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Georgia Tech Policy Summary



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About the University

Georgia Tech was established in 1888 and remains one of the top engineering colleges in the country.¹This document is intended to be a summary of all of the changes in Georgia Tech's undergraduate policies over a span of three decades from 1988 to 2018, with a focus on policies specifically affecting Georgia Tech's engineering degrees.

For a more in-depth look at the policies themselves and the way they have changed over the years, please refer to the companion nVivo file.

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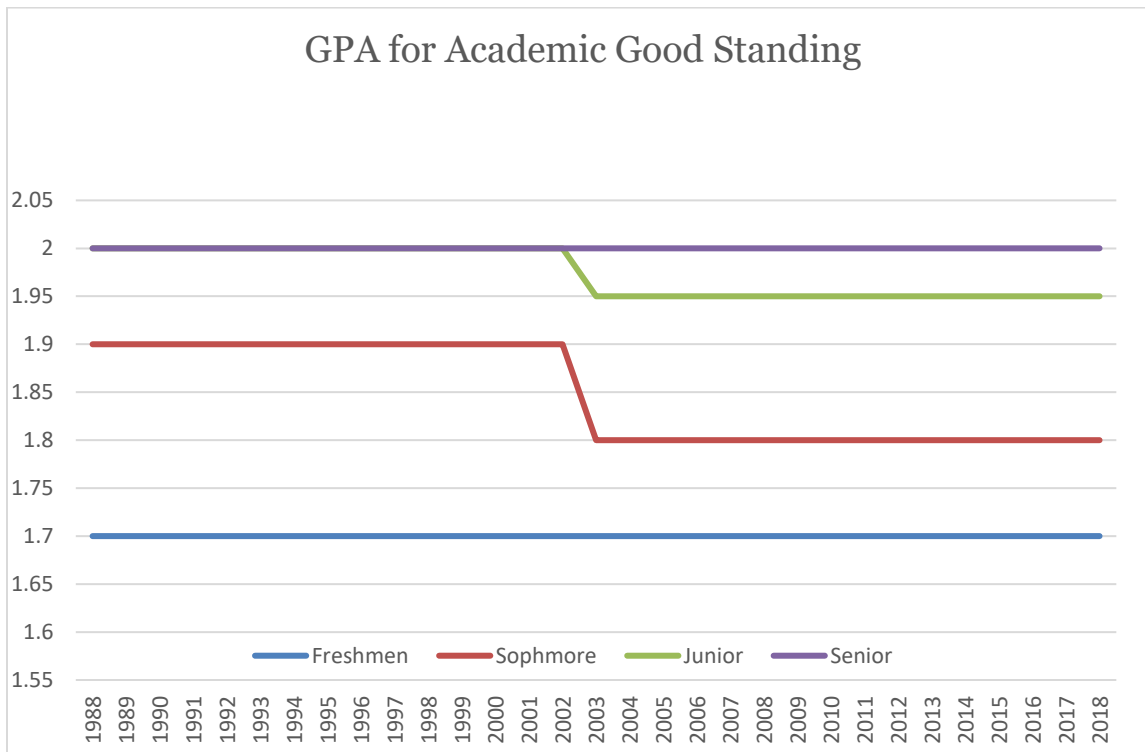
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Academic Progress, General

Academic Warning & Probation

- GPA required to remain off warning & probation (Academic Good Standing) is displayed on the following charts.
- Students below the minimum GPA for their class are placed on Academic Warning. Classes are defined by credit hours (See page 3)

Year	1988-2003	2003-17
Freshman	1.70	1.70
Sophomore	1.90	1.80
Junior	2.00	1.95
Senior	2.00	2.00



- In 2003, Georgia Tech lowered their standards for the first time since 1988 for a student to remain in academic good standing. They have not been changed since.

- Students who fail to keep a GPA above the minimum academic good standing for a term GPA are placed on Academic Warning at the end of that term.
- After the end of a semester, if their GPA is still below the minimum GPA they are placed on Academic Probation.
- Students will automatically be placed on Academic Probation if their term GPA is below a 1.0 for any term
- From 88-97, students have only a quarter on Academic Warning before they are placed on Probation.
- A student on Academic warning or probation is limited in the amount of credit hours in which they can enroll. The maximum credit limits are shown on the chart below

Academic Good Standing	Maximum Credits Limit
Warning	16
Probation	14

Note: Georgia Tech switched from quarters to semesters in 1997. The school year from 1997 onward includes a fall, spring, and summer term.

