GradIO

Your portal to graduate school.

Powered by Graduate Education

Graduate Institute Orientation – FA 2023

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Welcome to the Georgia Tech Community!

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President Ángel Cabrera

invites you to the

Graduate Student Welcome Picnic

a welcome celebration for
all graduate students!

4:00 p.m.
August 25

Brock Indoor Football Practice Facility

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Haden Boone

President, Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA)

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WHAT IS SGA?

Georgia Tech Student Government Association

Empower | Embody | Preserve | Enrich

Our Mission

The Student Government Association's mission **is to empower student organizations, embody student opinions, preserve student integrity, and enrich the student experience.**

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Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA)

Our Initiatives

More Student Engagement

Formed 7 new committees to address issues such as:

- Grad Housing
- Stipend Rates
- Mental Health

Includes 2 committees to *specifically address online & international graduate students' concerns and problems.*

Advisor/Advisee Relationship

This initiative focuses on *improving the relationship between graduate student researchers and their advisors* by advocating the **Graduate Student Researcher Bill of Rights & Responsibilities.**

Policy Reform

Actively involved in conversations discussing policy issues affecting graduate students such as:

- *AI & LLM Policy*
- *Funding for Student Orgs*
- *Infrastructure & Sustainability Issues*

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Follow us & get involved at sga.gatech.edu!

Social Media

@gtgradsga

@gatechsga

Georgia Tech Graduate SGA

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Committees

- Online Student Affairs Committee
- International Student Affairs Committee
- Academic and Research Affairs Committee
- Graduate Student Wellness Committee
- Campus Services Committee
- Graduate Events Committee
- Graduate Professional Development Committee

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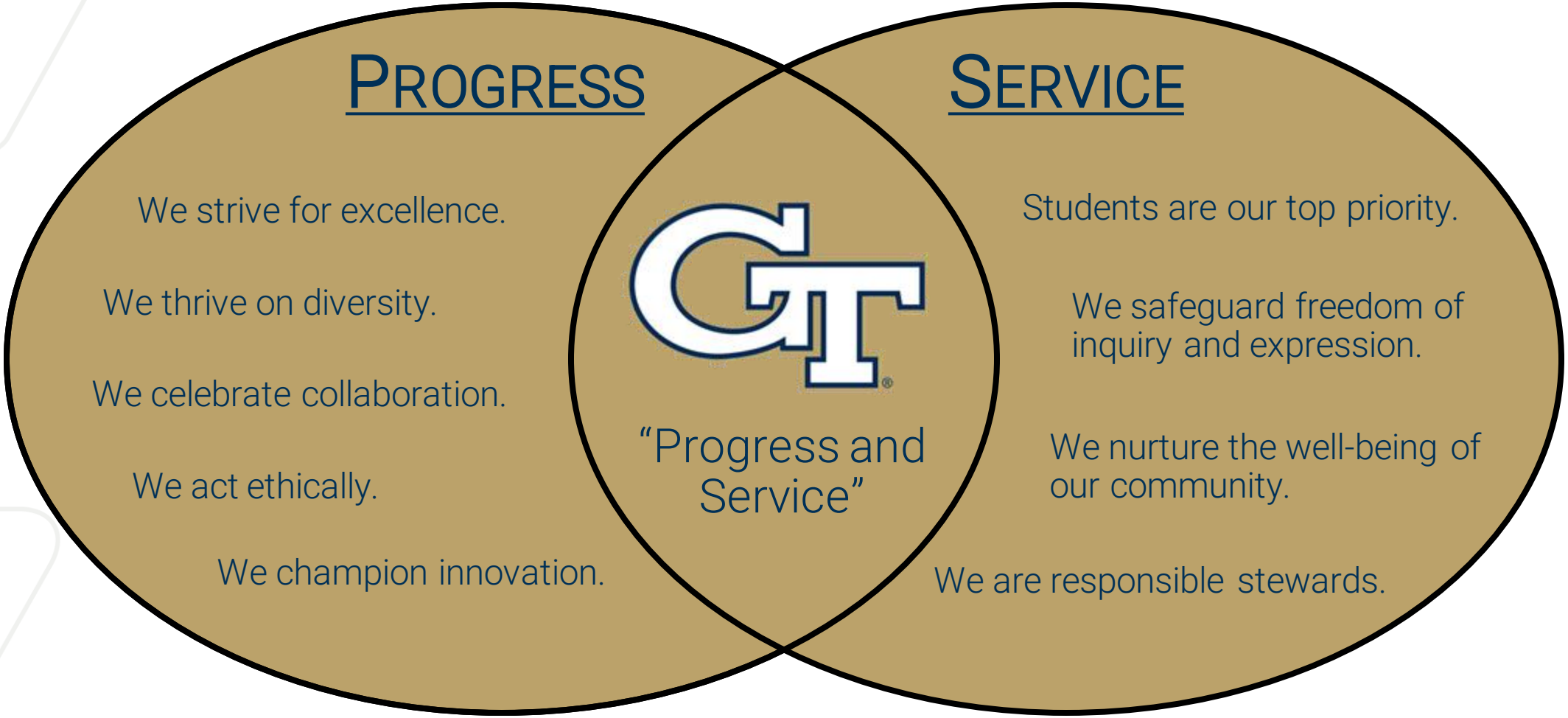
Welcome

ÁNGEL CABRERA

Georgia Tech's
12th President

Who is Georgia Tech?



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Georgia Tech Fast Facts

- 50% of on-campus graduate students are international students
- Over 100 countries are represented in the student body

Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building

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- Over 100 countries are represented in the student body
- Including online master's students, graduate students make up over 60% of the student body (as of spring 2023)
- Graduate students are roughly 1/3 of the on-campus student population

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GEORGIA TECH!

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Key People in Your Schools – Program Coordinators

Lisa Redding
Biological Sciences

Danielle Ramirez
Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Key People in Your Schools – Faculty Directors

Martha Grover
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Andrei Federov
Mechanical Engineering

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Office of Graduate Education

- Not just admissions and graduation paperwork
- Three Minute Thesis
- GT6000
- Grad Student Appreciation Week (April 1 – 5)
- Student Support

Office of Graduate Education
Savant Building, 3rd floor
https://grad.gatech.edu

Graduate Student Communications

- Grad Buzz Newsletter
- @GeorigaTechGraduate Education
- Grad Student Facebook Group
- Instagram: GTGradPostDocs

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Office of Graduate Education

The Grad Buzz

Congratulations from President Cabrera

Dear Accepted Graduate Students:

I am pleased to congratulate you on your acceptance to one of the finest research universities

21st Century Skills

Cognitive Skills:

problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, knowledge,

Interpersonal Skills:

teamwork, communication, leadership

Intrapersonal Skills:

adaptability, personal and social responsibility, initiative

[from: National Research Council of the National Academies]

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Communication Skills

Language Institute

Georgia Tech Library

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NAUGLE COMMLAB

Communicate. Create. Collaborate.

