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Welcome to LaGrange College



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Dear International Student:

On behalf of the Office of Global Engagement, I'd like to welcome you to LaGrange College. We hope you take the time to read this International Student Handbook, make note of any questions you may have, and most importantly, discover how a liberal arts education at LaGrange College will challenge and inspire you.

The Office of Global Engagement is here as a resource and to assist you with the federal and state regulations affecting your stay in the United States, as well as helping you adjust to your new life academically, culturally, and personally. We want to make sure you have a very successful term on campus, no matter if it's for one semester or four years.

The International Student Handbook we created will help prepare and guide you through campus procedures, traditions, and daily occurrences you will encounter during your time at LaGrange College. In some instances, the handbook does not go into great detail because the College Bulletin, Student Handbook, or our website covers these policies and guidelines. And in others, we give you additional references along with campus offices and staff who can assist you. Please know that the Department of Homeland Security's website, Study in the States, is one of the best references for F1 Visa information, procedures, and regulations.

The Handbook is just the beginning of your introduction to LaGrange College. When you arrive in August, you'll have the opportunity to meet the LaGrange College community and other international students, attend First Week, and have some fun. We look forward to learning more about you when you arrive. If you have any questions before then, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele Raphoon".

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Academic Calendar

The LaGrange College Master Calendar and a printable Academic Calendar can be found at <https://www.lagrange.edu/Calendar/index.html>

Please note when midterms, finals and holidays and breaks occur. You will also see times when there are “no classes.” This means students and faculty are off, but the staff continue to work and the campus is open. These breaks may be a long weekend or a full week which gives you some time to travel and explore the US and our neighboring countries.

If you do plan to leave the US at any time, you must notify the Office of Global Engagement of your travel dates and destination.

For more information, please see Campus Breaks on page 13 and Travel Outside the US and Re-entry on page 10.

Getting Started: F1 Visa Regulations

Guide to Basic Terminology

Please be sure to visit the Department of Homeland Security's Study in the States at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/> for further information.

Passport

This is the document that shows your identity and citizenship. You will need to have a valid passport to apply for admission to LaGrange College and receive an F-1 Visa to study in the U.S. It is generally required that your passport be valid for 6 months beyond the date of your anticipated entry to the U.S.. It is sometimes possible to renew your passport while in the U.S., but it would be best to plan ahead and renew your passport while it is still valid to avoid any delays or problems. You must always keep a valid passport during your stay in the U.S. Failure to do so may put you "out of status" and prevent international travel as well as other immigration benefits while you are in the U.S. If you lose your passport or need to renew it while you are in the U.S., please contact the local Consulate to get a replacement or renewed passport.

SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System)

SEVIS is the Internet-based system where the U.S. Department of Homeland Security maintains information on Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) certified schools, as well as the international students and their dependents who come to the U.S. to study in F, M, or J non-immigrant visa status. The college first enters information about the student into SEVIS when they apply for admission and are accepted. This information then generates the I-20 form which proves eligibility to obtain the appropriate visa.

Required SEVIS data and information to be kept on file at LaGrange College:

- Name
- Place and date of birth
- Country of citizenship
- Current address of student
- Current academic status
- Program start and end dates
- Degree program and field of study
- Practical training, beginning/ending dates
- Termination date and known reasons
- Documents relating to admission
- Number of credits completed each term
- SEVIS Form I-20
- Academic disciplinary actions taken against the student
- Failure to maintain status

Designated School Official

An employee of LaGrange College that is responsible for creating I-20s, updating SEVIS records, and representing the college in all matters that relate to F-1 students. The DSO's are listed at the front of the handbook.

Receipt of SEVIS Fee Payment Form I-901

This fee helps support the SEVIS program and it's day-to-day operation. It is a one-time fee that is charged if you are either currently enrolled in an approved school or exchange visitor program or have been accepted into one. You will need a Form I-20 to correctly fill out the payment form I-901 and also have it processed before a consular or Department of Homeland Security official makes a decision about your visa or entry into the U.S. This fee needs to be paid at least 2-3 days prior to your interview to make sure the payment has been processed. Be sure to have this form with you when you enter the country.

SEVIS Form I-20

Your I-20 is the document issued to you by LaGrange College that contains information relevant to your acceptance and enrollment as a student and proves that you are eligible to obtain an F-1 visa. Your I-20 is also the document on which the Office of Global Engagement notates authorization to travel outside of the U.S. to either go home, study abroad, or for work authorization. Your I-20 needs to be valid for the entire time you are a student at LaGrange College. It is also needed each time a you apply for a visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate, enter the U.S. through a Port of Entry, or apply for any type of benefit in the U.S. If you change majors, need to extend your studies beyond your completion date, or if you finish your degree earlier than indicated on your I-20, you must update it. Failure to maintain and keep your I-20 updated may result in losing your F-1 status.