Georgia Tech requires students to have a GPA above a threshold to graduate with an undergraduate degree.

The table below shows the GPA required to graduate:

Year	GPA to Graduate
1988-1999	2.0
1999-2003	1.95
2003-2018	2.0

Academic Suspension

Georgia Tech does not have a set suspension system allowing multiple suspensions. Students are simply dropped from the rolls if their academic performance proves to be unacceptable.

- Ga. Tech can drop any student “whose record in scholarship is unsatisfactory” or whose GPA fails to meet the minimum required GPA after one term on Academic Probation.
- Any student whose GPA is below 1.0 may be dropped or put on probation as the college deems necessary.

- Any student who is on Academic Warning and has a GPA below 1.0 can be dropped, and any student whose academic standing for one term is unsatisfactory but whose overall academic progress is acceptable shall be reviewed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
- Any student dropped from the University for unsatisfactory scholarship must appeal to be readmitted to the school.

Classification Hours

Classification hours were adjusted in 1999 to reflect the change from a quarter to a semester calendar as reflected on the following table.

Year	88-99	99-18
Freshman	0-44	0-29
Sophomore	45-89	30-59
Junior	90-134	60-89
Senior	135+	90+

- Students who are expelled from the school for poor academic performance (See academic probation and suspension) will not be readmitted unless:
 - They wait at least one term after the one in which they were suspended (Summer term does not count in some catalogs)
 - They submit an appeal. An academic board will then review their appeal and make a decision.
 - Some catalogs require the student to have permission from their school in addition to an appeal.
- Students who are expelled from the school for a second time will not be re-admitted under any circumstances.

Academic Progress – Engineering

Co-op for engineering students

- Georgia Tech offers an annual Cooperative Program to all of its undergraduate Engineering students. The Engineering Co-Op program is not mandatory to graduate.

Minimum Acceptable Performance

Similar to how each engineering department has its own different list of required classes, each department has different rules on the minimum acceptable grades. Georgia Tech as a whole does not have a standardized minimum acceptable performance policy so long as the student meets the GPA requirements and the requirements for their major.

Admissions, International

TOEFL

- All international students who do not speak English as a first language are required to take and get a minimum grade of 550 on a paper Test of English as a Foreign Language (TEOFL).
- This policy has been in effect at Georgia Tech since 1988 and continues to be the policy to the present day.

Engineering Core Classes- Georgia Tech

- GA Tech does not have a specific core for its engineering students. Prior to 2011, it did not have a specific list of classes that all students must complete before moving on to classes more closely pertaining to their major. That is not to say there were not any such classes, they were just sprinkled throughout the student's college plan.
- For example, a student in computer engineering might take Calculus II in their second year of college, while a student in aerospace engineering might take it in their first. The table below summarizes the common classes and whether they are required for all engineering majors.

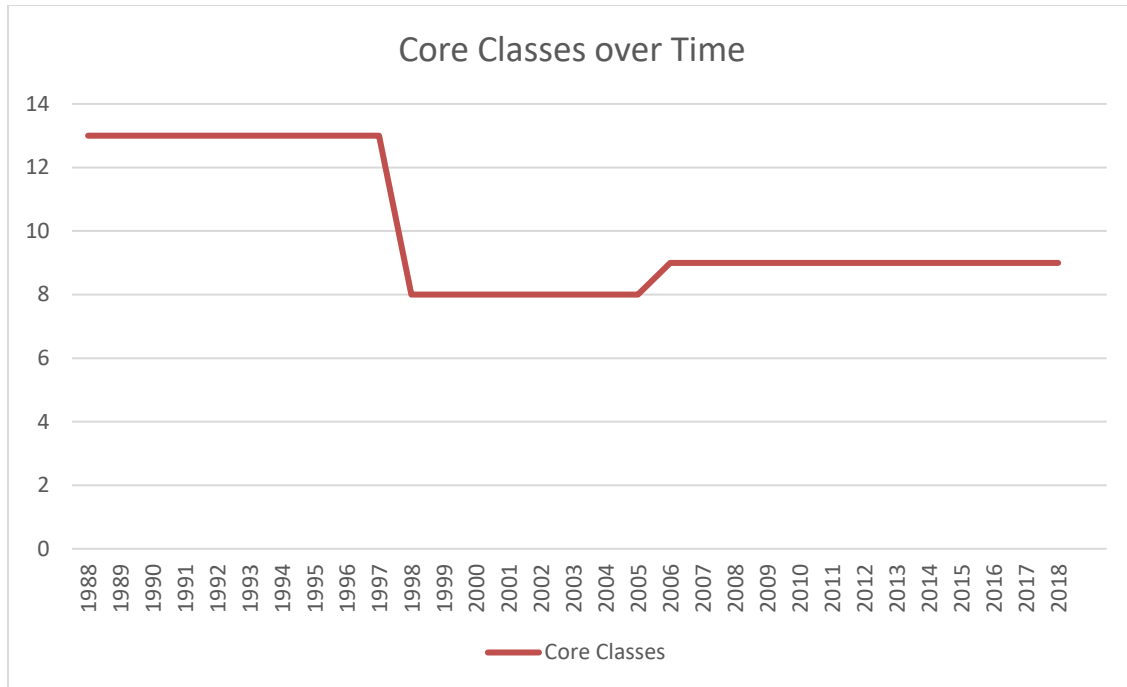
Is it a required class for all engineering majors?