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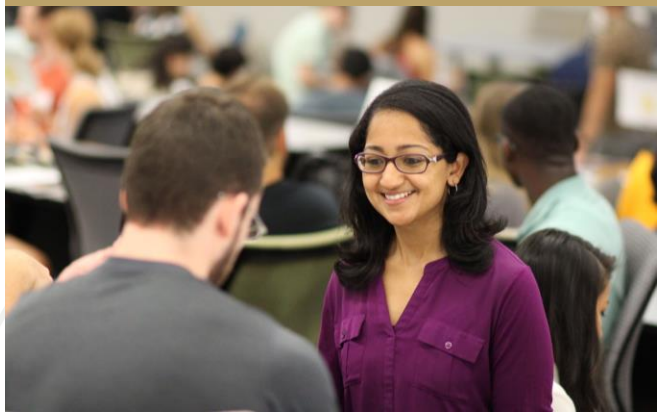
Graduate Student Community

- 6th floor of Crosland Tower in the library
- Grad Students Only (BuzzCard access).
- **Quiet** study space
- Docking stations (with dual monitors)
- Lockers students can check out for the semester
- Breakout rooms
- Kitchen area with fridge

Tech to Teaching

Graduate Teaching Fellows

International TA Program



Teaching Assistants and Future Faculty: Center for Teaching and Learning

TA Orientation for new TAs:

- Part 1: complete GT TA Training via Canvas
- Part 2: attend TA Workshop on Friday, August 18 from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Clough

Or, your school might offer CETL 8000 TA Training course

Additional CTL resources for graduate students:

- Tech to Teaching and CIRTL certificates in college teaching
- International TA resources
- Workshop series and individual consultations on teaching and academic job search
- Institute-wide TA of the Year Awards
- Graduate Teaching Fellows peer training ambassadors

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Career Center

Bill Moore Student Success Center | career.gatech.edu | 404.894.3220

We offer you:

- Workshops: career.gatech.edu/events
- Graduate Internship Program
- **CareerBuzz** job posting site
- Career Fair Sept. 11-12
- Interview rehearsal & resume review
- Job search strategy & salary negotiation tips
- Career Exploration Groups

Full-length appointments

Graduate Advisors: career.gatech.edu/careerbuzz
Gaeun (Gwenn) Seo
Catharine Groover
Christina Hall

Drop-in hours

career.gatech.edu/contact

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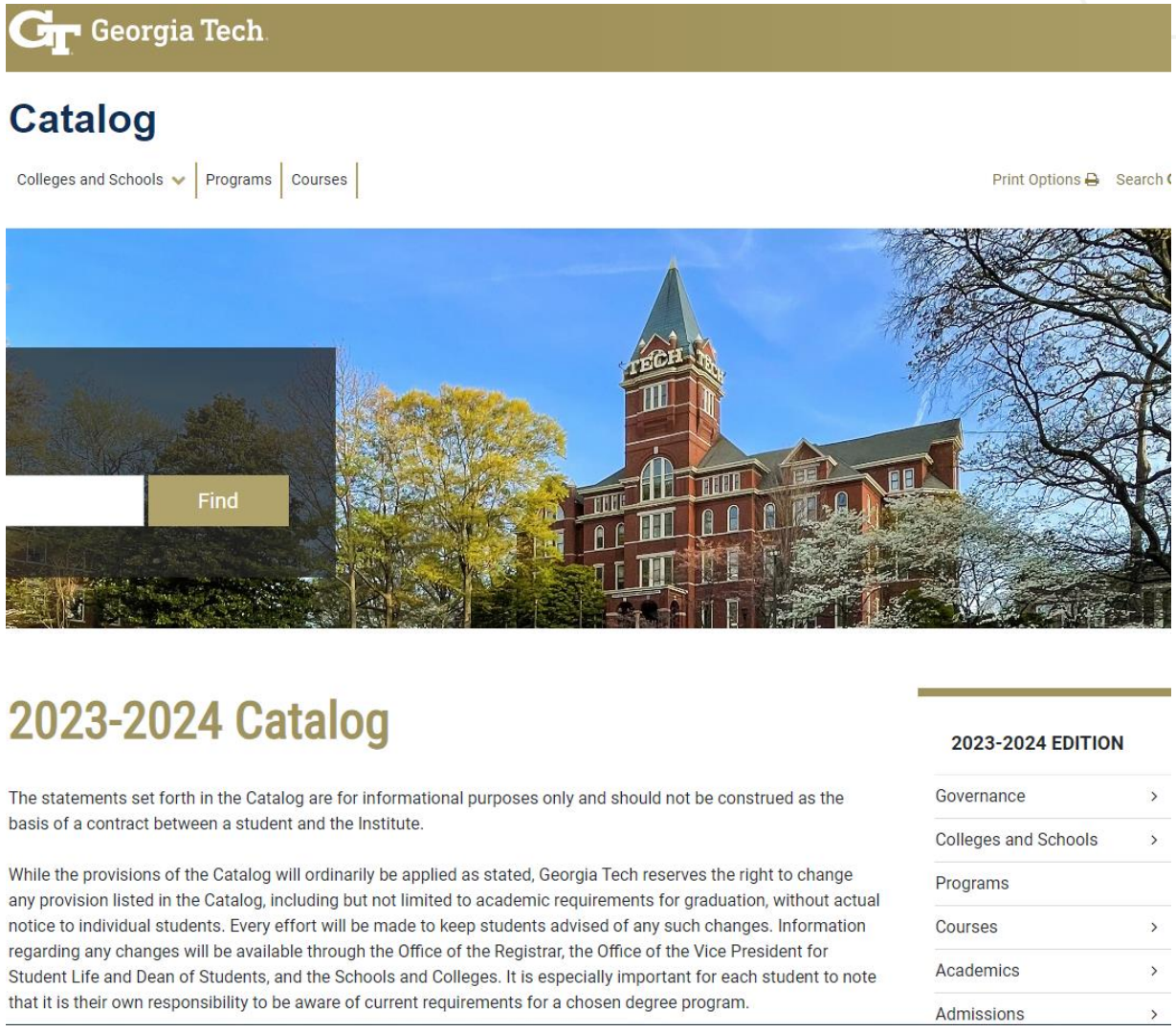
The Catalog

