

# First Year



# Matters!

A program in partnership with



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
**TCSG**  
SYSTEM OF GEORGIA





# Did you know?



There is a formal agreement between the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) regarding the acceptance of transfer credit.



Twenty three (23) general education courses currently taught at GNTC will transfer to any USG institution if a student achieves a grade of C or higher in the course.



GNTC also has a transfer agreement with a number of private colleges throughout the region.



Students who enroll in a certificate program at a TCSG institution may be eligible for the HOPE Grant that will pay a portion of their tuition when taking courses that will transfer.



Students who achieve a 3.0 or higher GPA after completing 30 semester hours of transfer credit may qualify for the HOPE Scholarship even if they did not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship when they graduated from high school.



By enrolling at a TCSG institution and using the HOPE Grant a student enrolled for 15 semester hours can save almost \$1000 in tuition each semester.



Courses that may be transferred to the USG institutions are taught at the TCSG colleges as day, evening, and online classes.



Students who need to enroll in learning support courses based on their ACT, SAT, or COMPASS scores may do so at the TCSG institutions and HOPE Grant may be used to pay a portion of the tuition.



GNTC is offering a special program beginning this fall semester called **First Year Matters** that is designed for students who plan to take courses and transfer to other colleges.



**First Year Matters** is a program targeting high school graduates entering their freshman year of college, providing a pathway to a successful first year. Statistics indicate that 35% of students who enroll in college never reach their sophomore year (USA Today). One of the primary reasons that so many students are unsuccessful is that the financial strain of paying college expenses makes it necessary for them to work as well as attend college. Time management becomes an issue and students tend to not survive the stress of so many obligations. They basically buckle under the stress.

The First Year Matters program addresses the financial aspect of attending college in a positive manner. By enrolling at the technical college the student can take advantage of the HOPE Grant to pay a portion of the tuition and use other financial aid sources to cover the tuition, fees, and expenses incurred when attending college. In many cases the student can attend the technical college without any out of pocket expense after all of the financial aid is applied.








One of the topics that is widely discussed in today's economy is the lack of jobs for college graduates. It seems that many college graduates do not find jobs in their area of expertise and end up accepting positions that have little or nothing to do with their college major and at a salary that does not reflect their educational level of achievement. The First Year Matters program enables a student to incorporate a meaningful research exercise in determining appropriate college majors that match the student's abilities and interests and that lead to jobs that are available in today's economy. By using the course-based learning community approach, GNTC can provide a structured method of delivering quality instruction while guiding a student through an effective career assessment.

Finally, the First Year Matters program takes advantage of a guaranteed agreement between the USG colleges and TCSG colleges in Georgia. There is no question about whether a course taken at a TCSG institution will be accepted by a USG college. If the course is one listed in the agreement, it will be accepted as long as the student achieves a grade of C or higher in the course. This new agreement provides students with another option when considering which college to attend for their first year.





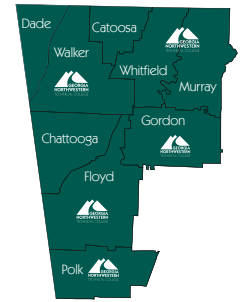
## About First Year Matters

-  Courses taken as a First Year Matters student are transferrable to USG colleges as long as a student achieves a grade of C or higher in the course.
-  Students can accumulate over 30 semester hours that are transferrable to USG colleges.
-  Students may be eligible for the HOPE Grant that will pay for a significant portion of the tuition for the courses included in the First Year Matters program.
-  Students enrolled in the First Year Matters program will have an opportunity to research appropriate college majors that match the student's abilities and interests and that lead to jobs that are available in today's economy.
-  Students who are required to enroll in learning support courses based on their ACT, SAT, or COMPASS scores may do so at the TCSG institutions and the HOPE Grant may be used to pay a portion of the tuition.
-  Students who enroll in the First Year Matters program can save as much as \$1000 each semester by using the HOPE Grant to pay a portion of their tuition.
-  Students can apply to GNTC and indicate that they want to participate in First Year Matters before May 31 and the college application fee of \$20 is waived.