We will print a new I-20 at the beginning of each semester after drop/add to show that you are registered full-time and are attending classes.

Arrival/Departure Record I-94

This is an electronic record of when you enter and leave the U.S. and is generated at your Port of Entry by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. You will receive an entry stamp in your visa that will include the date of entry, status, and authorized period of stay. In order to access your electronic I-94 record, you can go to www.cbp.gov/I94. You will need to enter your name, date of birth, passport number, and country of issuance in order to access your record and print your receipt. You should print a copy each time you enter the U.S. because it may be requested by Customs and Border Patrol and this is also a record that you have entered the country legally.

Duration of Status or D/S



When you enter the U.S., a CBP officer will stamp your visa and mark it with your classification of visa (F1) and the authorized time you are to depart the country. The time will either be a specific date or marked as D/S for Duration of Status, which means you are eligible to remain as long as you are staying in status with your F1 visa. The length of time depends upon the course of study. For an undergraduate degree this is commonly four years (eight semesters), but can vary if you are in the U.S. to study for only one semester or one year. Duration of Status is recorded on your admission stamp in your visa on your I-94, Arrival/Departure record.

Port of Entry

Place (often an airport but can also be a seaport or land border) where a person first requests admission to the U.S. Please have your I-20, passport, visa, SEVIS Fee Payment Form I-901, admission letter from LaGrange College and financial documents ready to present to the officer for admission to the U.S.

U.S. F-1 Visa

This visa is obtained from the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country. A visa tells the immigration officer at the U.S. border the conditions under which you can enter this country; for example your F-1 visa admits you as a non-immigrant student. This visa is only needed when entering the U.S. from another country making it key in admitting you into the U.S. the first time and every time.

Visas are marked either for a single entry to the U.S. or for multiple entries and has a time limit (see Duration of Status). If a student leaves the U.S. after the expiration date on the visa, a new visa must be obtained if they wish to return in F-1 status. It does not control your period of stay in the U.S., so it is legal for you to remain here after your visa has expired.

For more information regarding all of these terms and more, visit the Department of State Glossary of Visa Terms at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/glossary.html>.

Applying for your F-1 Visa

Once you receive your I-20 from LaGrange College you can begin the process of applying for your F-1 visa. It would be very helpful to visit <https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study/apply-your-student-visa/undergraduate> where you'll find instructions and a list of what you need to bring to your visa interview appointment, links to the application forms, and where the closest Embassy or Consulate is located that accepts visa applications in your country. You should note that your visa can only be issued 120 days or less in advance of the course of study registration date.

The Global Engagement website has a list of 10 Points to Remember when Interviewing for a Non-Immigrant Visa that you can print off and read prior to your interview. It can be found on the F-Visa and Maintaining Status page.



Maintaining your F-1 Status: The Student's Responsibilities

Now that you have been approved for an F-1 visa, it is very important that you remain in status while attending LaGrange College. Here is what you are required to do:

- Report to the Office of Global Engagement DSO no later than 30 days after program start. Copies of your valid passport, visa, I-20, and I-94 must be on file in this office.
- Maintain full-time enrollment during the academic year.
 - o **Undergrad:** must register for at least 12 credits
 - o **Grad:** must register for at least 6 credits

The DSO can approve the following prior to the reduction in course load (RCL):

- o **Academic Difficulties:** Student's initial difficulty with the English language, unfamiliarity with U.S. teaching methods, or improper course level placement. Only one term is allowed for academic difficulties per degree.
 - o **Medical:** Medical documentation required for authorized RCL must come from a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, or licensed clinical psychologist in the U.S. Medical reasons cannot exceed a total of 12 months per degree.
 - o **Completion of Study:** Authorized reduced course load if student is in their final term. Students are considered to have completed course of study and must take action to maintain status if enrolled only for administrative purposes after degree requirements are met.
- Do not let your I-20 expire. Please follow procedures to apply for extension of stay.
 - Make sure your passport, visa and any other immigration documents remain valid.
 - Follow appropriate procedures for transferring to another college or university.
 - Report a change of address or legal name to the Office of Global Engagement within 10 days.
 - Approved on-campus employment is limited to 20 hours per week during the academic year when classes are in session.
 - Do not accept unauthorized off-campus employment. See employment section for further information.
 - Make satisfactory academic progress in your degree program.

Ways to fall out of Status:

- Not registering for a full course of study (12 credit hours) or withdrawing from a course(s) and dropping below a full course of study.
- Not transferring SEVIS form I-20 within 15 days of arrival at new school, if you are a transfer student from another U.S. school.
- Entering the U.S. with a SEVIS form I-20 of a school you do not attend.
- Expiration of your I-20.
- Working illegally (reinstatement is not possible)

Reinstatement:

This process can be done within the U.S. and will cost money. However, you will not lose time accrued by your current F-1 status which means it will not affect benefits such as practical training. Please contact the Office of Global Engagement immediately if you find yourself in this situation.