- Institute “Law”



catalog.gatech.edu

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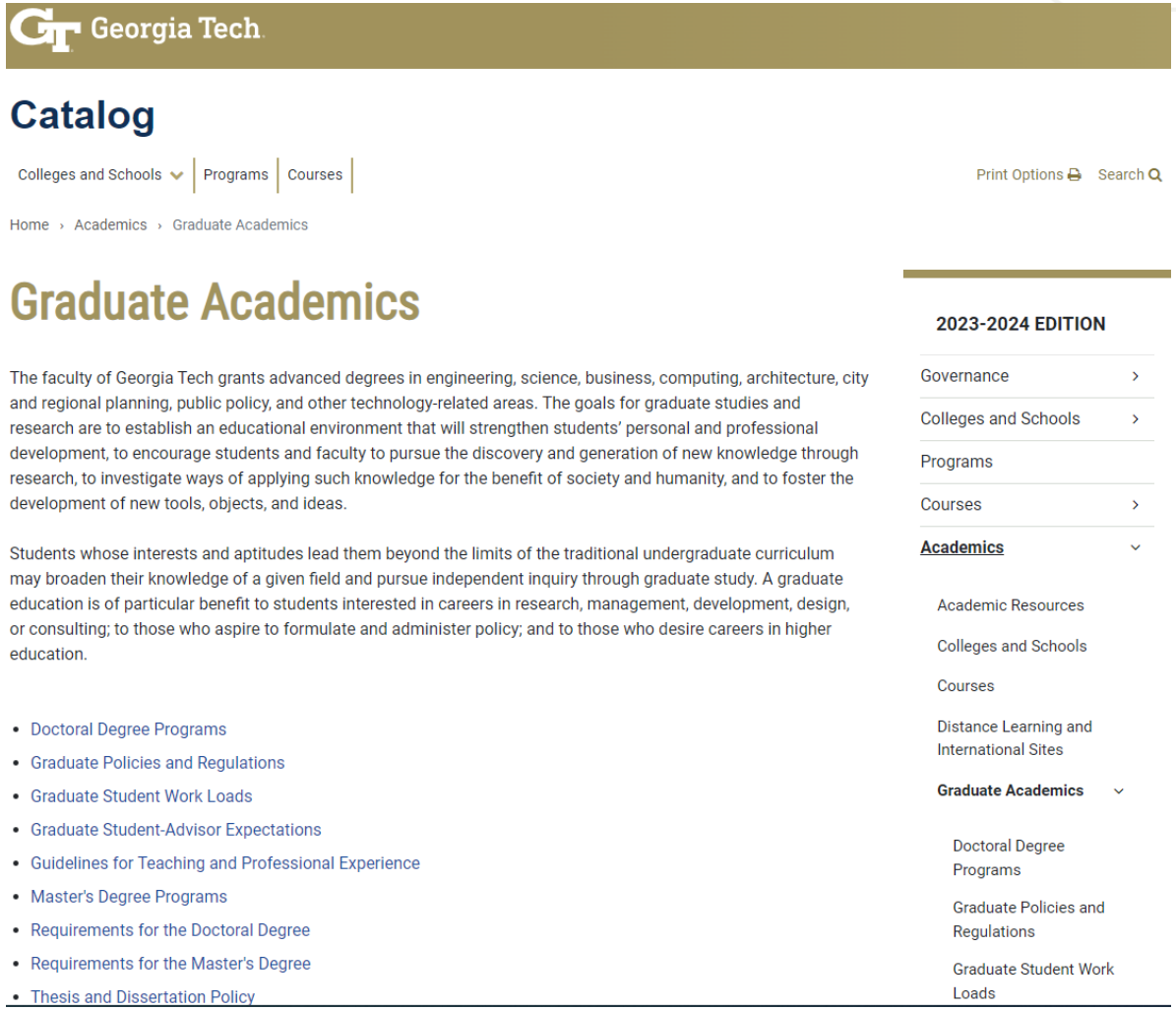
The Catalog

- Institute “Law”
- Graduate Academic Policies
- Enrollment Guidelines
- Degree Requirements
- Mutual Expectations
  http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/academics/graduate/expectations/



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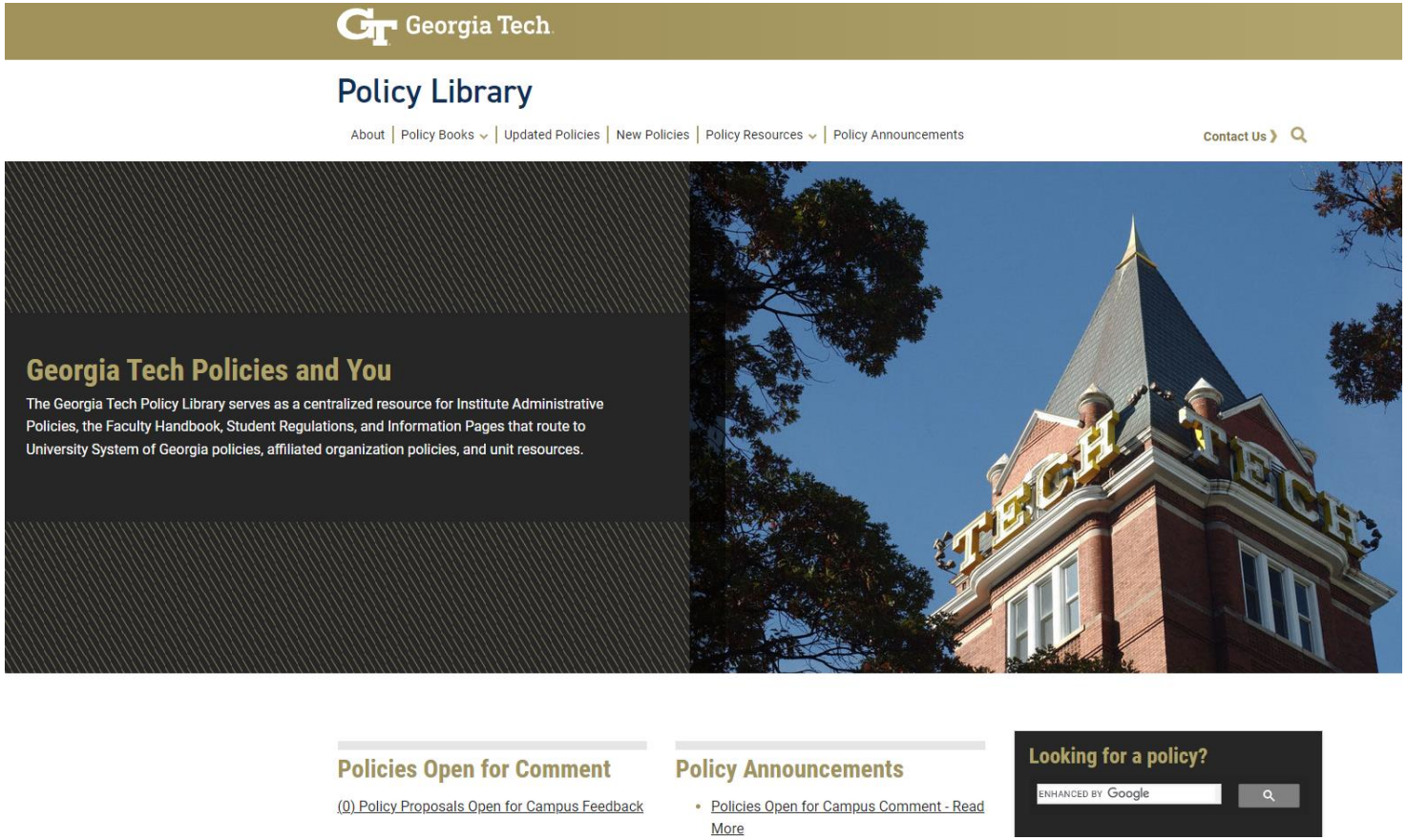
Policy Library

