

Degree Programs



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

North Georgia College & State University offers varied programs of study leading to degrees at the associate's, bachelor's, and master's levels. At the undergraduate level, degrees offered include the B.A., B.S., B.B.A., B.S.N., and A.S.N.

At the graduate level, degrees offered include the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree, the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree, the Master of Arts in History (M.S.), the Master of Arts in International Affairs (MAIA), the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Community Counseling, the Master of Science degree in Nursing-Rural Family Nurse Practitioner (M.S.), the Master of Science in Nursing Education, the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, and the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Teacher Leadership. Refer to www.ngcsu.edu (Graduate Programs) for more specific information or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions (706-864-1543).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in art, English, English Education, French, French Education, History, History Education, International Affairs, Music, Political Science, Spanish and Spanish Education.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in art education, art marketing, biology, chemistry, computer information systems, computer science, criminal justice, education (middle grades education, and a dual program in early childhood and special education P-5), mathematics, music education, physical education, physics, political science, psychology, sociology, athletic training, and exercise science.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (B.B.A.)

The Bachelor of Business Administration degree is offered in accounting, finance, management, and marketing.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (B.S.N.)

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is offered to selected registered nurses from associate degree in nursing programs and to selected registered nurses from diploma programs.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (A.S.N.)

The Associate of Science in Nursing degree is a two-year program with didactic and clinical instructions. Academic instruction is given on the campus of North Georgia College & State University, while clinical training is given in area hospitals and nursing homes.

MINORS AVAILABLE

Art History
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Chinese
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
English
French
Gender Studies
German
Graphic Design
History
International Affairs
Leadership Minor - Military Track
Leadership Minor - Citizen Track
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Studio Art
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Theatre

TEACHER LICENSURE

Teacher education graduates apply for certification through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. North Georgia College & State University prepares students for licensure through approved programs in P-5 early education/special education, middle grades education, special education, art education, French education, health and physical education, music education, Spanish education, and secondary education (biology, chemistry, physics, English, French, mathematics, and history).

REGENTS ENGINEERING TRANSFER PROGRAM

Qualified students seeking a Bachelor of Engineering degree may begin their university studies at North Georgia College & State University through the Regents Engineering Transfer Program. Upon successful completion of the pre-engineering curriculum, students may transfer to the Georgia Institute of Technology to complete the degree requirements. It is expected that students in this program, as with other Georgia Tech students, will normally require four to five and one-half years to complete the degree requirements, depending on their pre-university preparation, involvement in extracurricular activities, and choice of engineering major.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH GEORGIA TECH AND CLEMSON

The dual degree program in engineering is offered by NGCSU's Departments of Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics and Computer Science. This program is offered to provide students with a strong liberal arts background before completing academic course work at another institution. Interested students are referred to the appropriate department for further guidance.

PREPROFESSIONAL STUDY

Preprofessional programs are those in which a student completes two to four years of college as a prerequisite for admission to a professional school. Preprofessional programs are career choices, not majors. These programs are divided into two categories: prebaccalaureate and baccalaureate. Prebaccalaureate programs require two to three years of preprofessional courses. Upon successful completion of the preprofessional curriculum for a specific area and acceptance by a professional school, students transfer to that school to complete the baccalaureate or higher degree in the professional major. Since admission to professional schools is highly competitive, all students must choose a departmental major at North Georgia and work toward its completion along with preprofessional requirements. North Georgia has prebaccalaureate transfer programs in physician assistant, engineering, forestry, occupational therapy, medical technology, and pharmacy. Baccalaureate programs involve the completion of an undergraduate degree before matriculation into professional school. These programs include dentistry, law, medicine, veterinary medicine, physical therapy, and optometry.

