



TICKETS FOR GUEST ADMISSION

Gordon State College uses Eventbrite to distribute Commencement tickets. All guests, regardless of age, require a ticket for admission. You do not need to reserve a ticket for yourself, but you must reserve tickets for your guests.

- ***You will receive an email the week of November 21 with instructions and information on the number of tickets that will be provided to each student.***
- You are responsible for distributing your tickets to your guests before the Commencement. Upon registration through Eventbrite, you will receive a confirmation email with your tickets. The tickets will be available as a printable PDF attachment or through the Eventbrite App.
- Guests should bring either a printed ticket or have their ticket ready on a phone upon arrival at the venue. The QR code on the ticket will be scanned at the door.
- Graduates and guests will report to different locations on the morning of the ceremony, so please ensure your guests have access to their tickets to gain entry to the arena.
- There will be an accessible seating area reserved for guests with mobility issues. If any of your guests require special accommodations, please contact Joba Duke at jobad@gordonstate.edu to make a request.

For additional information, visit the Graduation website at:

<https://www.gordonstate.edu/academics/student-resources/graduation/index.html>

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

The Gordon State College commencement ceremony is a very traditional and formal celebration of your academic accomplishments. GSC's desire is that your ceremony reflect the honor, respectability and dignity of this important occasion. We ask that you observe the following guidelines. Please share these guidelines with your family and 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 Alumni Memorial Hall. The information on your card includes the degree(s) you are receiving; your name and the pronunciation that you have provided, and the honors designation, if applicable. This card provides your name to the announcer for individual recognition as you walk to receive your diploma cover. You must take this card with you and give it to the announcer so that your name may be pronounced as accurately as possible over the public address system.

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.

Your Fall 2022 Commencement Guide

➤ ➤ ➤ **December 16, 2022**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Business, Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
8:00 AM	Graduates check in at Alumni Memorial Hall
8:45 AM	Procession forms in Alumni Memorial Hall
9:00 AM	Graduation in the SARC
Time	Nursing, Health & Natural Sciences Education, Math & Applied Sciences
12:00 PM	Graduates check in at Alumni Memorial Hall
12:45 PM	Procession forms in Alumni Memorial Hall
1:00 PM	Graduation in the SARC
3:15 PM	Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the SARC

Please call the
Pronunciation Hotline at
(678) 359-5201
with the pronunciation
of your name by Dec. 4

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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 honor's society

For more information on each designation, please refer to the graduation website at www.gordonstate.edu/graduation.

**Graduating with honors
is not the same thing 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 particular 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, contact the Registrar's Office at (678) 359-5022 as soon as possible.



PARKING

Graduate Parking

Graduates should park in lots E and F 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.

Visit the [interactive map](#) to view all parking locations.

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Accessible parking is available in the lot directly adjacent to Alumni Memorial Hall and the SARC 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 mobility issues. There will be an accessible seating area reserved for guests in wheelchairs as well as those who are unable to climb stairs. **Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.** Guest attendants are available to assist guests and provide directions.

Graduation candidates who need special accommodations should contact Academic Affairs in Lambdin 345 or call (678) 359-5018 prior to graduation day.

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