Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference in a nontraditional and traditional student?
Nontraditional students have been out of high school at least five years where as traditional students are entering college right after high school.

What are the high school grade point average requirements?
Before 2012: College Preparatory Curriculum: 2.0, Technical Preparatory Curriculum: 2.2
After 2012: General Diploma 2.0

What is the difference between degree seeking and non-degree seeking at South Georgia State College?
South Georgia State College offers five degree options for degree seeking students—Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences (BSBS). Non-degree seeking students are not trying to earn a degree. South Georgia State College permits students to enroll as non-degree students for a maximum of 12 semester credit hours (including institutional credit).

What college entrance tests are required?
Two-year colleges require an entrance/placement exam known as the COMPASS test. Students can be exempt from this test if they meet criteria that include SAT scores of 430 Critical Reading and 400 Math or ACT scores of 17 English and 17 Math. Regardless of SAT or ACT scores, students who did not complete the high school English and Mathematics credits required in the Required High School Curriculum must take the appropriate section(s) of the COMPASS test. It is recommended that students planning to enroll in transfer programs leading to baccalaureate degrees take the national SAT or ACT. The ACT or SAT is required for admission to the South Georgia State College Nursing Program.

When can I take the COMPASS test?
Students who are required to take the COMPASS test should call the Admissions Office at 912.260.4206 (Douglas) or 912.449-7592 (Waycross) to schedule a convenient testing time. Testing is available on Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM and 2 PM on the Douglas Campus and 8 AM and 2 PM on the Waycross Campus. Other appointment times may be available upon request.

Can I be accepted if I graduated from high school with a tech prep diploma?
Yes! All students who graduate with a tech prep diploma are required to take the COMPASS test.

What if I did not graduate from high school?
You must pass the GED exam in order to apply for acceptance into South Georgia State College.
Will my credits from South Georgia State College transfer to other institutions?
Yes! We have many transfer programs to choose from that will be accepted at other colleges or universities towards a Bachelor’s Degree.

Can I transfer credits from other institutions to South Georgia State College?
Yes! Transfer credits from accredited institutions are evaluated on a class by class basis toward transfer into South Georgia State College. Most credits from other University System schools will be accepted. However, there are limited credits from technical schools that are transferable to South Georgia State College.

When can I visit the campus?
We look forward to your visit! Please contact our Admissions Office at 912.260.4206 (Douglas) or 912.449-7592 (Waycross) to schedule a campus tour at a time convenient for you.

Will someone help me choose the right classes?
After you are accepted, you will be assigned an advisor who will assist you with registration. The assigned advisor will be available by appointment before each registration period to ensure you are registering for the right classes for your degree program.

Are financial aid and scholarships available?
Yes! We can help you identify which federal, state or local financial aid packages you may be eligible to receive. Students that apply for financial aid (including HOPE or foundation scholarships) are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. Online forms are available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please remember that a new FAFSA must be completed each year for Fall Semester.

Are there scholarships available?
Yes! SGSC has numerous Foundation Scholarships. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 912.260.4282, the South Georgia College Foundation Office at 912.260.4268 (Douglas Campus), or the James M. Dye Foundation Office at 912.449.7509 (Waycross Campus) for information on how to apply.