HONORS PROGRAM

North Georgia's Honors Program provides selected students the opportunity to obtain an education designed to foster maximum intellectual growth while, at the same time, encouraging the development of the whole person. Honors Program students take courses designed to expand such capabilities as writing, speaking, quantitative reasoning, ethical reasoning, critical and creative thinking, and the ability to engage technology. The program emphasizes independent learning, teamwork, initiative, responsibility, and respect for all persons.

Honors courses are usually taught in a seminar format with a maximum of 16-18 students and are designed to encourage independent learning. They provide opportunities for students to better develop an appreciation of the interrelatedness of knowledge. Honors classes take place in classrooms that facilitate discussion and interaction among students and faculty members. Course sections are offered in biology, composition, government, history, language, literature, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, among other subjects.

Honors students are expected to maintain a 3.1 minimum grade point average and be active in campus life. Eligible students must complete an application form (which includes an essay) and provide two letters of recommendation. Students with well-rounded backgrounds in terms of extracurricular activities and community involvement are especially encouraged to apply to the Honors Program.

Transfers students or currently enrolled NGCSU students may apply for admission provided they complete the following requirements:

- (a) At least a 3.4 cumulative college GPA;
- (b) A completed application with two letters of recommendation from college professors.

THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) coordinates international efforts throughout the campus. The CGE is a central location that provides information regarding international education opportunities for both faculty and students at NGCSU. The CGE houses Study Abroad and International Student Services. The CGE also supports both the European Union Certificate and the Latin American Certificate. If you are interested in finding out more about the services of the Center for Global Engagement, please stop by our office at 343 West Main Hall or e-mail us at studyabroad@ngcsu.edu, or you may contact the Director of the Center, Dr. Dlynn Armstrong-Williams at DFArmstrong@ngcsu.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

The Center for Global Engagement embraces the mission of North Georgia College & State University and to that end is committed to creating an open, receptive environment that provides opportunities for interaction between students from the U.S. and other nations. Through the services of our International Student Advisor, International students can enjoy a comprehensive program that assists them in cross-cultural adjustment and integration into the NGCSU and Dahlonega communities, as well as an orientation to life in the United States, particularly the southeast. The CGE sponsors interactive programs, distributes information relevant to the needs of international students, and advises students about immigration policies and procedures, and about academic, financial, social, and personal matters. In addition, the institution provides Regents' Skills Test accommodations for non-native speakers of English. For more information regarding international student services visit us at 343 West Main hall or e-mail us at jagoodall@ngcsu.edu.

STUDY ABROAD

Our study abroad advisor strives to inform students regarding study abroad opportunities throughout the world. NGCSU provides students an amazing array of study abroad experiences that range from language intensive to English speaking, and from short-term to semester and year-long programs. These experiences cover a variety of majors and also are available for students in their Freshman and Sophomore years who are still completing the core curriculum. Apart from the programs originating on the NGCSU campus, NGCSU also supports study abroad programs throughout the University System of Georgia. For a complete listing of these programs, please see <http://www.usg.edu/oie/catalog/>. For more information visit our office at 343 West Main Hall or e-mail us at studyabroad@ngcsu.edu.

NGCSU Exchange Programs

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) is also directly involved in the creation of exchanges with other universities that will assist NGCSU students in developing the skills needed to function as a global citizen. As part of the CGE's efforts, North Georgia College and State University is now part of several direct exchange programs. These programs keep the cost of studying abroad relatively low and provide diversified possibilities for our students. The exchanges that NGCSU presently participates in are as follows:

ISEP- International Student Exchange Program

This exchange allows the NGCSU students to “swap beds” with students from all over the world. This consortium of schools provides a vast array of exchange sites for NGCSU students. For further information, please check www.isep.org. If you are interested in participating in this exchange, you need to be active during your junior or senior year and be firmly committed to your major.

Tsinghua University Exchange

This exchange is focused on NGCSU students who would like to pursue further study in the Chinese language. This exchange works in conjunction with the Chinese minor at NGCSU. Students are able to study either for a semester or for a year as part of this exchange. This exchange also allows students to “swap beds.” Students pay NGCSU room and board, tuition, study abroad insurance, and some additional fees, then they simply swap spaces with their Chinese counterparts.

