

Fall 2021 Georgian Learning Guarantee

Frequently asked questions

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What's the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

At Georgian, we guarantee a learning experience of exceptional quality, where you will achieve your learning outcomes whether you are studying remotely, in-person or a combination of both. We will support you every step of the way, whether you need career advice, tutoring, personal and academic counselling, technical help, financial assistance, and so much more. We want you to succeed. Rest assured we've got your back, so much so, if you choose to withdraw from your fall 2021 program before Oct. 8, 2021, the college will apply your *tuition fees* (does not include ancillary fees) to the first semester when you return in January 2022, May 2022, or September 2022. You choose the program. All you have to do is re-apply and be accepted.

What about ancillary fees? Are they part of the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

[Ancillary fees](#), charged over and above the cost of tuition, are not part of the Learning Guarantee. These fees support college services and activities distinct from academic programming. Ancillary fees will remain charged to your Georgian account for your original term as well as your new Learning Guarantee term. Your tuition deposit will go toward these fees. Learn more about our refund policy under [Academic Regulations 4. Registration and Fees](#).

Who is eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Most students registered in full-time or part-time Georgian credit programs. This includes all domestic and international students, who submit a [withdrawal form](#) by Oct. 8, 2021 citing the "*Georgian Learning Guarantee*" as their reason for withdrawal.

Who is not eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Students registered in *OntarioLearn* courses and all partner programs, such as but not limited to, Lakehead-Georgian and collaborative nursing are ineligible. Georgian students registered in co-op, placements, internships or clinical placements are also ineligible.

Whom do I talk to if I think I might want to withdraw after I begin my fall classes?

Students should meet with their program coordinator and student success advisor first to determine how you can be successful in the program. If it is determined that the best approach may be to withdraw, then you will be provided with a [withdrawal form](#) to complete and submit. The form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar by Oct. 8, 2021. Late requests will not be considered. Forms must be emailed to withdrawals@georgiancollege.ca. On the [withdrawal form](#), it must indicate *Georgian Learning Guarantee* as your reason for withdrawal.

What if I am receiving OSAP funding? Do I need to do anything else?

Yes. Before you submit your [withdrawal form](#), please contact FinancialAid@georgiancollege.ca. Withdrawing from studies, or falling to part-time status, after you have received OSAP funding may affect your eligibility for future funding. We need to review your file on a case-by-case basis. Withdrawing may mean some of your grant funding is converted to repayable loan, for example. It could also cause an overpayment on your file, which means you would have to pay some of your funding

back to National Student Loans before you could receive more OSAP. Always check with the Financial Aid Office before making any changes to your registration, whether that means dropping courses or withdrawing from your program. If you withdraw using the Georgian Learning Guarantee, your OSAP file will be updated like a normal withdrawal. You will be expected to begin repayments six months after you leave full-time studies (unless you return to school within this window). When you return to studies, you will have to re-apply for OSAP for your new study period through your [OSAP account online](#).

If I withdraw after the 10th day of term, do I receive a refund?

No. As per normal Georgian policy, there are no refunds after day 10 of the term. When you return to studies, the tuition fee portion is applied after the 10th day of class by the college.

What if I did not pay my full fees for fall 2021? Am I still responsible for those fees?

Yes, students are responsible for all fees for the fall 2021 term. You must pay your fees in full before you're eligible to apply for the Georgian Learning Guarantee.

What is my record going to look like if I access the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

You are withdrawing for the fall 2021 term. This means that you will have a withdrawal without academic penalty (WD) recorded for the course(s) in the fall term. These grades do not affect your GPA, future admission or progression but there may be immigration or OSAP impacts. The fees on your account for fall 2021 remain the same and are not adjusted.

How do I apply/return when I am ready to come back?

