

Academic Tip Sheet

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/advisement/>

General Information

Academics 101

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/academics.htm>

This URL includes important information on academic advising, academic organization, core curriculum, majors, minors, types of GPAs, calculating your GPA, and GPA minimum requirements. Additional academic advisement resources are also provided.

Academic Standing

http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/academic_standng.htm

A student is in good academic standing if she or he has a total institution grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above. A student whose total institution GPA falls below 2.0 will be subject to the policies listed at the URL provided.

Attendance Policy—Deleting Classes First Day for Non-Attendance

<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/AttendancePolicy.htm>

University policy requires all students to attend the first class meeting of all classes for which they are registered. Students who do not attend the first class meeting of a course for which they are registered will be dropped from the course. This policy applies to all levels (undergraduate and graduate) of courses. It is the student's responsibility to verify course drops and check that fees are adjusted.

Course Registration Follow-Up

Students register during designated times each semester. Students who do not register within that period will be contacted by their advisor. This follow-up occurs during November for spring registration and March for fall registration.

Effects of Withdrawing from a Course

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/withdrawing.htm>

Withdrawing is exiting a course after the drop/add period concludes, which is typically the fourth day of classes in a 15-week semester. When students withdraw before the established deadline (roughly the 40th class day of the semester), they are not assessed an academic penalty. Be forewarned, however, withdrawing can create significant problems. You should only withdraw from a course after consulting with your instructor, academic advisor and financial aid counselor

Although frequently called “dropping a course,” withdrawing is different from dropping. Drops occur during the drop/add period and never become part of a student's academic record. In contrast, withdrawals are permanent entries into your record. The credit hours from which you withdraw will count towards your attempted hours and will count against your Financial Aid and HOPE Scholarship hours. See the URL provided for more information on the outcomes of withdrawing from a course.

Freshman Midterm Grades

Before the mid-point of each semester (and before the last day to drop without academic penalty), faculty submit a progress grade of Satisfactory (“S”—equivalent of “C” or better or work) or Unsatisfactory (“U”—less than “C” work) for each freshman enrolled in their classes. Freshmen check their midterm grades through My.GeorgiaSouthern and follow-up on any “U” grades by speaking first with your professor and then meeting with your advisor.

Regents Exam

http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/regents_brochure.pdf

Board of Regents policy (§ 307 of the *Policy Manual*) states that students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs leading to the baccalaureate degree must pass the Regents' Reading Skills and Regents' Writing Skills courses as a requirement for graduation. Students may exempt these courses through examination by passing the Regents' Reading Test and the Regents' Essay Test. See the Regents Test Brochure (URL provided) for other exceptions.

Students who do not exempt from the exams will be registered for the appropriate Regents Exam within the first two weeks of the term.

Registration Terminology

http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/fye/academics_terms.htm

See this URL for a list of important registration terms that should you know.

Time to Degree

15-16 credit hours is a normal course load for fall and spring semesters that will enable most students to graduate in four years. According to the U.S. Department of Education's "The Toolbox Revisited" (2006), students who complete 4 or more credit hours during summer terms are consistently more likely to graduate.

COBA-Specific Information

<http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/services/advise/index.htm>

"C" or better Rule

Students must make a "C" or better in all pre-business and upper division business courses in order to obtain their degree.

Pre-Business Requirements

The Pre-Business Requirements consist of nine courses that must be completed prior to enrolling in any upper division business courses. This includes **ENGL 1101**, **ENGL 1102**, **MATH 1111**, **MATH 1232**, **ECON 2105**, **BUSA 1105**, **CISM 2530**, **LSTD 2106**, and **ACCT 2101**. A grade of "C" or better is required in each course and the adjusted GPA in these nine courses must be at least a 2.5. In addition to the above, students enrolling in upper-division business courses for the first time must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in **ACCT 2102** and **ECON 2106**.

Hours Needed to Graduate

BBA (Bachelor's of Business Administration) degrees require 24* semester hours of course work under the heading "Specific Requirements Beyond Areas A-F" and another 24** hours under the heading "Major Requirements" for a total of 48 hours of courses related to the major. At least half of this 48 hour total (i.e., 24 hours) must be taken at Georgia Southern University for a BBA student to qualify for graduation, and no grade less than "C" in any upper division business course will be acceptable for graduation. For a BBA, a student must have completed a total of 126 hours of coursework. Additional graduation requirements are noted in the Georgia Southern University catalog.

Majors Offered

The College of Business Administration offers 8 majors with several different emphases for a combined total of over 25 different plans-of-study. The Junior Core (Specific Requirements Beyond Areas A-F) is the same for all business majors and consists of 24* credit hours.

* Students majoring in Information Systems are required to take 27 semester hours of Junior Core.

** Students majoring in Finance are required to take 21 semester hours of "Major Requirements."

Notes