Fribourg University Exchange

This exchange is focused on NGCSU students who have a fairly strong language proficiency in French or German. Students will take their content area courses in French or German. This exchange is also aimed at juniors and seniors. This exchange is a tuition only exchange.

Sogang University Exchange

This exchange is focused on NGCSU students who are interested in furthering their knowledge of Korean language and Korean or East Asian Studies. This exchange is aimed at sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students will take courses in both English and Korean at Sogang. This exchange is a tuition only exchange.

**FOR COURSES OFFERED IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

NGCSU, in conjunction with other universities throughout the University System of Georgia, offers students the opportunity to diversify their college experience through concentrating their studies in a particular geographic area. As part of our goal to better prepare students for the increasingly global marketplace, NGCSU offers certificate programs in both European Union studies and in Latin American studies. If you need more information about either of these certificates, please stop by the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) in 343 West Main Hall for further information.

The European Union Certificate

The European Union Certificate is open to all academic majors. Professionals can also audit courses with the permission of the instructor. Students can apply to be accepted into the certificate program after the successful **completion** of all of the following:

- 1) Course in World or Western Civilization;
- 2) Introductory course on the European Union (with a grade of "C" or better);
- 3) 2.75 cumulative GPA;
- 4) 30 semester hours of academic credit.

Students may obtain an application from Dr. Craig Greathouse in the Political Science and Criminal Justice Department, West Main Hall 317. Once the student has been accepted into the program, he/she can continue to fulfill the remainder of the program through the completion of the following courses:

- Four discipline-specific courses (3 courses must be from different disciplines). Choose from the following disciplines:
 - Business and Economics
 - Humanities and Fine Arts
 - Natural and Health Sciences
 - Social Sciences
- No more than one course at the 1000-2000 level
- A practicum experience either in the form of an overseas program or professional internship
- Capstone Seminar

If interested, the student can also have a notation of distinction on the certificate for language proficiency or an honors thesis.

The Latin American Studies Certificate

The Latin American Studies Certificate is also offered in conjunction with other universities within the University System of Georgia. Students from all majors can apply to be accepted into the certificate program following successful completion of the following:

- 1) 30 hours of academic credit at a four year institution, or 15 hours of academic credit at a two year institution;
- 2) Cumulative GPA of 2.80;

- 3) One 3 hour interdisciplinary course which focuses on Latin America or a 3 hour course on Latin American culture and civilization.

Following the completion of the introductory course, students must be able to demonstrate oral and written proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Haitian Creole, or Quechua. This requirement can be fulfilled by any of the following:

- 1) Six hours of course work at the 3000 level with a grade of C or better. These hours may be taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
- 2) Demonstration of language proficiency above the intermediate level as defined by ACTFL standards through examination.
- 3) Successful completion of an oral and written examination evaluated by a qualified University System of Georgia faculty member.

In addition to the language proficiency component, students must also complete 9 hours of coursework beyond the introductory course in disciplines related to Latin America. Six of these hours must come from outside the major. These hours can be earned in the following ways:

- 1) any Latin American upper division courses offered in the University System of Georgia;
- 2) up to 6 credit hours in comparative or survey courses that have a minimum 25% Latin American component;
- 3) up to 6 credit hours of study abroad coursework or internships.

Note: All study abroad programs and internships must be approved by the Center for Global Engagement Director or the NGCSU CLAS Coordinator. All courses require a grade of C or better. No more than one course may be taken at the 1000-2000 level.

The following faculty members oversee the fulfillment of the requirements for the certificate programs, as well as assist the student in enrollment in the on-line components of the certificates.

Latin American Certificate - Dr. Victoria McCard (Modern Languages) EU Certificate - Dr. Craig Greathouse (Political Science and Criminal Justice).

