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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## The Mission of Gordon College

Gordon College joined the University System of Georgia in 1972 as an associate level institution with a distinctive legacy of excellence in scholarship and service. From its founding in 1852, Gordon has grown and changed, not only in response to, but also in anticipation of, the surrounding areas to include the rapidly growing suburban areas south of Atlanta, east of Columbus, and north of Macon. A community in flux, this area of Georgia is rich in diversity and reflects extremes in economic and population growth which demand a mission that includes focused two-year professional offerings, the traditional pre-baccalaureate curricula, and baccalaureate offerings targeting needs of the area. Gordon College fully serves the community by providing educational and cultural opportunities both within and beyond this area. The mission of Gordon College, therefore, is to:

1. Prepare students for transfer into and success in baccalaureate and professional degree programs through the college transfer program;
2. Prepare students for entry into and success in specific occupations and careers especially demanded by the surrounding community through appropriate associate and baccalaureate programs;
3. Strengthen the academic skills of students otherwise unprepared for entry-level college work through the learning support program; and
4. Serve the community by providing opportunities for life-long learning and professional development through community service programs.

Gordon College is dedicated to providing a superior climate of learning through excellence in excellent credentials that is dedicated to teaching, service and active in the pursuit of scholarship.

## University System of Georgia

Gordon College is part of the University System of Georgia, administered by a Board of Regents, created in 1931 to unify public higher education in Georgia for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members to the Board, who each serve seven years. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 18 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large, and one from each of the 13 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

The Board oversees 35 colleges and universities: four research universities, two regional universities, 13 state universities, eight state colleges, and eight two-year colleges. These institutions enrolled approximately 311,442 students for Fall 2010 and employed over 41,680 faculty and staff to provide teaching and related services to students and the communities in which they are located.

Source: University System of Georgia website: [www.usg.edu/regents/](http://www.usg.edu/regents/).

















































































































































































