Year	Calc1	Calc2	Calc3	Calc4	Calc5	Chem1	Chem2	Phys1	Phys2	LinAlg	DiffEq	English
88-89	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
89-90	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
90-91	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
91-92	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
92-93	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
93-94	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yea	Yes		Yes	Yes
94-95	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
95-96	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
96-97	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
97-99	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes

99-01	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
01-03	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
03-05	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
05-06	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
06-07	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
07-08	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
08-09	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
09-10	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
10-11	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
11-12	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
12-13	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
13-14	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
14-15	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
15-16	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
16-17	Yes	Yes*				Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17-18	Yes	Yes*				Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Multivariable Calculus. Shading represents courses not required after transition to semesters

- In Fall 2011 Georgia tech redesigned their core classes system. Prior to 2011, each engineering concentration was responsible for their own classes, and “core classes” as exhibited on this chart were simply the classes that were found in each department of engineering major’s recommended plan of study.
- Georgia Tech does not have a standardized “Intro to Engineering” class across all engineering disciplines or a dedicated First Year Engineering program for freshmen engineers.



- This graph considers one class to be the length of a term. English I and English II are counted as two classes, for example, despite being listed as two halves of a year-long class in some catalogs (and on the chart above).
- The sharp dip in 1999 in the amount of core cases coincides with Georgia Tech’s transition from quarters to semester-length terms. Students take longer classes but have fewer core classes to take.
- The core classes for Engineers at Georgia Tech over the years includes calculus (3 semesters on 2 semester schedule, 5 quarters on three quarter schedule), usually chemistry, 2 semesters or 3 quarters of physics, 2 semesters or 2 quarters of English, and Differential Equations.
- In 2016, Linear Algebra was added to the required classes that all engineers must take.
- Georgia Tech does not have a specific “Engineering” class that all engineers take, and the classes that all engineering majors share changes year by year.
- Policies for repeating Engineering Core Courses are nonstandard and they vary by department by year.
- All students of Georgia Tech are required to take a 0 credit Wellness class since 1996