- Repository of campus policies



https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/

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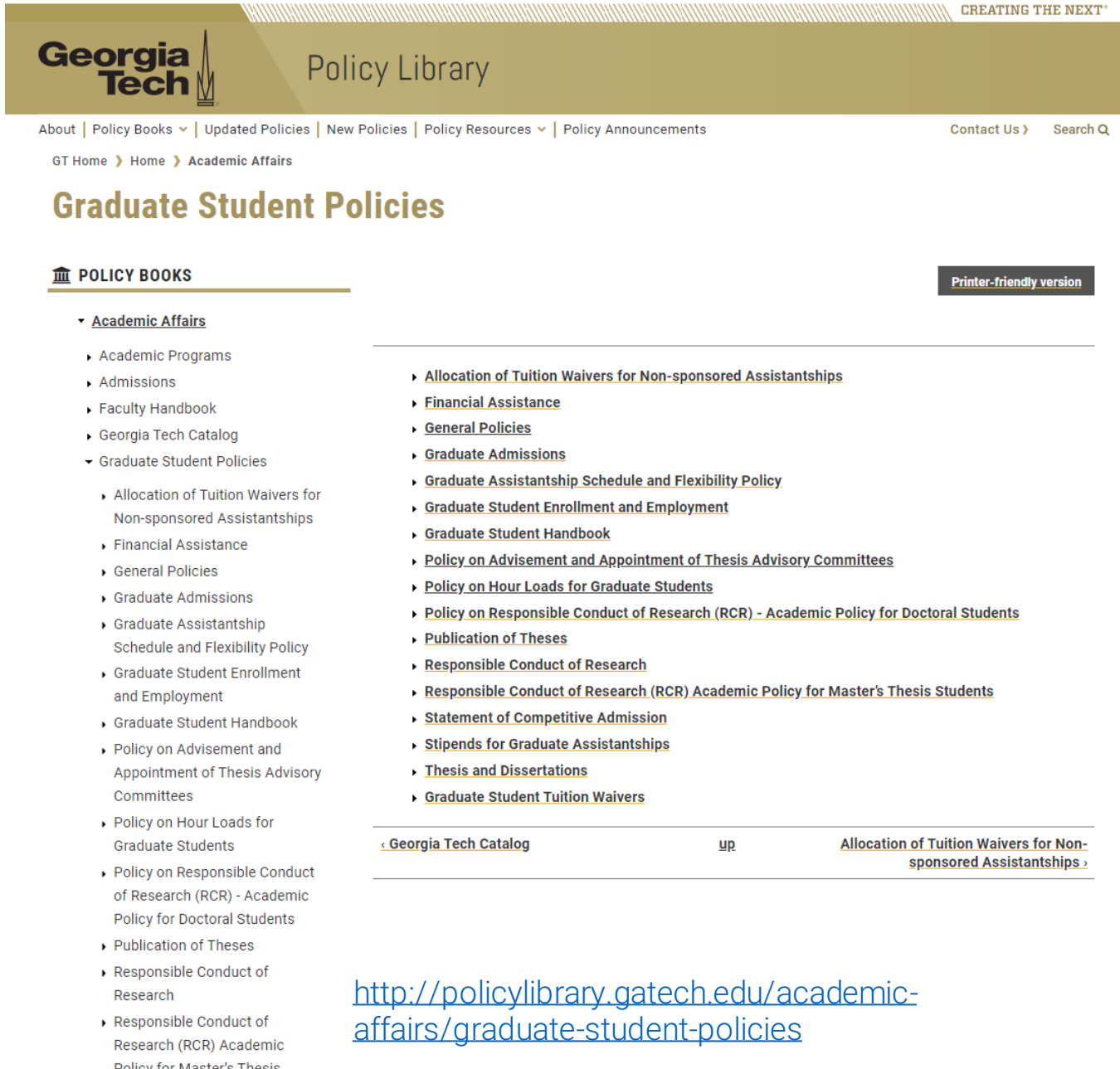
Policy Library

- Repository of campus policies
- Graduate student employment
- Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
- Academic Honor Code
- Stipends



http://policylibrary.gatech.edu/academic-affairs/graduate-student-policies

Stamps Health Services

- Primary Care
- Pharmacy
- Women's Health
- Psychiatry
- Support Services (Lab, Radiology, Immunization, Eye Exams)

Located in the Whitehead Building at
740 Ferst Drive NW

Directions

Address:

740 Ferst Drive
Atlanta, GA 30332-0110

https://health.gatech.edu/

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Wellness Empowerment Center

- Nutrition & Body Image
- Financial Well-Being
- Relationships
- Sexual Health
- Sleep

Located in the Whitehead Building at
740 Ferst Drive NW

Directions

Address:

740 Ferst Drive
Atlanta, GA 30332-0110

https://wellnesscenter.gatech.edu/

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Campus Recreation (CRC) - Facilities

Indoor

- 15,000 Sq Ft. Fitness Floor
- 6 Multi-sport courts
- Auxiliary Gym
- Fitness Studios
- Indoor Track
- Aquatic Center & Leisure Pool
- Racquetball / Squash Courts

Outdoor

- Roe Stamps Turf Fields
- Alumni Park Sand Volleyball Courts
- Leadership Challenge Course
- Outdoor Track
- Couch Park Grass Fields
- Tyler Brown Pi Mile (5K or 3.14 mile route)

https://www.crc.gatech.edu/

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Campus Recreation (CRC) - Get Involved

