

Winter 2021 Georgian Learning Guarantee

Frequently asked questions for students

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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're 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 winter 2021 program before Feb. 19, 2021, the college will apply your *tuition fees* (does not include ancillary fees) to the first semester when you return in May 2021, September 2021 or January 2022. You choose the program. All you have to do is reapply and be accepted.

Who is eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Most students registered in full-time or part-time Georgian credit programs (see list of exclusions immediately below). This includes all domestic and international students, who submit a withdrawal form by Feb. 19, 2021 citing the Georgian Learning Guarantee.

Who is *not* eligible for the Georgian Learning Guarantee?

Students registered in Ontario Learn 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.

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

You should meet with your 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 Feb. 19, 2021. Late requests will not be considered. Forms should be emailed to withdrawals@georgiancollege.ca. On the [withdrawal form](#), it must indicate *Georgian Learning Guarantee*.

What if I'm 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 after you've received OSAP funding may impact 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'll 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'll have to reapply for OSAP for your new study period through your [online OSAP account](#).

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 college will apply the tuition fee portion after the 10th day of class.

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

Yes, students are responsible for all fees for the winter 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 winter 2021 term. This means that you'll have a withdrawal without academic penalty (WD) recorded for the course(s) in the winter term. These grades do not impact your GPA, future admission or progression but there may be immigration or OSAP impacts.

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

Semester 1 domestic students: If you wish to apply to the May 2021 term, please return to your OCAS application at ontariocolleges.ca to decline your offer for winter 2021, then add the new program and term.

If you'd like to apply to September 2021 or January 2022, you'll need to create a new OCAS application for the 2021/22 academic year at ontariocolleges.ca.

If you're accepted, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future term. For more information, please email admissions@georgiancollege.ca.

Semester 1 international students: Please submit the [International Request for Deferral form](#) and email it to GCIntlRecruit@georgiancollege.ca. All requests are subject to seat availability. If you're accepted, a tuition deposit is required to secure your seat. It will be applied to the ancillary fees due for your future term.

Returning students (semesters two through eight, in the same program): Please meet with your program coordinator 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, will I be guaranteed a seat in the program I want in the new term?

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. Also, applicants must meet admissions and selection requirements.

Semester 2 through 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.

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, you should apply as early as possible for summer term and before Feb. 1, 2021 for the fall or winter terms. For all other programs, offers are made until all seats are filled. The Office of the Registrar will be tracking students who withdraw, and will reach out during the next year to support your return to Georgian.

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

Domestic students: There is no fee to change your OCAS application from winter 2021 to summer 2021 (see instructions above). If you're reapplying for September 2021 or January 2022, then it's a new academic year and a new application. The application fee will be covered by the college. Email Recruitment@georgiancollege.ca for a fee voucher.

International students: The International Application Service (IAS) fee will be waived for summer 2021, fall 2021 and winter 2022. Email International@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 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 who withdrew in the winter term citing the Georgian Learning Guarantee. Tuition will be applied automatically by the finance department 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're 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 the student. Your tuition deposit will go towards these fees. All fees are assessed at the time of registration.

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

As per normal Georgian policy, there are no refunds after Day 10 of the term.

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

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

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 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?

Please email registrar@georgiancollege.ca for support.