Travel Outside the U.S. and Re-Entry

When you go home or if you travel on a LaGrange College study abroad program, check to make sure that your I-20 is endorsed for travel, your passport and visa are valid for at least 6 months, and if an additional visa to travel to another country is required. Be sure that your I-20 has been signed within 12 months of your re-entry into the U.S. For example, if the DSO's signature is dated August 26, 2023, you can re-enter the U.S. up to August 25, 2024. LaGrange College issues a new I-20 at least twice a year, at the beginning of each semester.

Always inform the DSO if you are traveling outside the U.S. Remember, a valid F-1 visa is necessary to re-enter the U.S.

Employment

On-campus employment

International students may participate in the College work/study program. Students can work up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session; 40 hours when classes are not in session. Students can apply for this program through the Financial Aid Office.

Off-campus employment

There are only three types of authorized off-campus work available to F-1 students. All of them require one year of full-time enrollment before you may apply and specific criteria will need to be met for each before they can be approved.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

An F-1 student may be authorized by the DSO to participate in a Curricular Practical Training program that is an integral part of their curriculum. CPT is defined to be alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum paid or unpaid that is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school.

Common types of CPT arrangements include:

- Training required for a particular degree, course or curricular track
- Work that the student does for college credit
- Work approved by a sponsoring college program, such as a Cooperative Education program, or student teaching.

You must have full-time enrollment for one academic year before you are eligible for CPT and must have an offer of part or full-time employment or training from an employer offering work that qualifies as CPT.

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Optional Practical Training is a period of work relating to a student's field of study. The aim is to allow students to gain experience through work during or after they get their degree. There are three different types of OPT:

- Pre-Completion OPT--12 month duration
- Post-Completion OPT--12 month duration
- STEM OPT--24 month extension

No offer of employment is needed, but you must submit an application to the USCIS district service center and pay a fee. The DSO will submit a recommendation via SEVIS for your OPT authorization. If approved, you will receive an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) within 90 days and you may begin either part or full-time work on that date that is designated on your EAD card.

Unforeseen Severe Economic Hardship

Under limited circumstances, an F-1 student may apply for off-campus employment based on severe economic hardship. Conditions creating this severe economic hardship include loss of financial aid without the fault of the student, unexpected changes in the financial condition of the student's source of support, substantial fluctuations in the value of currency or exchange rate, inordinate increases in tuition and fees, and medical bills or other substantial and unexpected expenses. The circumstances must be documented and, to be eligible, a student must be in F-1 status for one full academic year.

Additional information about employment may be found on the Employment page of <https://passport.lagrange.edu/?go=Employment.edu/?go=Employment>.

Taxes

You are required to pay U. S. federal and Georgia state taxes if you are employed during your time at LaGrange College. Taxes will be withheld from your paycheck and in January, the Business Office will send you a W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) which tells you your yearly income and how much tax was withheld. You will need to send a copy of this form in when you file your taxes. The Office of Global Engagement staff are not able to help you with filing your taxes, but we have arranged for an accounting firm to assist or you can use [Sprintax](#), an online tax filing service that you can complete on your own. You will need to pay a fee for both these services.

All international students, whether employed or not, will be required to complete tax form 8843. The Office Of Global Engagement will provide a mailing envelope, a copy of the form, and instructions on how to complete it by late February early March. Please keep track of how many days you were in this country during the calendar year. This information will need to be entered on the form.

All tax forms need to be completed and postmarked by April 15.

Social Security Number

International students can only get a social security number if they are employed. If you will be working on campus, you will need to show your I-94, I-20, passport, visa, and a letter from a DSO that:

- Identifies you
- Confirms your current school status
- Identifies your employer, your eligibility to work, and the type of work you are or will be doing.

They will also need evidence of that employment, such as a recent pay slip or a letter from your employer. Your supervisor must sign and date the employment letter. This letter must describe:

- Your job
- Your employment start date
- The number of hours you are or will be working
- Your supervisor's name and telephone number

If you have been approved for OPT or CPT, please contact the Office of Global Engagement for instructions and assistance in getting a social security number.

If you are applying for a state ID card or driver's license, you can receive a "denial letter" from the Social Security Administration in place of a social security number.

Removal (Deportation)

Removal is the expulsion of aliens who have been granted entry into the U.S. The following grounds for removal have been stated in very general terms, but will give you an idea of how strict the immigration rules are:

- Failure to comply with the conditions of your visa/status (unauthorized employment, failure to attend classes and to maintain full time student status).
- Conviction of crime after entry, examples of which are crimes of violence, moral turpitude, narcotics-related crimes (including marijuana abuse). Although there are provisions for some criminal convictions, there is no exception made for a narcotics or marijuana offense – mere possession of marijuana can lead to deportation.
- Unlawful entry.
- False Documents.



