maintains flexible hours of operation.



The cafeteria also offers a pizza station, salad bar, deli sandwich station, grill and a variety of desserts.

Applying for Student Housing

All students enrolled in 12 credit hours and attending classes on the main Gordon State College campus are eligible to live in the residence halls. Students are required to register for 12 or more credit hours to apply for housing.

Residency Procedures

Freshmen Residency Requirements:

National research shows that freshmen who live in the residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college career. For this reason, Gordon requires incoming freshmen with Learning Support Requirements to live in the residence halls. These freshmen are able to live in any residence hall on campus and must remember that assignments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. You are required to live on campus if all of the following apply:

- A first time, full-time freshman with Learning Support requirements (attending college for the first time and registered for 12 or more credit hours)
- Under the age of 21 (prior to July 1)
- Resides outside of the following contiguous counties: Butts, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Spalding, Upson

Please visit www.gordonstate.edu/housing for more information on the application and/or exemption process. A student who is required to live on campus may apply for an exemption to this policy.

Completing the application

Because space is limited, it's best to apply for housing as soon as possible while applying for admission to Gordon State College. Visit www.gordonstate.edu/housing and follow these steps:

1. Click on Application Process
2. Click eRezLife
3. Enter your username (ex. tc373555) and PIN (ex. Ferrari@32)
4. Submit application

5. Check your eRezLife and Gordon email accounts for updates on room assignment status

Academic requirements for honors housing

Students who live in honors housing must meet special academic requirements – and SAT score of 1100 Math/Verbal combined (or ACT score of 24) for freshmen, a 3.5 college GPA for sophomores. Exceptions can be requested in writing to the Student Housing Office. Honors programs are hosted in select residence halls.

Application processing timeline

Gordon State College Living is popular, and we often have a waiting list for fall semester as early as June. Applicants on the waiting list are processed as soon as availability permits. Before we can assign housing, you must have final acceptance to the college. If you think you'll need financial help with semester fees, call the Financial Aid Office immediately, as tuition and housing payments are required before you move into the residence halls. For the fall, your housing assignment will be confirmed by Gordon email then mailed in mid to late July (Spring assignments are mailed in late November to early December). It will include your building and room number, your roommate's contact information and the Move-In Guide.

Application Fee

Application/agreement cannot be processed until the application fee has been received. Students who are suspended from the residence halls for disciplinary reasons are not eligible for a residence hall refund.

Fall – Spring Academic Year

CALENDAR

Please visit www.gordonstate.edu/housing/ for designated dates.

JULY

7/1 – Requested date for submitting Residence Hall Application/Agreement
Note: We often have a waiting list in June, so submit sooner!

AUGUST

Check your Gordon email accounts for move-in details and instructions
Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Holiday (Halls remain open)

OCTOBER

Fall Break (Halls remain open)

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Holidays (Halls close)

DECEMBER

Final Exams
Residence Halls close for Christmas break

JANUARY

Residence Halls reopen/check-in
Classes begin
MLK Holiday
(Halls remain open)

MARCH

Residence Halls close for Spring Break

APRIL

Last day of class

MAY

Final Exams
Residence Halls close for summer



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