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I Need to Start Now: Tips on How to Assist the 11th Hour Transfer Student

Partnerships and Collaboration

Collaboration is key to building a culture of student success. At Georgia Southern University, we host a START NOW program at the beginning of each term to address the needs of students that apply at the 11th hour. In this session, attendees will learn how intentional collaboration with campus partners can simplify the enrollment process for the 11th hour transfer student.

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Georgia Southern University



I NEED TO START NOW

TIPS ON HOW TO ASSIST THE 11TH HOUR TRANSFER STUDENT

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Meet the Presenters



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OUR STORY

ARMSTRONG STATE & GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

- Consolidated in 2018
- Two different student populations were served on each campus
- This event was originally developed by Armstrong to tailor to Transfer, Adult, and Non-Traditional Students
- Campus partners were approached and brought onboard to assist with the event

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO START NOW?

FROM APPLICATION TO ENROLLED IN ONE DAY

- Can apply for free before or during the event
- Meet with an admissions counselor to discuss options
- Speak with a financial aid counselor to explore financial options
- Meet with an academic advisor to get registered for classes
- Take the Accuplacer Exam
- Register for SOAR- Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration

START NOW EVENT

PROCESS FOR NEW STUDENTS

- Register to attend an event by campus
- Complete the admissions application for free
- Apply at least one day prior to the Start Now event
- Gather official copies of transcripts from all schools attended
- Arrive anytime between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on the day of the event
- Students must attend the event on the campus in which they would like to enroll

START NOW EVENT

PROCESS FOR FORMER STUDENTS

- Complete the Former Student Application
- Order official transcripts from all schools attended and have them sent to Georgia Southern University – Office of the Registrar
- Students must attend the event on the campus in which they would like to enroll

CAMPUS PARTNERS WHO ASSIST

PRE-ADMISSION

- Admissions
- Registrar
- Military and Veterans Services
- Financial Aid

POST-ADMISSION

- Testing Services
- SOAR (Orientation)
- Housing
- Advising
- Registrar

THINGS TO CONSIDER

CHALLENGES

- Not a serious applicant
- Students cannot provide all their transcripts
- Cannot receive financial aid in time to start term
- Attendance at orientation

OPPORTUNITIES

- Hands on assistance with completing the admissions process
- Increased number of applications for the term
- Increased number of students enrolled for the term



Personalized Itinerary

- Apply online
 - Need additional documents
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- Visit Financial Aid
 - Contact Veterans Services (912.478.8043)
 - Visit Kevin for questions about Georgia residency and out-of-state tuition waivers

After receiving Acceptance decision:

- Sign up for SOAR
- Take Accuplacer entrance exam (\$10 fee)
- Meet with Advisor

Former Students: Contact Registrar (912.478.0857)



Today's Date _____

Student's Full Legal Name _____

Student's Date of Birth _____

Georgia Southern University Application Fee Waiver for Start Now Event Attendees

Prospective undergraduate students attending a Start Now event can apply on-site and have their application fee of \$30 waived.

This waiver is only acceptable if the student attends the Start Now event.

Upload this waiver on page eight of the online application for admission through GAfutures.org.



Student's Full Legal Name _____

Student's Date of Birth _____

Today's Date _____

Georgia Southern University
START NOW EVENT
Official Document Disclaimer

I understand that I am attending a Start Now event in which unofficial documents may have been received in order for an admission decision to be made. If I submitted any unofficial document(s), I understand that a hold will be placed on my record. I will have two weeks from the day of the Start Now Event to provide official documents. If these documents are not received, then I understand that the hold will prevent me from making any changes to my registration and may result in cancellation of classes.

Signed _____



Name: _____

Eagle ID #: _____

ADMISSIONS DECISION

INCOMPLETE FILE

Thank you for applying to Georgia Southern University. Your file is currently incomplete until you submit the checked documents below. Once we receive these additional documents, we will then be able to move forward with providing an admission decision.

Please submit the following documents as soon as possible:

- Official college transcript from _____
- Official college transcript from _____
- Official high school transcript or official GED score report
- _____

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P.O. BOX 8024 • STATESBORO, GA 30460 • 912-478-5391 • admissions@georgiasouthern.edu

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Name: _____

Eagle ID #: _____

ADMISSIONS DECISION

Congratulations on being admitted to Georgia Southern University for the _____ semester!

ACCEPTED

You will be mailed an official acceptance letter.

Note: All official credentials are required to be submitted to the Office of Admissions prior to the start of classes.

ACCEPTED, NEED TO TAKE ACCUPLACER

Accuplacer is available today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a \$10 fee.

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ADMISSIONS DECISION

Not Admitted

Thank you for applying to Georgia Southern University. Our admissions committee gives great care and attention to each application to ensure a fair and consistent review of all students who apply. Please know that these decisions are never easy and we recognize your accomplishments.

We strongly encourage you to pursue other educational options. These options may include attending local technical or community colleges. This will allow you to strengthen your academic skills to prepare you to join us at Georgia Southern University in the future.

- Increase transfer GPA
- Earn ____ more transferable credit hours
- Exit remedial/learning support courses successfully, and earn credit for Area A equivalent courses that correspond to the mandated remedial/learning support courses with a "C" or higher
- _____

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QUESTIONS?