**For more information about how enrolling in First Year Matters at GNTC can successfully launch your first year in college, email [FirstYearMatters@gntc.edu](mailto:FirstYearMatters@gntc.edu)**



# Agreement Between the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia



The following GNTC general education courses will be accepted as Transfer Credit at any college or university in the University System of Georgia:

Georgia Northwestern Technical College		University System of Georgia Equivalent	USG Area option if USG equivalent not available
Technical College System of Georgia			
American Government	POLS 1101	POLS 1101	Area E - Social Sciences
American Literature	ENGL 2130	ENGL 2130	Area C - Humanities, Fine Arts, & Ethics
Art Appreciation	ARTS 1101	ARTS 1100 – 1107	Area C - Humanities, Fine Arts, & Ethics
Biology Introduction I	BIOL 1111	BIOL 1111	Area D - Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology; Non-Majors biology credit
	BIOL 1111L	BIOL 1111L	
Biology Introduction II	BIOL 1112	BIOL 1112	Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology; Non-Majors biology credit
	BIOL 1112L	BIOL 1112L	
Chemistry I (Intro)	CHEM 1151	CHEM 1151	Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology; Non-Majors chemistry credit
	CHEM 1151L	CHEM 1151L	
College Algebra	MATH 1111	MATH 1111	Area A2 - Quantitative Skills
Economics (Principles)	ECON 1101	ECON 1101	Area E - Social Sciences
English Composition I	ENGL 1101	ENGL 1101	Area A1 - Communication
English Composition II	ENGL 1102	ENGL 1102	Area A1 - Communication
Humanities (Intro)	HUMN 1101	HUMN 1101	Area C - Humanities, Fine Arts & Ethics
Math Modeling (Intro)	MATH 1101	MATH 1101	Area A2 - Quantitative Skills
Pre-Calculus	MATH 1113	MATH 1113	Area A2 or Area D
Physics I (Intro)	PHYS 1111	PHYS 1111	Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology; Non-Majors physics credit
	PHYS 1111L	PHYS 1111L	
Physics II (Intro)	PHYS 1112	PHYS 1112	Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology; Non-Majors physics credit
	PHYS 1112L	PHYS 1112L	
Psychology (Intro)	PSYC 1101	PSYC 1101	Area E – Social Sciences
Public Speaking	SPCH 1101	COMM 1100-1110	Area B – Institutional Options Area C – Humanities, Fine Arts, & Ethics
Sociology (Intro)	SOCI 1101	SOCI 1101	Area E – Social Sciences
Statistics (Intro)	MATH 1127	MATH 1127	Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, & Technology  (not approved in the USG for Area A)
US History I	HIST 2111	HIST 2111	Area E – Social Sciences
US History II	HIST 2112	HIST 2112	Area E – Social Sciences
World History I	HIST 1111	HIST 1111	Area E – Social Sciences
World History II	HIST 1112	HIST 1112	Area E – Social Sciences

Typical Schedule for a  
First Year Matters Freshman

# Class Schedule

Sample fall semester schedule for a student  
needing no learning support courses\*

English (ENGL) 1101\*

(\*ENGL 0096, ENGL 0097 and/or ENGL 0098)

History (HIST) 2111 or 1111

Math (MATH) 1111\*

(\*Math 0096, Math 0097, Math 0098, and/or Math 0099)

American Government (POLS) 1101 or Economics (ECON) 1101

Psychology (PSYC) 1101 or Sociology (SOCL) 1101

Freshman Seminar Series

Sample spring semester schedule for a student  
needing no learning support courses\*

English (ENGL) 1102

History (HIST) 2112 or 1112

Humanities (HUMN) 1101

Math (MATH) 1113 or 1127

Speech (SPCH) 1101 or English (ENGL) 2130

Freshman Seminar Series

\*Students who test and are required to enroll in Learning Support Classes may do so at the Technical College and the HOPE Grant may be applied to cover a portion of the tuition for those classes.



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FirstYearMatters@gntc.edu  
please provide the following information:**

**Name**

**Email and Mailing Address**

**High School Attended**

**The GNTC Campus You Plan to Attend**



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