Admissions, All, 1st Year

Preferred Admissions

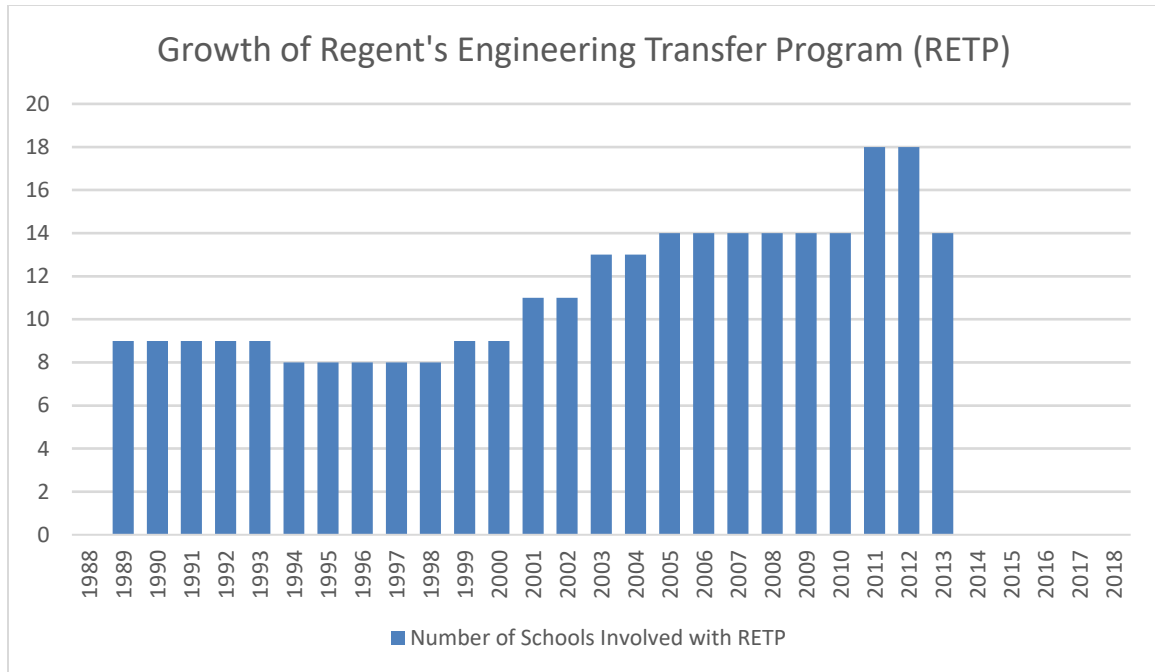
- In 2003, Georgia Tech instituted a policy on Competitive Admission, which outlined the universities hierarchy of preferred applicants.
- From 2003 to 2013, Georgia Tech has preferred legacies of the university and state residents over other applicants.
- In 2013 the policy was changed. Students are now admitted based on previous academic success.
- Georgia Tech does not make preferences based on residences or legacies, only previous academic performance and “Potential to contribute to the overall intellectual climate” of the university.”

Admissions Engineering, Transfer

Engineering Articulation Agreements – Statewide

The Regents’ Engineering Transfer Program is a cooperative transfer program between Georgia Tech and other colleges in the state of Georgia where students can take two years at one of the other colleges before transferring to the Georgia Tech main campus and finishing their degree.

- Georgia Tech has been a part of the Regents Transfer Program since 1989 and continues to be in a part of the program today.
- RETP expands from eight schools in ‘88 to its maximum of eighteen schools in ‘11 an amount unmentioned in the catalogs in ‘13. The detailed expansion of RETP is shown in the chart below.
- The Regent’s Engineering Transfer Program (RETP) was renamed in 2016 Regent’s Engineering Pathway (REP) but otherwise is the same program.



*Number of schools from late 2013 onwards not specified in catalogs

Schools involved in the RETP over the years

1993-94 (9)

- Albany State College
- Armstrong State College
- Columbus College
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia College
- Macon College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College
- Valdosta State College

• Schools for years 1989-1993 not listed in catalog.

• 1994-97 (8)

- Albany State College
- Armstrong State College
- Columbus College
- Georgia Southern University
- Macon College

- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College
- Valdosta State College

1997-01 (9)

- Albany State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Columbus State University
- Georgia Southern University
- Macon College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College & State University
- Valdosta State University
- State University of West Georgia

2001-03 (11)

- Albany State University

- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Columbus State University
- Gainesville College
- Georgia Southern University
- Macon State College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College & State University
- Savannah State University
- Valdosta State University
- State University of West Georgia

- Georgia Perimeter College
- Georgia Southern University
- Macon State College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College and State University
- Savannah State University
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- State University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University

2003-05 (13)

- Albany State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Columbus State University
- Dalton State College
- Gainesville College
- Georgia Southern University
- Macon State College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College and State University
- Savannah State University
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- State University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University

2005-2006 (14)

- Albany State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Columbus State University
- Dalton State College
- Gainesville College

2011-2012 (18)

- Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC)
- Albany State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Clayton State University
- Columbus State University
- Dalton State College
- Gainesville State College
- Georgia College and State University
- Georgia Perimeter College
- Georgia Southern University
- Gordon College
- Macon State College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College and State University
- Savannah State University
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University

2012-2013 (14)

- Albany State University

- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Columbus State University
- Dalton State College
- Gainesville College
- Georgia College & State University
- Georgia Perimeter College
- Georgia Southern University
- Gordon College
- Macon State College
- Middle Georgia College
- North Georgia College and State University
- Savannah State University
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- State University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University
- Schools post 2013 not listed in catalogs.