The Center for Global Engagement also facilitates International Studies courses to assist students through the process of enrollment in study abroad courses. The following list of courses is used for students wishing to experience a general education while abroad.

DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE PROGRAM (DLI)

The Center for Global Engagement also works in conjunction with the Department of Modern Languages and the Department of Military Science to offer students in the Corps of Cadets who are attached to a reserve unit the unique opportunity to combine course work at the University with study done at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, California. The work completed at the DLI works in conjunction with the coursework a cadet will take at NGCSU, in order to fulfill the Bachelor's degree requirements while training as military linguists.* Such students will receive their AA degree upon completion of language course work at the DLI. On returning to NGCSU, students will maintain and enhance

the skills learned in the language studied at the DLI via distance learning and will complete a major of their choice for the Bachelor's degree, including any remaining core curriculum requirements needed. In addition to the DLI provided opportunities, students are also encouraged to participate in PLTCE follow up programs in Garmish, Germany for language enhancement.

* Admission to NGCSU and to the Corps of Cadets does not guarantee acceptance to DLI language study. The DLI controls its own admission policy and sets its own quota each admission period. Part of the admission requirements to the DLI involves making an appropriate score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Gerontology Certificate Program at North Georgia College & State University is designed to enable students at the undergraduate and graduate level, non-degree students, and residents of the community to obtain a certificate in 2-3 semesters of course work. Students will complete a total of fifteen (15) semester hours of upper level undergraduate or graduate level courses to meet the requirements of the certificate program. Twelve (12) of the hours must arise from the four certificate courses. These four courses are the Survey of Aging, the Biology of Aging, the Sociology of Aging, and the Psychology of Aging. An additional three hours is completed as a clinical or research practicum. For additional information, contact The Department of Nursing.

GOVERNMENTAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

North Georgia College & State University cooperates with the Governor's Intern Program in creating opportunities for students to be actively involved in specific projects in public agencies. Interns work within state and local agencies for a full semester and may receive up to 12 hours of academic credit for the intern experience. Credit may be given by any department in the university with the permission of the department head and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Information is available in the Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice.

Each year a student is awarded a Legislative Internship with the Georgia Assembly. The award includes a stipend. In addition, each congressional office is allocated funds for internships. Students compete for internships in the district in which they reside.

The university also participates in the Senate Intern Program. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are U.S. citizens and residents of Georgia may participate in the program for academic credit. Interns selected by competitive application will work in the Georgia or Washington, D.C. offices of a U.S. Senator for one academic semester and will receive a small stipend to offset additional living expenses. Application materials are available in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

CONTINUING EDUCATION/PUBLIC SERVICE

As a member of the University System of Georgia, North Georgia College & State University embraces its responsibility of service to the Northeast Georgia community as an integral part of the overall university mission. The goal of this service is greater public accessibility to North Georgia College & State University. Continuing Education and Public Service is the University's outreach effort to deliver and share its resources and expertise with the general population, business, and industry, associations, governmental groups, and others in order to enhance the intellectual capital of all those in need of development and lifelong learning.

Continuing Education offers an array of non-credit educational programs (short courses, seminars, workshops, lectures, camps, etc.) that focus on professional development and personal enrichment. The continuing education approach to learning makes it possible for adults to learn in an informal and non-competitive environment where interest is the primary consideration.

The Continuing Education Unit (CEU) represents ten contact hours of participation in an organized activity under reasonable sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. Individuals who successfully complete the course requirements will receive individual CEU's. The CEU cannot be converted into academic credit.

Various university cultural activities are made available to the public. Through its H. M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education, the university also provides administrative and auxiliary support for educational efforts by non-university groups and assists in public use of university facilities and services.

ACADEMIC YEAR

North Georgia College & State University operates on a two-semester system (fall and spring) plus summer sessions. Freshmen may enter any term. Most required freshmen and sophomore subjects are offered every term.