- Fitness Classes
- Personal Training
- Intramural Sports
- Club Sports
- Adventure Trips & Expeditions
- Outdoor Gear Rentals
- Swim Lessons
- Scuba Programs

https://www.crc.gatech.edu/

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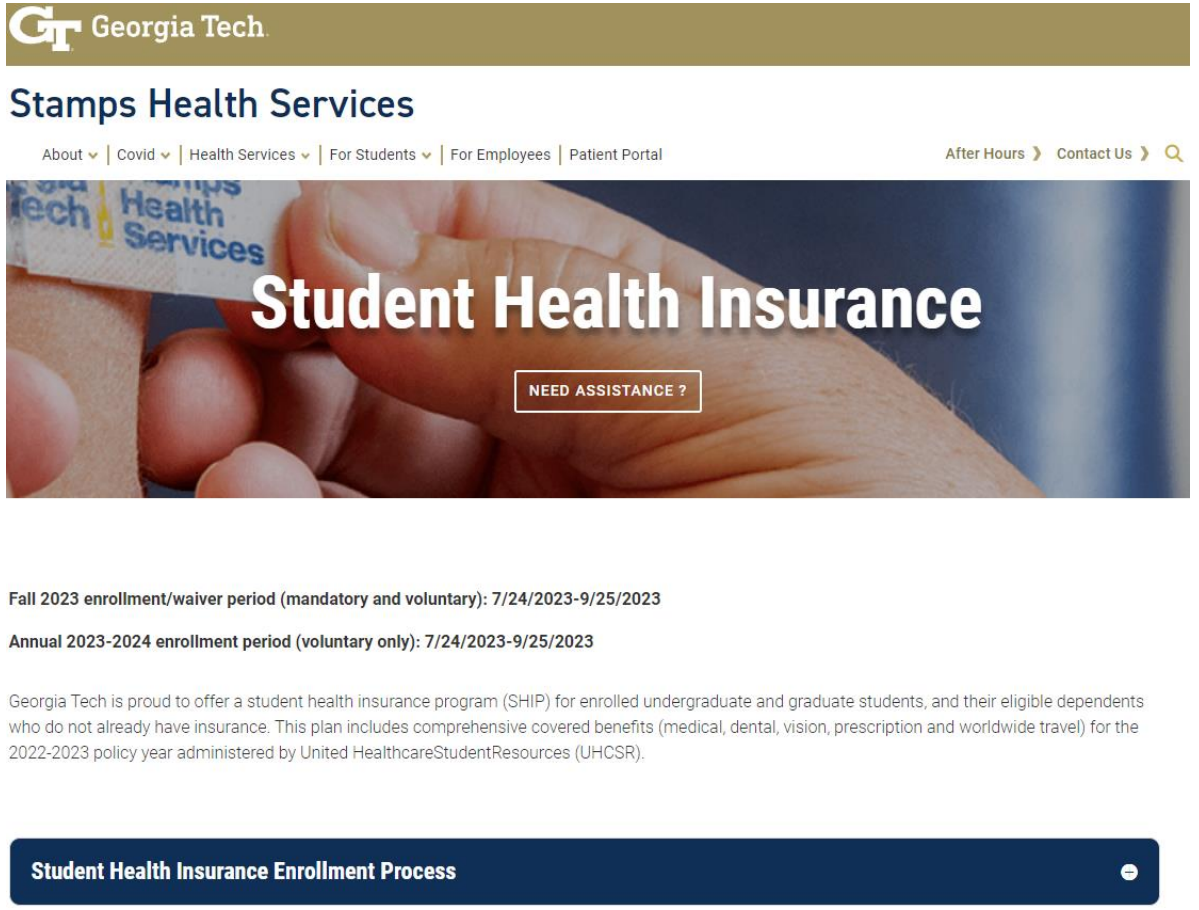
Georgia Tech Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)

- Great benefits (health, dental, vision)
- Affordable (full cost information online)
- Subsidized for GRAs/GTAs (GT pays 75% and you pay 25%)
- Mandatory vs Voluntary Plans
- You must enroll online (deadline is September 25)



https://health.gatech.edu/student-health-insurance/

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Spiritual Health and Well-Being

- **Spiritual Well-Being** helps one establish peace and harmony in their life through dialogue, service and self-reflection.
- There are a number of spiritual organizations on campus:

http://diversityprograms.gatech.edu/content/spirituality

Staying Mentally Healthy at Tech

- Graduate school can get stressful. Make sure to seek help if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Center for Mental Health Care and Resources

Flag Building

1st and 2nd Floor

mentalhealth.gatech.edu

- Schedule a consultation: (404) 894-2575
- After-hours counselors available

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Staying Mentally Healthy at Tech

- Find balance between work (academics/research) and life
- Integrate yourself into the Atlanta and campus communities

How?

- Get involved in a student organization
- Engage @ Georgia Tech to find student organizations
  engage.gatech.edu
- Atlanta is your backyard, so you don't have to limit yourself to on-campus opportunities

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Georgia Tech Alumni Association®

Student Alumni Association

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- Supported by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association
  - Over 190,000 alumni in our network!
- Connects students with alumni, the Atlanta community, and Georgia Tech
- Creates community within membership
- Exclusive access to alumni connections programming

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Fall 2023 Programs

- Engage with notable alumni through **Expert Jackets***
- Share a meal with alumni through **Dinner Jackets**
- Network with alumni in your industry through **Jackets Roundtable**
- Get paired one-on-one with a personal mentor through **Mentor Jackets***

*Available in virtual/hybrid format for online students

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Join Today!

Member Requirements:

- Attend at least two SAA events each semester

OR

- Participate in Mentor Jackets and attend one SAA event each semester

Georgia Tech Connect

Connect with over **14,000** GT students, alumni, and faculty/staff for assistance in:

- Networking
- The Job Search
- Mentorship

connect.gtalumni.org

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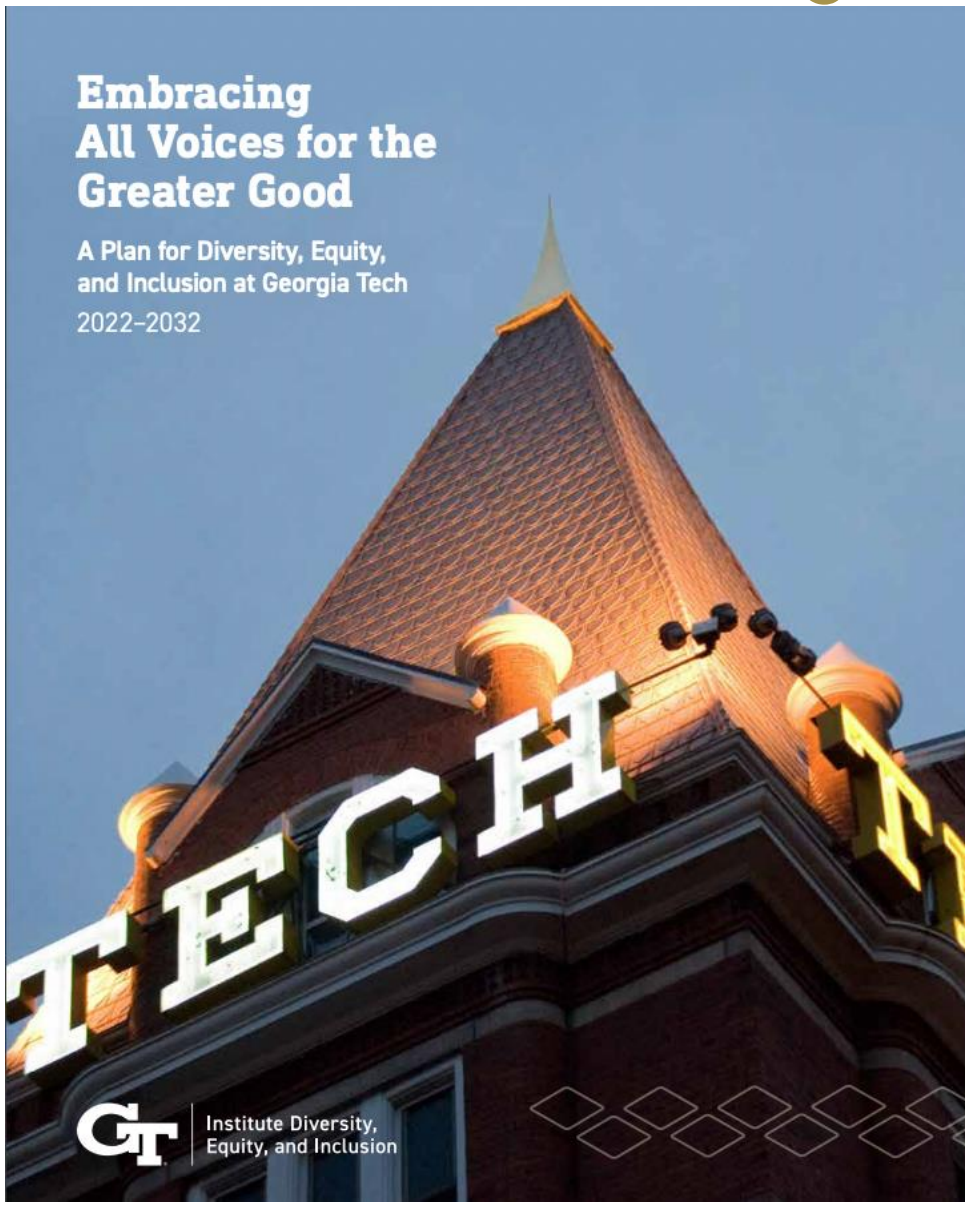
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan



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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

https://diversity.gatech.edu/about/mission-dei-plan

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Division of Student Life Resource Centers

- Civic Engagement
- Counseling Center
- Center for Mental Health Care and Resources
- Disability Services
- Leadership Education & Development (LEAD)
- LGBTQIA Resource Center
- Office of the Arts
- Student Diversity Programs
- Student Integrity
- Student Media
- Veteran's Resource Center
- Wellness Empowerment Center
- Women's Resource Center

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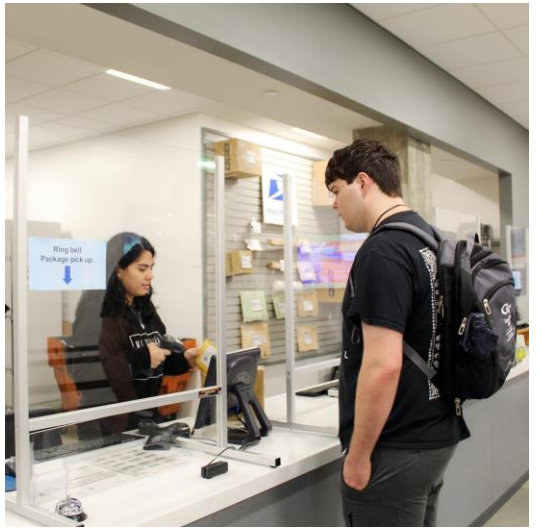
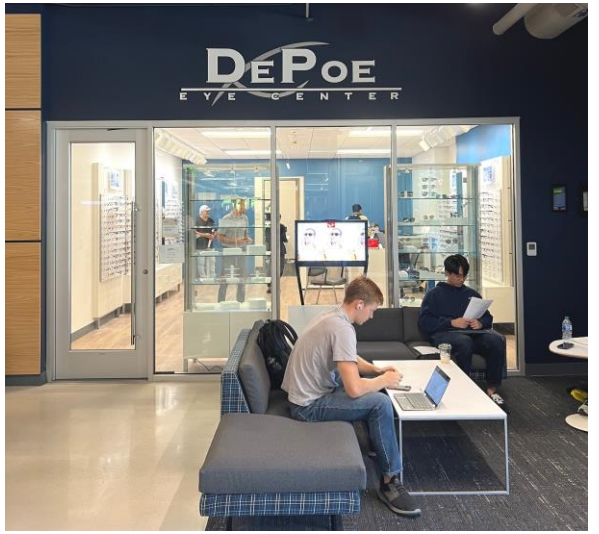
John Lewis Student Center and Stamps Commons

- Dining
- Georgia Tech Post Office
- Tech Rec (Billiards & Bowling)
- DePoe Eye Center
- Burdell's Bookstore
- Notary Services
- Reflection Space
- Meeting Space





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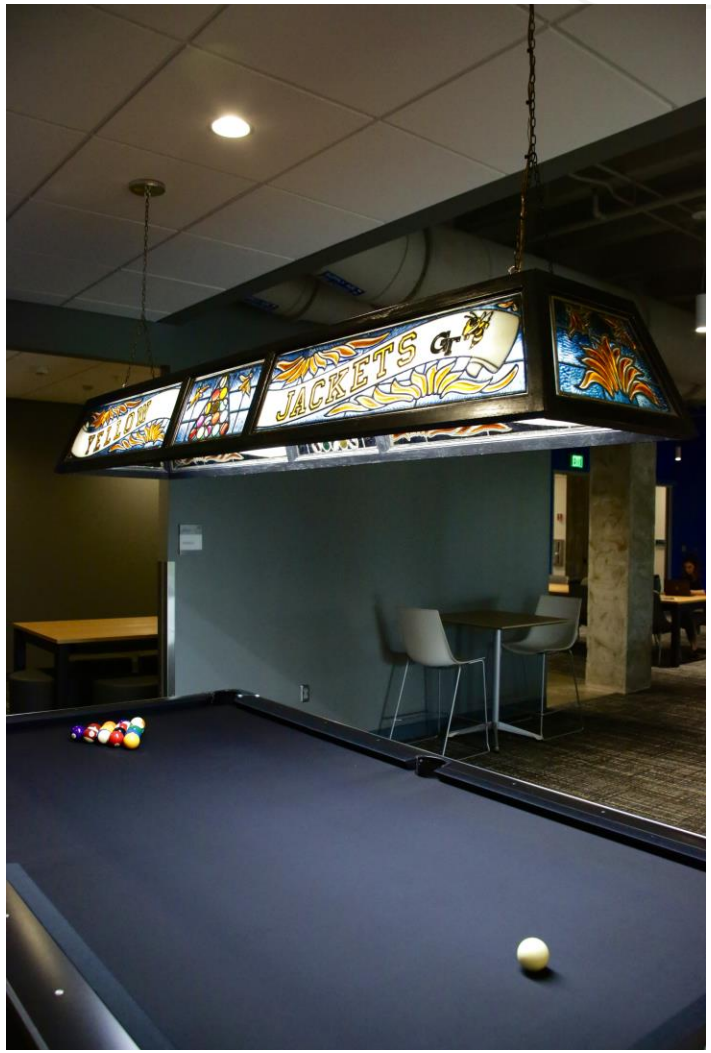
The Grad Lounge

3244, 3rd Floor, John Lewis Student Center

- Accessible 24/7 to all Grads with a valid Buzzcard (grad only access)
- Grad Lounge and Program Assistants (GLPAs) to help you, answer questions and welcome you to our community.
- Pool Table, Board Games, TVs and a Projector Screen!
- Kitchenette with microwave, Keurig machine, toaster, and fridge
- GLPAs plan events and activities like Karaoke Night, Board Game Roulette, Wine Tasting, Lounge on the Lawn and more...



