

Georgian Learning Guarantee

Frequently asked questions for students

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What is 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 2020 program before Oct. 16, 2020, we'll apply your tuition fees to the first semester when you return in January, May or September of 2021. You choose the program. All you have to do is reapply and be accepted. For returning students, the same applies. We'll apply your tuition fees for your next semester when you return in 2021. That's our Georgian Learning Guarantee.

Who is eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Most students registered in full-time or part-time Georgian credit programs are eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee. See list of exclusions below. This includes all domestic and international students who submit a withdrawal form by Oct. 16, 2020 citing the Georgian Learning Guarantee.

Who is not eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Students registered in Ontario Learn 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.

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

You should meet with your program co-ordinator 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. 16, 2020. Late withdrawals will be removed from classes but not considered for the Georgian Learning Guarantee. Forms should be emailed to withdrawals@georgiancollege.ca. On the withdrawal form, you must indicate Georgian Learning Guarantee.

What if I am a student who is receiving OSAP funding? Do I need to do anything else?

Yes. Before you submit your withdrawal form, please contact Financial Aid to discuss the impacts. Withdrawing from studies after you have received OSAP funding may impact your eligibility for funding in the future, but we need to review your file on a case-by-case basis to discuss those impacts.

Withdrawing may mean some of your grant funding is converted to repayable loan. It could also cause an overpayment on your file, which means you would have to pay some of your funding back to the National Student Loan Service Centre before you could be eligible to receive more OSAP.

Always check with the Financial Aid office before making any changes to your registration, whether that means dropping one or more courses or withdrawing from a program.

If you withdraw using the Georgian Learning Guarantee, your OSAP file will be updated like a normal withdrawal after the fee refund deadline. 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 in 2021, you will have to reapply for OSAP for your new study period through your online OSAP account.

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

No, there is no refund. When you return in 2021, the tuition fee portion is applied after the tenth day of class by the college.

What if I did not pay my full fees for fall 2020 before I withdrew with the Georgian Learning Guarantee? Am I still responsible for those fees?

Yes. You are responsible for all fees for the fall 2020. You will have to pay any outstanding balance owing before you can register in a future term.

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

You are withdrawing from Georgian for the fall 2020 term. This means that you will have a withdrawal without academic penalty (WD) recorded for the courses in the fall term. These grades do not impact your GPA, future admission or progression but there may be immigration or OSAP impacts. The fees on your account remain the same and are not adjusted. You are responsible for paying your full fees for the fall 2020 term.

How do I apply/return when I am ready to come back in 2021?

New semester one domestic students who wish to apply to January 2021 or May 2021: Please return to your OCAS application at ontariocolleges.ca to decline your offer for fall 2020, then add the new program and intake.

If you would like to apply to September 2021, you will be able to apply through OCAS when the application cycle opens at the beginning of October 2020.

If you are accepted into a 2021 intake, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future intake per the Georgian Learning Guarantee. For further information, please contact [admissions](#).

New semester one international students: Submit the [international request for deferral form](#) to gcintlrecruit@georgiancollege.ca. All requests are subject to seat availability. If you are accepted into a 2021 intake, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future intake per the Georgian Learning Guarantee.

Returning students (semester two to eight, in the same program): You will meet with your program co-ordinator and complete a [program change form](#). Your program semester and courses will need to be reviewed for capacity.

If I withdraw under the Georgian Learning Guarantee, am I guaranteed a spot in the program I want in the new term? What happens with high demand programs?

For semester one students, admission to a new program is dependent upon whether the program is offered in the desired intake and if there are seats available. Applicants must meet admissions and selection requirements.

For students in semester two to eight, you will need to connect with your program co-ordinator to complete a [program change form](#). Space and course availability will be reviewed at that time.

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 of our normal deadlines apply. For highly competitive programs, applicants should apply as early as possible for winter and summer starts and before Feb. 1 for a fall start. For all other programs, offers are made until all seats are filled. The Office of the Registrar will be tracking the students who withdraw, and will reach out during the next year to support your return to Georgian.

When I reapply for a 2021 program, do I need to pay the application fee again?

For domestic students, there is no fee to change your OCAS application from fall to winter or summer (see instructions above).

If you are re-applying for September 2021, this is a new academic year and a new application fee will be required. Contact our [student recruitment team](#) to request a voucher.

For international students, the IAS application fee will be waived for 2021 intakes (winter, summer and fall). Email gcintlrecruit@georgiancollege.ca for more information.

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

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

When I reapply, 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 accounting after the tenth day of term. The Registrar's Office and Accounting department 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.

Ancillary fees such as educational technology and insurance are the responsibility of you, the student. Your deposit for 2021 will go towards these fees.

All fees are assessed at the time of registration.

What if I am not accepted to the new program or don't want to attend in 2021? Can I get my money back?

As per Georgian's policies, there are no refunds after day 10 of the term. The Georgian Learning Guarantee allows you to return in 2021 without paying additional tuition fees for your first term. However, we cannot provide any refunds.

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 in 2021?

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

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

We are here to help. Please contact the [Office of the Registrar](#) for support.