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3+2 Program

- Georgia Tech also has had a DDP – Dual Degree Program – from 1988 to the present. In the DDP, students take 3 years at a partner school and 2 years at Ga. Tech, getting degrees from both.

- Schools participating in the DDP include most colleges in the University System in Georgia and many colleges in other states across the nation. The exact universities are not listed in the catalogs.

GTREP

- Georgia Tech is also involved with the GTREP (Ga. Tech Regional Engineering Program) since its beginning in 1999. GTREP is a distance education program, which allows students to take Georgia Tech classes at another participating university.

1999-2013

- Armstrong Atlantic State
- Georgia Southern University
- Savannah State University
- In 2003, Georgia Tech merged the GTREP as a part of its Georgia Tech-Savannah Campus.
- In 2012 and 2013, no new students were admitted to the distance learning program.

Admissions, International

Requirements

TOEFL

- Georgia Tech has always required incoming graduate students to pass the Test Of English as a Foreign Language (or TOEFL) to get a graduate degree.
- Undergraduate students (Students seeking an undergraduate degree) do not have to take the TOEFL.

MORE INFORMATION

- The Catalogs refer readers to the office of undergraduate information for the complete international application policy.

Financial Aid

State Merit Scholarship Program

- The Presidents Scholarship is awarded to a few incoming freshmen each year since 1993.
- From 1993-2013 living in the United States was a prerequisite to receive the scholarship.
- In 2013 they changed it to be based solely on merit and past grades.
- The Presidents Scholarship is only available to freshmen. The scholarship can be renewed annually based on academic performance. Georgia Tech is also a participant of the HOPE Georgia student scholarship.

Grading Policies

Auditing Courses

- Georgia Tech allows the auditing of courses. Auditors must pay full tuition for their course but do not receive a grade (-2005) or receive a grade of V for Visitor (2006-18)
- Grades of V do not affect GPA
- Grades of V are meant to represent no academic achievement.
- If the instructor deems the course has not been completed in a satisfactory way, the student will receive a grade of U for Unsatisfactory.

Date to withdraw from classes

- Up until 1996 the last date to withdraw from classes with a grade of W was the fifth week of the term.
- From 1996-2016, the last date was the halfway point of the semester.
- In 2016 and onwards, the last date to withdraw from classes was the 60% point of the semester.

Grade Weights:

- Georgia Tech has always weighted grades in the following manner:
- A-4.0 B-3.0 C-2.0 D-1.0 F-0.0

Pass Fail:

- Students are allowed to take classes as pass-fail at the discretion of their colleges. The number of hours they are allowed to take as pass-fail is limited by their credit hours.

Credit Hours 1988-1999	Credit Hours 1999-2018	Hours Pass-Fail
50-89	45-70	3
90-134	71-90	6
135-179	91+	9

Course Repeat Policy:

- Effective 2005, Georgia Tech allowed freshmen students in their first year to repeat courses.
- Students are allowed to repeat each course once, with a maximum of two courses total.

Miscellaneous Requirements, Privileges, and Term Types

- From 1988 to 2010 students must take a Regents' Test in order to graduate
- The Regents' Test is no longer mandatory to graduate after 2010.

Policies for Students with Disabilities

- Georgia Tech is always disposed towards accommodating students with disabilities, however the exact nature of their disability policies is not disclosed in these catalogs.
- Students can contact the Access Disabled Assistance Program for Tech Students (ADAPTS) for more information.
- This policy is in effect for all the years.

Readmission for Students in Good Academic Standing

Other Notes

- Georgia Tech's Campus was part of Atlanta's hosting of the 1996 Summer Olympics. After this event, many GA Tech policies were updated in an attempt to modernize the school. This is when the campus switched from quarters to semesters as well.
- In 2003 Georgia tech began adding the prefix "of science" to their engineering majors, for example "Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering became "Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering."



Technical Document info

Memos – Corresponding information for the memos included in the nVivo file can be found on the following pages.

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Catalogs

- The 2016-2017 catalog was the hardest catalog to find, as I had to compile it from a group of other sources. It is not in the same order as the other catalogs but all the relevant information is present and coded.
- Some of the document, for whatever reason, appears in nVivo as a string of tildes and broken hearts. It is nonetheless coded correctly and clicking on the source title directs the user to the correct place in the catalog.