Build Community
Decompress
Recharge

Follow Us on Instagram

@GTGradLounge

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Conflict Resolution and Advocacy

- **Consultation**: Seek guidance on dispute resolution and Institute policies and procedures
- **Mediation**: Engage with a trained facilitator to informally resolve disputes between parties
- **Training**: Request a workshop on how to productively navigate conflict and resolution.
- **Coaching**: Collaborate with a thought partner to advance your personal and professional goals

Assistant Vice Provost for Advocacy & Conflict Resolution
Kyla Ross, Ph.D.

Learn more about Conflict Resolution and Advocacy **here** or email **advocacy@gatech.edu**

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The Stinger – Georgia Tech Campus Bus System

- Mutiple Stinger Bus Routes
- TransLōc is the campus bus tracking app
- May also track the location of the Stinger buses at http://bus.gatech.ed

TransLōc®

Stinger

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Parking and Tech Dining

- Parking permits http://pts.gatech.edu/
- Dining locations and meal plan options- https://dining.gatech.edu

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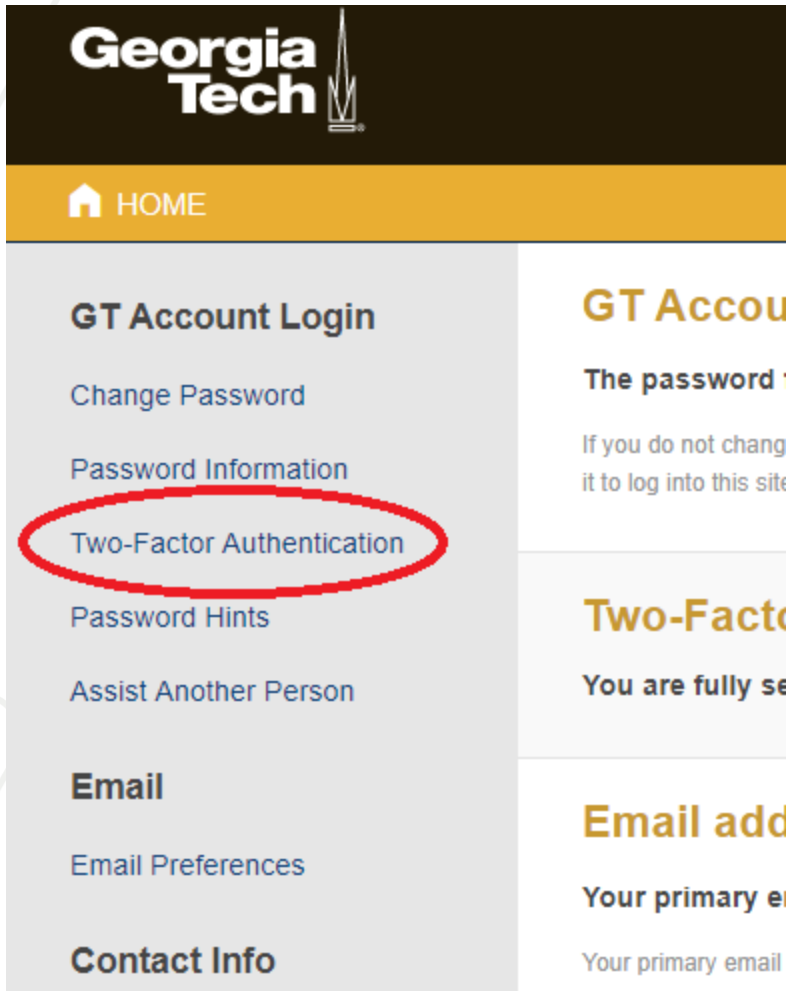
Two-Factor Authentication



To enroll:

1. Download the Duo Mobile App from your app store.
2. You can self enroll, OR visit OIT in the Technology Support Center in CULC for help.

All students must enroll by the deadline to avoid interruption of any GT IT services.

DEADLINE: September 4, 2023

https://passport.gatech.edu/

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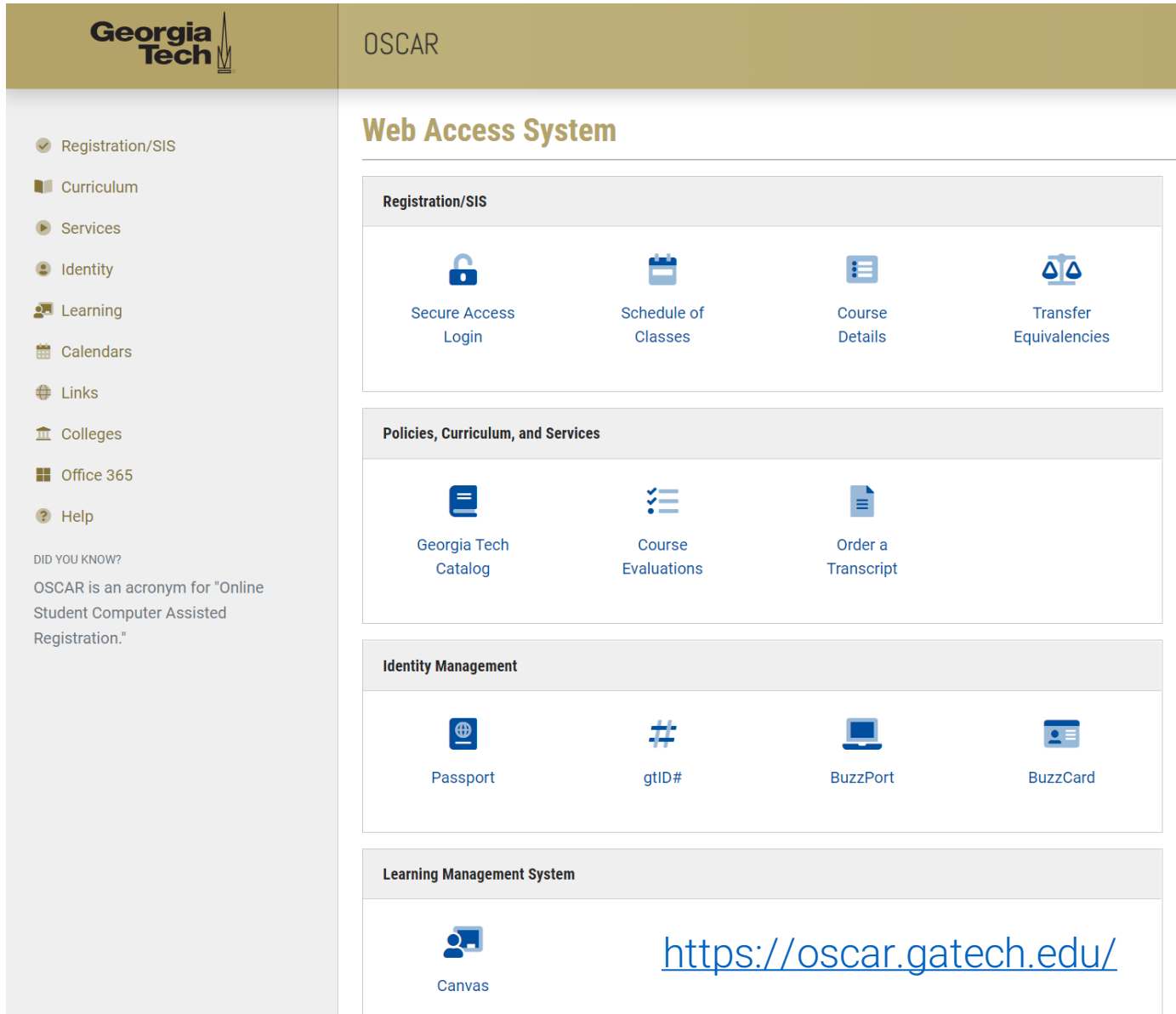
Registration

