

Gordon State College Students

With a total enrollment of just over 4,000 students, Gordon attracts a diverse student body. Gordon's residence halls draw students not only from all over Georgia, but from a number of foreign countries as well. Among commuting students, around a third come from Lamar and the immediately surrounding counties while most of the remainder come from metropolitan Atlanta.

About 60 per cent of Gordon's students carry a full time course load, with 12 or more credit hours. Two thirds are women, and around a third are minority students. Around two thirds of Gordon's students are "traditional" age students, under 25 years old.

With the exception of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree, all of Gordon's two year degree programs are transfer programs. Hence the overwhelming majority of Gordon students see Gordon State College as the first step to obtaining a baccalaureate degree. As Gordon continues to expand its baccalaureate offerings, of course, a growing number of students are staying at Gordon to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

As a higher education access institution, Gordon attracts students of widely varying academic backgrounds and abilities. Some of our students graduated at the top of their high school classes. Others are less well prepared for college classes and enroll in Learning Support classes, which do not offer college credit, for remediation in the areas of math and English. Learning Support students may concurrently enroll in a limited selection of college classes. Hence Gordon seeks to meet a wide variety of needs, providing all our students with the best possible college experience.