Planning Your Time at LaGrange College



What to Pack

Extra-long twin size bedding (a pillow, sheets, blanket) and towels can be brought from home or you can order them online at Dormco <https://www.dormco.com/> and ship them to the address below. You may want to bring items that you cannot easily buy here such as pictures of your family, home and country; musical instruments; clothing; art and games typical of your country, and music and movies from your country. All of these will be helpful if you make presentations to the campus or local community including elementary schools. Remember, if you plan on bringing any electrical items, you will need to purchase an adaptor that converts into the U.S. voltage of 110V.

Clothing to pack: What people wear in your home country may be different from what people wear in the U.S. Generally, people in the U.S. are fairly casual in their dress, with the exception of formal occasions. For men, a suit or jacket and tie are reserved for these occasions, and for women a nice dress, skirt, or pants will do. On a daily basis, you'll see students on campus wearing shorts, jeans and khaki pants with shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters or jackets as it gets cooler. You'll want to wear light-weight clothes to begin your school year and begin layering with sweaters or jackets in October/November. You may want to include a warmer jacket, hat and gloves for the winter, it can dip below freezing but snow is rare.

There are free laundry facilities located in each residential hall. The only thing we ask is that you be considerate of other students who will also be using them.

If you want to send a box or package before your arrival, you may address it to:

Your name
LaGrange College
c/o Office of Global Engagement
601 Broad Street
LaGrange, GA 30240

Climate

The climate in Georgia is considered subtropical. LaGrange has hot, humid summers and cool, mild winters. Fall and spring tend to be short but glorious in the color created by the changing leaves in the fall (September–November) and flowering plants in the spring (starting in February). You will be arriving at the end of summer, typically a very hot and humid time of year, with an average temperature of 85°F and humidity that can range from 55–98%. Dress in clothes that are light and airy—cotton is the most breathable fabric. You'll also hear temperatures given two ways: the actual temperature and the heat index temperature or what it feels like.

Plan on drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated and use sunscreen if you're fair skinned. This is especially true if you plan on participating in fall and spring sports such as soccer, tennis, baseball, lacrosse, and cross country.

You can refer to weather maps at the end of this handbook for average temperatures and humidity throughout the year.

Campus Breaks

Please note that the College is closed for specific holidays and breaks. The Housing and Student Life Office will notify all students by email when dorms and the dining hall will be closed for these times. The entire campus closes during Winter/Christmas break in December and the beginning of January. This will give you time to return home for the holidays or travel here in the US. The residence halls are closed, but you can leave your belongings in your room.

Please remember to keep in close contact with the Global Engagement and the Office of Housing and Campus Life to let them know if you are unable to arrange a flight that accommodates the dorm schedules or if you need any other special arrangements. Prior approval is needed from Housing and Campus Life if you need to stay on campus after it closes.

During Spring Break and Thanksgiving Break the residence halls will remain open, but there will be no food service. You should budget \$75–\$100 for food for each break.

Please study the Academic Calendar for days classes will not be held or the campus will be closed in observance of a holiday. There is also a list of holidays celebrated in the U.S. at the end of this handbook.

LaGrange College ID

Click <https://www.lagrangecollege.edu/campus-life/activities-and-service/orientation/photo-id.html> to find out how to submit a picture and information for your student ID card. Contact Global Engagement for your student ID number. You'll be given this card upon your arrival on campus. Your ID card can be used for checking out library books, getting into your dorm and academic buildings, meals on campus, and free admission to athletic and fine arts performances. There is a replacement fee if you lose your card.

Georgia State ID

There may be a few times when you'll need to present a valid ID with your birthdate and picture. If you do not want to carry your passport, the state of Georgia has a picture ID that you can apply for. This card is issued through the Department of Driver Services and you'll need to submit several immigration documents, a Social Security number or denial letter, proof of residence documents, and a letter from the college. There is also a fee. Please contact the Office of Global Engagement if you are interested in applying for this ID.

Safety and Emergencies

Though most safety tips are common sense, it is important to be aware of your surroundings at all times. Always lock your dorm or car door. Always let roommates know where you are going, what you are doing, how long you plan to be gone, and who is accompanying you. Avoid walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large sums of cash or valuables with you. Do not open the door to strangers. Do not divulge personal information about yourself or where you live to people you do not know. To report an emergency where someone needs immediate help, dial **9-1-1**. This number will connect you with emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tell the emergency dispatcher the exact nature of the emergency, and do not hang up the phone until instructed to do so. Calling "911" will dispatch the police, fire department, or a hospital ambulance. To reach the Campus Security for a campus emergency dial **8911** on a campus phone or **706-880-8911** on an outside line.