- You will register through your student account portal called “Oscar”
- Add courses through an associated course registration number (CRN)
- See your program for help with registration



Canvas Learning Management System (LMS)

- Most courses will use a system called “Canvas” to manage content, grades, and course communications.
- Log into canvas either by going to https://canvas.gatech.edu/ (click the “Login to Canvas” link) or you can go to https://gatech.instructure.com/ directly.
- Check for a course named “Fall 2023: Graduate Institute Orientation (GradIO)”
  - Self enroll link: https://gatech.instructure.com/enroll/BNEK9N

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GT6000

Three tips for starting grad school:

1. Meet other students (especially outside your program) to develop your social and professional network,
2. Learn about campus resources available to you, and
3. Some of the best advice you will receive in graduate school will come from older graduate students.

→ REGISTER FOR GT6000

grad.gatech.edu/gt6000

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Community | Mentorship | Support

Topics We Cover

- professional development
- finding and working with mentors (including research advisors)
- planning your academic program
- stress/time management

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Course Details

- Pass/fail, one-credit-hour course offered in the ***fall semester only*** (i.e. it won't affect your GPA)
- Course meets in person 8 times, once/week for an hour for the first 8 weeks of the fall semester
- Online modules and videos delivered through Canvas that you can complete when your schedule allows

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From Students Like You

"I found GT6000 as a great resource to interact with other grad students and interact with them on a same level other than academia. The pointers from the group leader have been really helpful."

"The information about campus resources was very helpful, I think just raising awareness of these resources is important."

"To understand that I am not alone in the boat navigating the treacherous bends of graduate life. A feeling of inclusion was brought through these meetings. I'm glad I joined."

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Next Steps: Required Training

Sexual Assault Prevention for Graduate Students – An online course about healthy relationships, the importance of consent, and the role of bystander intervention on university campuses. You should have already received a notification. **Deadline is August 21, 2023** for part 1. **Deadline for Part 2 is September 22, 2023.**

*not required for online master's students

VOICE – Sexual & Relationship Violence Prevention & Response Initiative

Confidential Victim-Survivor Advocacy

- Students who would like to speak confidentially about an experience may contact a Victim-Survivor Advocate. Visit voice.gatech.edu for more information
- 24/7 VOICE on-call advocate available – to access after-hours, call GT Police (404.894.2500), need only provide a phone number

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Next Steps: Required Training

Responsible Conduct of Research – PhD students, master's thesis students, and master's students funded by certain federal research awards are required to complete RCR training.

https://rcr.gatech.edu/

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Next Steps: Onboarding

Student Employee Onboarding

- Graduate student employment processing by HR
- GRA's/GTA's/GA's must visit HR after completing paperwork online
  - You MUST sign up for an appointment
  - Complete the hiring module linked in the GradIO Canvas site
  - International students must first complete OIE check-in process online

Bring required forms of identification. More information: https://hr.gatech.edu/student-onboarding

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Next Steps: Registration and Fee Payment Deadlines

Register for classes by *Friday, August 25 at 4 p.m.*

Pay for tuition and fees by *Monday, August 28 at 4 p.m.*
Payment options:

1. Via electronic check
2. Payroll deduction (only for students on payroll)

Note: If you are receiving scholarships or other financial aid, you will need to set up direct deposit through the Bursar's office. This is completely separate from your paycheck through HR.

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Next Steps: Other Dates and Deadlines

Student employee onboarding: *August 16 – 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

GradExpo: *August 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Exhibition Hall*

First day of class: *Monday, August 21*

Sexual assault prevention training: by *August 21 (part 1) and September 22 (part 2)*

Register for classes: by *Friday, August 25 at 4 p.m.*

Grad Welcome Picnic: *August 25 at 4 p.m. Brock Practice Facility*

Pay for tuition and fees: by *Monday, August 28 at 4 p.m.*

Health insurance enrollment: *Monday, September 25*

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Really Important Things to Know

The **Yellow Jacket** is the Georgia Tech mascot.

Buzz is the name of the mascot

The **Ramblin' Wreck** is Tech's one-of-a-kind "mechanical mascot" – a 1930 Model A Ford.

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Really Important Things to Know

George P. Burdell is a fictitious Georgia Tech student and alumnus known as the “Spirit of Georgia Tech.”

If someone asks you:
“What’s the Good Word?”

You should respond:
“To Hell With georgia!”

What’s that whistle noise?

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Common Questions

“Where do I get a **BuzzCard** (student identification card)?”

- On-Campus Housing Residents: At move-in
- Off-Campus Students: Exhibition Hall 2nd floor during the Week of Welcome Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 18
- Check https://buzzcard.gatech.edu/ for more information.

“How do I get involved on campus?"

- Attend the Fall Organizations Fair on Tech Green Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29 and 30.

“How do I get football and other athletic event tickets?”

www.RamblinWreck.com

Students get free or discounted tickets.

CTL, GTRI, GTRC, OSP, TSRB and WREK?!

“Tech Lingo”

www.gatech.edu/tech-lingo

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How to Connect with Office of Graduate Education

Come to our office (301 Savant Building) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. if you need to submit documents or have other admission related questions

- *No appointments necessary*

Contact information at https://grad.gatech.edu/contact-us

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THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Office of Graduate Education
Email: grad.ask@grad.gatech.edu
Website: https://grad.gatech.edu/contact-us

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