

## Residential Programs

The USG offers residential programs for gifted, talented, and motivated students at two institutions: the Advanced Academy of Georgia at the University of West Georgia, and the Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering, and Sciences at Middle Georgia State University. Admissions and program requirements are established by the individual institutions.

## Early College

Early Colleges enhance students' opportunities to accelerate their education by participating in a joint high school/college program. Each Early College represents an approved partnership between a Georgia public school system and a USG institution. Students in USG-recognized Early Colleges are eligible for enrollment in college courses while they are enrolled in the Early College.

(BoR Minutes, Sept. 2014; Aug. 2014; Nov. 2016)

### 4.2.1.3 Undergraduate Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

Students with fewer than thirty (30) transferable semester credit hours must meet the freshman admission requirements at the institution to which they are transferring. Students who have earned thirty (30) or more semester hours must have completed any learning support and Required High School Curriculum deficiency requirements if transferring from a USG institution. Depending on the sector of the institution to which students transfer, students must meet the transfer grade point average, as indicated in the following table:

#### MINIMUM SYSTEM ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

SECTOR	30-59 *SEMESTER CREDITS	60 OR MORE SEMESTER CREDITS	
Research Universities	At least 2.30 GPA** and have met all LS and RHSC requirements	At least 2.30 GPA	
Regional and State Universities	At least 2.00 GPA** and have met all LS and RHSC requirements	At least 2.00 GPA	↑ Top

State and Associate  
Degree Colleges

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\*Transferable Hours are defined as hours which would be acceptable by the receiving institution according to the USG's and the receiving institution's prevailing policies. These hours should include transferable hours earned at all postsecondary institutions attended.

\*\*Transfer GPA is defined as the GPA calculated on all transferable hours (see previous definition) plus all attempted but unearned hours at regionally accredited institutions in courses applicable to transfer programs at the receiving institution.

Students completing non-transfer associate degrees (e.g., Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science in various health areas, and Associate of Applied Technology) at regionally accredited institutions will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine their eligibility for admission.

### Priority Consideration

In addition to the minimum transfer standards listed above, students must meet higher USG and/or institutional standards to be considered for priority transfer admission.

Institutions must give priority consideration for admission to students transferring from another USG institution who meet these established standards. Students meeting these higher standards would be ensured of receiving priority consideration for admission. In addition, transfer students must be given the same consideration as native students in determining program admissibility.

(BoR Minutes, Aug. 2014)

### 4.2.1.4 Non-Traditional Students

In order to make the USG more accessible to citizens who are not of traditional college-going age and to encourage a higher proportion of Georgians to benefit from life-long learning, institutions may admit as many non-traditional students as is appropriate based on institutional mission, academic programs, and success in retaining and graduating non-traditional students.

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