



Policy Approval/Review Form

This form is used for the approval, amendment, removal or review of a Gordon State College policy. Once authorized with the President's Signature, the policy will be posted to the Gordon State Website. This approval form will be filed in the Office of the President with Cabinet minutes noting approval.

Policy Title *	Transfer Presidential Exception Policy
Department/Organization	Enrollment Services
Policy Editor	Kristi Hayes
Request Type	New ☒ Amended/Edited ☐ Removed ☐ Reviewed Only ☐

OBJECTIVE (Briefly state your purpose.)

The objective of the Transfer Presidential Exception Policy is to provide a pathway for transfer students who do not meet the standard academic requirements for transfer admission to Gordon State College (GSC) but demonstrate strong potential for academic success.

RESOURCES AND CONSULTATION (Briefly describe the resources (i.e. website, link) used in developing, amending, removing, or reviewing the policy. Include names of other individuals who assisted with this change.)

USG Academic Affairs Handbook 3.1.1.7 Exceptions to Transfer Requirements https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section3/C659
USG BOR Policy 4.2.1.7 Exceptions to Transfer Requirements <https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328#n4217>

GSC Academic Standards of Progress Policy - <https://www.gordonstate.edu/documents/departments/institutional-effectiveness/academic-standards-of-progress-policy-2024.pdf>

COMMUNICATION PLAN (Identify how information about how the policy will be communicated to the college as well as training plans if applicable.)

Policy will be published on the GSC website. Admissions personnel will be properly trained on evaluating applicants who may be candidates for the Transfer Presidential Exception.

Authorizations

Chair/Dean/or Supervisor Signature and Date: Kristi Hayes 9/3/2025

Cabinet Sponsor (VP) Signature and Date: _____

President Signature and Date: Don Green 12.16.25

***Policy Template must be submitted with this form.**



POLICY TEMPLATE

A separate "Policy Approval/Review Form" must be included with any policy submissions to Cabinet.

Policy Name:	Transfer Presidential Exception Policy		
Responsible Cabinet Member:	Kristi Hayes	New	☒
Responsible Office:	Enrollment Services	Amendment/Revision	☐
Contact:	Kristi Hayes	Review Only	☐

1. Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear criteria and procedures for admitting transfer students who do not meet Gordon State College's transfer admission requirements. This policy creates pathways for students who demonstrate potential for academic success but may not meet the minimum transfer GPA, allowing for additional consideration under the Transfer Presidential Exception.

2. Reason for Policy

The policy recognizes that traditional GPA criteria may not fully reflect a student's ability or promise, particularly for those who have faced significant personal, academic, or non-traditional challenges. By offering this exception, GSC aims to support and provide opportunities for students who demonstrate resilience, improvement, and potential for success.

3. Who Should Read this Policy

The following individuals should be knowledgeable of this policy: Enrollment Services personnel and Institutional Leadership.

4. Resources

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5. Definitions

Transfer Student: A student who has attended one or more postsecondary institutions and seeks to transfer to Gordon State College (GSC) with earned credit hours.

Transfer Presidential Exception: A provision that allows transfer students who do not meet the standard GPA requirements for admission to be considered for admission based on non-traditional indicators of academic potential, such as academic improvement, subject-specific performance, or personal circumstances demonstrating resilience and growth.

Academic Standards of Progress: Minimum GPA thresholds to determine Good Standing established by GSC based on cumulative earned credit hours (1000 level or higher).

6. The Policy (or “See Attached”)

POLICY:

See Attached