Title IX: Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence Policy

All members of the College community have the right to be free from sex discrimination in the form of sexual harassment. Sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual assault, is prohibited by federal and state law as well as College policy. Any member of the College community having a complaint of sexual harassment may raise the matter informally and/or file a formal complaint. Detailed information on this policy can be found in the Student Handbook and the LaGrange College Bulletin.

Campus Post Office and Copy Center

Once you arrive on campus, you can go to the Campus Post Office and be assigned a personal post office box and instructions on how to write your campus mailing address.

Federal Express and UPS are available if you need to send or receive a package quickly and you can also use the U.S. Postal Service.

The Copy Center can make inexpensive copies of papers, posters, or invitations. It's open Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. when classes are in session.

Both services are located on the first floor of Pitts Dining Hall.

Panther Connection

This campus store has school supplies, T-shirts, athletic clothing and items with the LaGrange College logo, and ice cream, snacks and drinks. It's located on the first floor of the Dining Hall, directly across from the Post Office and Copy Center.

Banking

A bank account can be set up if you have a need for a checking or savings account or debit or credit card. Contact the Office of Global Engagement if you would like to set up an account with Bank of America.

Currency and Travel Money

There are four different coins used in the U.S.: penny (1¢); nickel (5¢); dime (10¢), quarter (25¢). You will run across some different variations of the quarter; the back of the coin will have a design representing one of the fifty states or an eagle, but the front will remain the same. There is also a half dollar and dollar coin, but they are not very common. Our paper currency comes in \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. You may find it helpful to bring some U.S. currency with you for any meals or small expenses you have during your flight to Atlanta or for any supplies you need to purchase when you arrive. Images of U.S. currency are located in the back of this handbook.

Telephones/Cell Phones

It would be best to investigate your phone options before arriving in the U.S. Be aware that cell phone plans in the U.S. are very different from those in your country and may not be your best option.

The three most popular wireless carriers in LaGrange are Verizon Wireless, AT&T, and T-Mobile. The best plan for international students is the pay-as-you-go plan. SIM cards are also an option if you have an unlocked phone. Keep in mind, you can Skype or use Facetime on your computer. The entire campus has WiFi.

Information Technology

IT recommends the following minimum configuration if you plan on bringing a laptop with you:

- Windows 10 or Mac OS
- Antivirus Software
- Microsoft Office Suite which is available free of charge to enrolled students.

You'll be able to access the campus network in your dorm two ways:

- 1) Using an ethernet patch cable which are available at retail locations in LaGrange.
- 2) You may also access the internet through our wireless network. Wireless access is currently available throughout the campus.



If you do not want to bring a laptop, you can check one out from the Library for use during academic terms.

IT will email you instructions on how to set up your email account and instructions on how to log into the college network prior to your arrival.

LaGrange College WeCare TLC, Health Services and Counseling

At LaGrange College, health insurance is optional for international students but you will be charged a health fee each semester which will give you access to the WeCare TLC, Health Services Clinic. Before you leave home, it would be wise to do the following:

- Make copies of prescriptions (medications, eye glasses/contacts) to bring with you.
- Bring a month's supply and a doctor's prescription for any medication that you take regularly.
- If needed, find health care providers in the area that will provide care for special health care needs (allergy shots, mental health, physical therapy, etc.)
- Visit your dentist for a check up and cleaning before you leave home. This can be very expensive in the U.S.
- Discuss with your parents or guardian how you will share information regarding health care needs, treatment and billing.

LaGrange College has a campus clinic designed to provide comprehensive primary medical care--a first stop for minor injuries and illnesses. Operated by WeCare TLC, Health Services, it is located at the corner of Forrest Avenue and Dalliss Street (directly across from the college's soccer complex). The clinic provides urgent care office visits with a physician or nurse practitioner, urgent care prescriptions (antibiotics), and in-house lab work--all at no cost to the student.



Services do not include visits for chronic medical conditions or prescriptions for birth control pills or other medications.

The clinic is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (The clinic will be closed on Thursdays and weekends.) Students may drop in or call for an appointment at (800) 941-0644 option 2. However a drop-in is acceptable if the student is willing to wait and be worked into the schedule.

Health Insurance

Please note that while the campus clinic offers a no-cost and convenient health benefit to students, these services do not replace the need to carry a health insurance policy through a parent or purchased through a private company. Please visit [International Student Insurance](#) for information on plans available to international students attending LaGrange College.

General Practice Physicians and Specialty Clinics:

Emory Clark Holder Clinic
303 Smith Street
LaGrange, GA 30240
706-882-8831

Hospital:
West Georgia Medical Center
1600 Vernon Road
706-845-7422
<http://www.wghealth.org/#>

Urgent Care Clinics

Peachtree Immediate Care
1495 Lafayette Blvd.
(706) 884-7822
Open 7 days a week
<https://www.urgentcarelagrange.com/>

Drug Stores for Filling Prescriptions:

Walgreen's
115 Vernon Road
(706) 812-9852

CVS Pharmacy (2 locations)
300 Greenville Street
(706) 882-2971
or
1861 Roanoke Road
(706) 882-5564

The drug stores above are within walking distance of the campus.