- a) **New Semester 1 domestic students:** You can change your September 2021 application to January 2022 or May 2022 because these intakes are within the same academic year. Go to ontariocolleges.ca and update your application. If you choose to apply for September 2022, it's a new academic year and a new application. Applications for fall 2022 open in early October 2021. The college will cover the application fee. Contact Recruitment@georgiancollege.ca for a fee voucher. If you are accepted, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future term. For further information contact admissions@georgiancollege.ca.
- b) **New Semester 1 international students:** Submit the [International Request for Deferral form](#) and send to IntlRecruit@GeorgianCollege.ca. All requests are subject to seat availability. If you are accepted, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future term.
- c) **Returning Semester 2-8 students (in the same program):** You will meet with your program coordinator and complete a [program change form](#). Your program semester and courses will need to be reviewed for capacity. Note: If you are out of studies for more than two consecutive terms, you must [re-apply for admission](#). The application fee will be waived
- d) **Returning Semester 2-8 students (changing programs to start Semester 1):** You must re-apply through [OCAS](#). If you reapply for Jan. 2022 or May 2022, you can simply change the dates of your current application because these intakes are all within the same academic year. If you choose to apply for September 2022, it's a new academic year and the application will open in early October 2021. The college will cover the application fee. In October, please contact recruitment@georgiancollege.ca for a fee voucher. If you are accepted, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future term. For further information contact admissions@georgiancollege.ca.

If I withdraw under the Georgian Learning Guarantee, will I be guaranteed a seat in the program I want in the new term?

- a) **Semester 1 students:** Admission to a new program is dependent upon whether the program is offered in the desired term and if there are seats available. In addition, applicants must meet admissions and selection requirements.

- b) **Semester 2 – 8 students:** You'll need to connect with your program coordinator to complete a [program change form](#). Space and course availability will be reviewed at that time. Note: If you are out of studies for more than two consecutive terms, you must [re-apply for admission](#). The college will cover the application fee.

Can I change my program or go from full-time studies to part-time studies?

Yes! Students can change both their program and/or their registration status. If you are changing your program, you must meet all published entrance requirements before being considered. Note that for students that drop to part-time studies, there may be OSAP or study permit implications. Please refer to the question *"How do I apply/return when I am ready to come back?"* for more information.

When do I need to confirm when I want to continue my studies? Will I get priority status if I notify the college by a specific date?

All normal application deadlines apply. For highly competitive programs, applicants should apply as early as possible and before Feb 1. For all other programs, offers are made until all seats are filled. The Office of the Registrar will be tracking students who withdraw, and the Retention Specialist will reach out during the next year to support your return to Georgian.

When I re-apply for a program, do I need to pay the application fee again?

The college will cover the application fee for both domestic and international students. Contact recruitment@georgiancollege.ca for a fee voucher.

When I return, do I have to pay a tuition deposit?

Yes, you must still pay a tuition deposit. This holds your spot in the program and allows you to register into your timetable. The tuition deposit will be applied to the ancillary fee portion of your fees, which you are still responsible for.

When I re-apply how is my tuition applied?

The college will have a list of the students that withdrew in the fall due to the Georgian Learning Guarantee. Tuition will be applied automatically by Finance after the 10th day of term. The Office of the Registrar and Finance will validate registration and apply your tuition fees to your Banner student account. If you are an OSAP recipient, your OSAP funding may have already been remitted to the college to pay your full fees. If this happens, the tuition portion will be refunded to you via e-transfer. The Financial Aid Office will report the tuition amount paid by the school, directly to OSAP on your behalf.

What if I am not accepted to the new program or do not want to attend? Can I get my money back?

As per normal Georgian policy, there are no refunds after day 10 of the term. The Learning Guarantee provides you the opportunity to return to studies at Georgian without paying your tuition fees again. Funds paid towards your initial term that allow you to qualify for the Learning Guarantee are not refundable if you decide not to return to Georgian.

Can I apply for the Georgian Learning Guarantee more than once?

You can only access this initiative once in an academic year (fall, winter, or fall).

I want to withdraw from some of my courses but not all of them; does the Georgian Learning Guarantee allow me to take the courses I withdrew from for free?

The Georgian Learning Guarantee only applies to full college withdrawals (full-time and part-time students withdrawing from *all* courses). Regular policy applies to students reducing their course load.

What if I still have questions? Whom can I talk to about the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Please contact our Retention Specialist at Stacey.MacNeil@GeorgianCollege.ca for support.