

5. GRADUATION

To graduate, students must meet program graduation requirements in place at the time of admission and achieve an overall program grade point average (GPA) of 60 per cent or greater. Exceptions to this are as follows:

- Students in graduate certificate programs require a minimum grade of 60 per cent in each course.
- Students in degree programs require a minimum grade of 60 per cent in each course, and an overall average of 65 per cent in core courses and 60 percent in non-core courses in the program.
- Students who have not been continuously registered may be required to meet the program graduation requirements at the time of readmission.

Students are responsible for checking their course selections and graduation requirements each semester to ensure they are on track to graduate. To do so, students should look under *Academic Records, Credential Evaluation*, on their Banner accounts prior to registering. This will assist with course selection and future planning.

All students must request to graduate using the online *application to graduate* available online at www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/graduation (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/graduation>) by the deadlines posted on the website under www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/important-dates (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/important-dates>).

In extenuating circumstances, the Vice President Academic, and the Registrar, in consultation with a Dean, may review a decision regarding graduation eligibility.

5.1 Graduation residency requirements

Residency requirements refer to the number of courses students must take at a college in order to receive that college's credential. The following residency requirements must be met to be eligible for a Georgian credential:

Georgian Credential	Residency Requirement
Certificate of Achievement	25 per cent of the program courses at Georgian
Ontario College Certificates and Diplomas	25 per cent of the program courses or the equivalent of one semester (whichever is greater) at Georgian
Honours Bachelor Degree programs	25 per cent of the program courses at Georgian (students may be exempt from up to 75 per cent of their degree program. Up to 50 per cent may be obtained using PLAR and the remaining 25 per cent may be obtained through credit transfer).

For all of the above, to meet residency, these must be different courses than those already taken for credit toward previous certification (refer to 5.2 *Second program certification* below). When students have been granted advanced standing (see section 2.11, *Advanced standing* and/or section 2.11.6, *Assessment of previous learning*) for the program applied for, they are required to take other courses to meet the residency requirements outlined above. Further, they must obtain the approval for these courses from their academic area.

5.2 Second program certification

Students who wish to pursue a program of study leading to a second credential must complete the graduation requirements for that program as outlined below:

- For certificate programs less than one year in duration, students must apply for the program desired and, upon being admitted, take a minimum of 25 per cent of the program courses at Georgian College. These must be different courses than those already taken for credit toward previous certification.
- For certificate and diploma programs that are one to three years in duration, the candidate must apply for the program desired and, upon being admitted, complete a minimum of 25 per cent of the program courses, or the equivalent of one semester, whichever is greater, at Georgian College. These must be different courses than those already taken for credit toward previous certification.
- For degree programs that are four years in duration, students must apply for the program desired and, upon being admitted, complete a minimum of 25 per cent in the degree program at Georgian College. These must be different courses than those already taken for credit toward previous certification.
- When students have been granted advanced standing, prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) and/or course exemptions for the program applied for, and are required to take other courses as outlined above; they must obtain the approval for these courses from their academic area.
- Co-operative education requirements, where applicable, are assessed on an individual basis by the appropriate co-op consultant and dean.

Note: Students applying to graduate from more than one program within the same program group are eligible to receive the highest-level credential only.

5.3 Graduation timelines

Some students may not be able to complete their program requirements to graduate within the normal timelines. For these students, the following timelines apply:

Full-time programs	Completion date from time of admission
Honours Bachelor Degree	8 years
Three-year program	6 years
Two-year program	4 years
One-year program	2 years
One-semester program	1 year

NOTE: Students registered in part-time studies programs must maintain continuous registration in order to complete the program according to the curriculum in place at the time they were admitted.

Students failed to remain continuously registered following the typical sequence of semesters for his or her program must be readmitted to the program and follow the new curriculum. Dean's list

The Dean's list recognizes full-time, postsecondary students who have achieved a GPA of 80.0 per cent or higher in any academic semester. This is indicated on their official transcript. (Students with a GPA below 80.0 do not qualify.)

5.4 Georgian scholar

The status of Georgian Scholar recognizes graduates from Ministry-approved postsecondary programs who have achieved an overall GPA of 80.0 per cent or higher at the time of graduation. These graduates are recognized at convocation and their certificate, diploma or degree states "with honours" (Graduates with a GPA below 80.0 do not qualify.)

5.5 Program distinction

The status of Program Distinction recognizes graduates from apprenticeship programs who have achieved an overall GPA of 80.0 per cent or higher at the time of graduation. These graduates are recognized at convocation and their certificate states "with distinction." (Graduates with a GPA below 80.0 do not qualify.)

5.6 Governor General's Academic medal

Each year, the Governor General of Canada provides one medal to each college in Ontario. This prestigious medal is awarded to the Georgian College graduate of a postsecondary diploma program who has achieved the highest overall academic average.