Other pharmacies are listed in the Additional Information section.

Counseling Center

There is more to a healthy student than physical well-being. Sometimes the stresses of being away from home, keeping up with academics and dealing with new relationships can be a little hard to handle. The LaGrange College Counseling Center provides confidential academic coaching, personal growth development and short-term counseling. The center assists in attaining accommodations for students with physical, mental and learning disabilities, and helps students successfully create both short- and long-term goals toward their academic, personal and career objectives. A licensed counselor directs the counseling and coordinates all other services.

Smith Hall, Second Floor

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Phone: 706-880-8269

Arrival at ATL



Getting to LaGrange--Groome Transportation (Auburn, Alabama)

LaGrange College is located about 65 miles (or one hour) from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. You can reserve a ticket for the Groome Transportation shuttle service to LaGrange at:

https://groometransportation.com/auburn/?&sd_client_id=c2c70935-53b8-4177-91da-714ec5121f82

Be sure to have your flight information handy when you reserve your shuttle ticket.

Arrival at International Terminal:

After clearing Customs and Immigration and picking up your luggage, you can follow signs for the courtesy shuttle outside the terminal, to get to the Domestic Terminal for Groome Transportation. Here is a link to ground transportation instructions at the Atlanta airport:

<https://www.atl.com/ground-transportation/#1641608157032-1127580f-4861>

Scroll down and click on Between Terminals (Domestic and International) for instructions on how to get from the International Terminal to the Domestic Terminal to pick up Groome Shuttle.

Arrival at Domestic Terminal:

After you pick up your luggage, you will need to follow signs for Ground Transportation/MARTA; exit through Door W1 or W2. Here is a link with instructions on how to find the Groome Shuttle location:

https://groometransportation.com/atlanta-airport/?&sd_client_id=c2c70935-53b8-4177-91da-714ec5121f82#atl-find-us

When you board the **Auburn, Alabama** shuttle, tell the driver:

- You have a reservation and have your ticket ready.
- That you will be getting off in LaGrange. If you don't do this you will end up in Alabama.
- When you get to LaGrange, you will be dropped off at the Wingate Hotel in LaGrange.

We will provide you with a phone number so you can text us when you arrive and tell us when you board the shuttle to LaGrange. A LaGrange College representative will meet you at the Wingate Hotel.

When you arrive at LaGrange College, you will check in with the Office of Global Engagement in the Smith Hall. We will then take you to the Campus Life Office whose staff will assist you with your dorm room.

U.S. and LaGrange College Cultures

Culture Shock

Most international students will experience some degree of culture shock – the process of cultural adjustment. The unique experiences that one has when traveling and being immersed in a different culture may also bring changes in emotions in terms of how the host country and the home country are viewed.

There are several stages of cultural adjustment:

Pre-departure phase – This is the preparatory stage before traveling. It is what you go through in your home country before you leave to come to LaGrange College. This includes deciding to leave home, choosing LaGrange College, and making arrangements for your journey.

Honeymoon phase – Everything about the new country is exciting, interesting, and wonderful. You often feel like a spectator in this stage as you observe the U.S. cultural patterns.

Hostility phase – The stark differences between your home country and the host country are overwhelming and every-day tasks may become a hassle. The differences are no longer exciting, but instead are hard to handle and make you feel frustrated, angry, or resentful. People in this stage of adjustment often feel homesick and long for the familiar.

Humor phase – Gradually, the annoyances seem less so, and things that you found frustrating are now mere inconveniences or just “different.” Your sense of humor returns, and things seem to be much more bearable.

Effective adjustment phase – You are fully integrated into the host culture and no longer notice the differences or new ways of doing things.

To combat culture shock and prevent it from getting you down, try the following tactics:

- Stay busy. Explore the campus, city, and surrounding area. We’ve provided some information about things to do and places to go in this handbook.

- Do not call home too often. A short call home upon your arrival to verify that you have arrived is fine, but prolonged calls with friends and family can initially make you long for home.

- Exercise. Reduce stress and make yourself feel better by doing something that gets you moving.

- Get INVOLVED!

- Do not be too hard on yourself. Recognize that adjusting to a new culture is very challenging.



Southern Culture and Hospitality

Southern hospitality is alive and well in Georgia. The people are friendly when they meet you and are very willing to lend a hand. The benefits of country-living are a part of southern culture no matter if you live in a large city or a rural town. For those who are used to the “what you see is what you get” culture, the southern way may appear strange and sometimes a bit unsettling, but Southerners feel being pleasant and polite in society is basic good manners.

