



GUEST ADMISSION

- Tickets will not be required for Lambdin Green.
- In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the SARC. **Tickets will be required.**
 - ⇒ If this becomes necessary, you will receive an email as soon as the decision is made.
 - ⇒ If you receive notification that the location is being changed, you will report to Alumni Hall (next to the SARC) to prepare for the procession.
 - ⇒ The schedule will remain the same regardless of location.



BRUNCH

- 7:30am—8:30am: Pastries & coffee available for purchase
- 10am—12pm: Brunch will be served to graduates and their guests in Highlander Dining Hall — \$8.61 per person (See [Menu](#))
- Bottled water available (no charge)

Please call Academic Affairs at (678) 359-5018 with the pronunciation of your name if it is difficult to pronounce.

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

The Gordon State College commencement ceremony is a very traditional celebration of your academic accomplishments. GSC's desire is that your ceremony reflect the honor and dignity of this important occasion. We ask that you observe the following guidelines. Please share these with your guests.

- Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony.
- Guests may not approach the stage to take photos or video while the ceremony is in progress.
- **So that each graduate's name may be heard** during the presentation of degrees, please ask your guests to refrain from **extended** out-cries of joy when your name is called.

DIPLOMAS/DEGREES

Diploma covers (not diplomas) will be issued to each candidate as he or she walks across the stage at the commencement ceremony. Upon verification of degree requirements, diplomas will be mailed to the address listed on file within 8 weeks of graduation. **Please immediately verify and update your address, if necessary, in Banner Web through the "Personal Information" link.**

NAME CARDS

You will be issued a name card when you arrive in the Instructional Complex. The information on your card includes the honors designation, if applicable; the degree(s) you are receiving and your name.

You must take this card with you and give it to the announcer as you walk across to receive your diploma cover.

DO NOT LOSE, DESTROY, FOLD OR MODIFY THIS CARD.
MOST IMPORTANTLY - DO NOT LEAVE THIS NAME CARD IN YOUR SEAT WHEN IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO APPROACH THE ANNOUNCER.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30 AM	Graduates check in at the IC (Instructional Complex) Lobby
8:10 AM	Procession line forms in the Instructional Complex
8:30-10:00	Commencement Ceremony Lambdin Green
10:00-12:00	Brunch—Highlander Dining Hall
11:00 AM	Book & Bell Ceremony—Education Fine Arts Auditorium
1:00 PM	Pinning Ceremony—Nursing SARC Arena



GRADUATING WITH HONORS

There are three potential designations for honors:

- Graduating with honors (check below to see if you qualify)
- Graduating in the Honors Program
- Graduating with membership in an honors society

For more information on each designation, please refer to the graduation website at www.gordonstate.edu/academics/student-resources/graduation/graduating-with-honors

Graduating with honors is not the same as graduating in the Honors Program.

Graduating with Honors

To graduate with honors, students must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on all course work attempted at Gordon State
- earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 when all course work attempted (at previous colleges attended **and** at Gordon State) is considered
- earn a minimum of 18 semester hours of degree credit at GSC for an associate degree or a minimum of 30 hours of degree credit at Gordon State for a baccalaureate degree.

If eligible for graduation with honors, a student's honors category will be based on a grade point average calculated using credit hours earned at Gordon State only.

The honors categories, also summarized in the Academic Catalog, are as follows:

Honors Category	Required Cumulative GPA
Cum Laude	3.50 - 3.79
Magna Cum Laude	3.80 - 3.89
Summa Cum Laude	3.90 - 4.00

If you have questions about this policy, you should contact the Registrar's Office at (678) 359-5022 as soon as possible.



PARKING

Graduate Parking

Graduates should park in Lots E and G by the Fine Arts Building and Gordon Village.

Guest Parking

Recommended parking for guests will be in Lot C, which is by the athletic complex, and Lot D, which is behind Gordon Commons and by Facilities. Golf carts will be available to transport guests closer to the ceremony site, if needed.

A campus map is available at

<https://www.gordonstate.edu/about/interactive-map/index.html>

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Accessible parking is available in the small lot next to the SARC as well as the Public Safety lot on a first-come, first-served basis. Please refer to the campus map for additional parking locations.



The facility provides easy access for guests with permanent or temporary disabilities. There will be accessible seating at the ceremony site for guests in wheelchairs. Attendants are available to assist guests and provide directions.

Graduation candidates who need special accommodations for themselves should contact Academic Affairs at (678) 359-5018 prior to commencement day.

Look for a detailed brochure coming soon with information about the morning of graduation!