Sunday in the south is very much considered a “church day” whether or not church is attended. If you’re interested, most of the places of worship are located in the downtown area and if you would like some assistance in finding a particular denomination or have any questions about spiritual life on campus, feel free to contact The Office of Spiritual Life and Church Relations. You’ll find that Sunday mornings are usually slow and quiet, but by noon most stores and shops open for business as usual.

U.S. Culture

People in the U.S. attach a lot of importance to the ideal of equality for all. Although this dream has not been achieved yet, respect for individuals regardless of occupation, handicap, sex, race, or religion is expected. All individuals you meet deserve the same consideration and courtesy, whether they are professors, students, doctors or janitors. People in the U.S. tend to be rather independent and think for themselves. The concept of individual rights is important, especially the right to free speech.

Also, freedom of religion is a basic tenet of U.S. society. People tend to be involved in their community, which usually involves the local church, mosque, synagogue, or other place of worship. Churches often organize recreational activities and also perform a wide array of services for the local community which include dinners, tutoring, free English lessons, etc.

U.S. culture is increasingly more informal. The way people dress, act, and treat each other is generally considered to be relaxed, informal, and not rigidly structured. Certain occasions are more formal than others, so take your cue from other people until you feel comfortable gauging just how formally to act, dress, or speak. This is especially true in interacting with your professors, other faculty, and staff on campus.

People in the U.S. tend to wait in lines, wait their turn, and usually give others at least an arm's length of "personal space." Eye contact is also important.

Your own cultural norms may conflict with accepted behavior in the U.S. When a clash in beliefs, values, or traditions occurs, please try to understand the distinction in culture. Keep in mind that no one culture is right or wrong; they are simply different from one another. Observing the behavior that is happening around you is a good way to learn some of these generally accepted U.S. norms.

If you have any questions about any of the U.S. social customs, do not hesitate to ask a fellow student, or LaGrange College staff. Social customs tend to be vague, especially compared to other countries where the social life is more structured. It is not unusual to be confused at first, so please ask for explanations or help. You are going to get many questions about your home culture which will open the doors to ask about American culture.

Introductions:

People in the U.S. tend to be friendly, patient, and polite, and they expect the same treatment from others. "Please," "Thank you," "Excuse me," and "I'm sorry" are used frequently. A phrase you may hear said in casual conversation while on campus and on the streets is "How are you?" It does not necessarily mean that the person wants to know how you are feeling. It is usually meant as another way to say "Good morning," or "Hello." An appropriate response is saying "Fine, thank you. How are you?" When departing, phrases such as "See you later" and "Let's get together sometime" are often meant as a casual goodbye rather than an actual invitation.

Phone Calls:

Generally, it is considered impolite to make phone calls before 10:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m., though these times can vary depending on a person's schedule; a fellow student may have a different bedtime than your professor. And if you are calling a place of business, before 10:00 a.m. is fine. Make sure that when you leave a message that you state who you are, full name (or name you go by), phone number, and reason you are calling. Remember to talk slowly and clearly.

Dating:

The norms and traditions of dating in the U.S. are difficult to explain. Just ask a couple of Americans and they will all give you a different explanation. To date a person implies that you would like to know him/her better. Going to social events together indicates an enjoyment of the other person's company rather than implying a serious commitment.

U.S. women and men are generally treated equally. As a result, dating norms and acceptable behavior are subtle, implied, and constantly changing. Many students prefer to go out in groups or date casually, often meeting for a date in a pre-determined location and sharing the cost of the date. The person who does the asking is generally expected to be the person who pays for the date, though it is polite to offer (once, without insisting) to pay your share and see if your offer is accepted.

We recommend if you are asked out, talk to your American friends about what is appropriate; again, trust your instincts.

Time:

The concept of time is very important to most people in the U.S. Classes, plays, concerts, public meetings, dinners, and other events begin as scheduled. Being late is generally not accepted and is considered rude behavior, as if the person being made to wait is less important than the person keeping them waiting. Setting appointments or scheduling a spe-

cific time to meet is common practice. If you know that you will be late to a meeting or appointment, a phone call to explain your tardiness is generally expected along with an apology. If your appointment is with a dentist, medical doctor, or other professional, arriving more than 10 minutes late generally indicates that you have skipped your appointment, and you will likely be charged a fee for failing to call to cancel or to inform the receptionist of your anticipated late arrival.

Tipping:

Tipping is a prevalent custom in the U.S. In restaurants, customers are expected to tip the waiter or waitress between 15% to 20% of the total amount of the bill. If your car is parked by a valet attendant, you should generally give him or her a dollar or two. The attendant who checks your coat at a restaurant or other event should also receive a dollar or two. When you get a haircut, you are generally expected to tip your stylist 10% to 15% of the cost of the haircut. Bellmen in hotels and airport skycaps generally receive one dollar per bag, unless they are extraordinarily helpful and go out of their way to assist you. Room service attendants should generally receive a 15% to 20% tip, and the pizza delivery person should also receive a tip of at least 10% to 15% of the price of the pizza. Taxi drivers should be tipped approximately 10% to 15% of the cost of the fare.

Georgia Laws and LaGrange College Policies

Alcohol and Non-Prescription Drugs

The possession and consumption of alcohol or drugs is prohibited on the LaGrange College campus. The purchase, possession and consumption of alcohol in Georgia is restricted to individuals who are 21 years old and older. When purchasing alcohol, you will likely be asked to "show ID" (show the store clerk proof that you are at least 21 years of age). An acceptable form of ID is your passport, driver's license, or state ID card. Also, you cannot be in a public place (street, park, etc.) with an open container of alcohol. This law applies to everyone, even for those over 21 and also includes having an open container in a car driven by a non-drinking driver. Violations involving alcohol or drugs can lead to arrest or fines. It may also lead to sanctions by LaGrange College and possible removal.



Please do not drink and drive, keeping your own and others' safety in mind, and do not accept a ride from someone who has been drinking. Drinking and driving is a serious offense in the U.S. and will result in hefty fines, suspension of your driver's license, significant legal trouble, and imprisonment. Call a taxi or a friend who has not been drinking if you must have a ride home.

Driving

You must have a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle in the Georgia, but local laws and driving procedures may be very different from those in your home country. You may wish to obtain a Georgia driver's license if you will be here for more than a year and find it necessary to travel off campus for your studies and other activities.

Georgia recognizes valid driver licenses issued to and held by residents of other countries as long as the "Out Of Country" license is valid (not expired) and in English. If your license is not in English, you should be able to get an International License at home before you come to the U.S. If you need to get a Georgia license, please visit our website for details and the location of the Department of Motor Vehicles in LaGrange. You will need additional documents that Global Engagement can help you with.

Student Handbook

The LaGrange College Student Handbook is a quick reference guide for students seeking more information about College policies and procedures. It covers general campus policies such as the Honor Code and Social Code, campus resources and contacts, residential education and housing regulations, and the Student Government Association's Constitution and By-laws. [The Student Handbook](#) is posted on PantherNet and updated as needed throughout the year.

Honor Code and Honor Council

As a member of the student body of LaGrange College, I confirm my commitment to the ideals of civility, diversity, service, and excellence. Recognizing the significance of personal integrity in establishing these ideals within our community, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate these unethical behaviors in others.

The Honor Code and its policies and procedures apply to all full-time and part-time students enrolled in all undergraduate and graduate programs, and the Evening College. By matriculation, students acknowledge the Honor Code to be a policy of LaGrange College. The Honor Pledge, "I pledge that I have neither given nor received unauthorized help on this examination or assignment, nor have I witnessed any violation of the Honor Code," is implied whether or not it is written on academic work.

The Honor Code was written by a committee of students and faculty and implemented in 1999. Its goal was to create a community of scholars based on trust and responsibility.

Comprised entirely of students, the Honor Council serves to foster academic integrity and to hear cases brought before it when a student may have violated the Honor Code. The Council is entrusted with this responsibility by the college community, and Council members strive to maintain the principles of fairness and respect.

For a more indepth explanations about the Honor Code, please refer to the Honor Code Student Handbook.

Social Code and Social Council

As a member of the student body at LaGrange College, I confirm my commitment to the ideals of civility, diversity, service, and excellence, and will adhere to an honorable standard of conduct.

As an educational institution, the College is concerned not only with the formal in-class education of its students, but also with each student's welfare and growth into mature men and women who conduct themselves responsibly as citizens. Like the Honor Code, the Social Code is the responsibility of every student, faculty member, and staff member at LaGrange College. The Social Code attempts to instill in every member of the student body a sense of moral and community responsibility. As such, LaGrange College expects its students to adhere to community standards. Likewise, if some fail to live up to these codes of conduct, the College expects students to report violations of the Social Code to the Social Council. In this way, students assume the obligation of upholding the integrity of their community and of ethically preparing themselves for the world beyond college.

The Social Council is responsible for interpreting the Standards of Student Behavior and other policies found in the Student Handbook; likewise, the Social Council is responsible for taking actions when these standards and policies have been violated. It consists of six voting members and up to three alternates. Students interested in serving as a Social Council representative need to submit an application to the Student Engagement office for review by a selection committee. For further information about the Social Code and Social Council, please consult the Student Handbook.



Campus and Academic Life



The history of LaGrange College is closely associated with the history of the City of LaGrange and Troup County. When the vast tract of land lying between the Flint and Chattahoochee Rivers was secured by the Indian Springs Treaty of 1825 and was opened for settlement in 1827, one of the five counties formed on the western border of the state was named Troup in honor of Governor George Michael Troup.

An act was passed by the Georgia Legislature on December 24, 1827, providing for the selection of a county seat. It was named "LaGrange" after the country estate of the Marquis de Lafayette, the American Revolutionary War hero who had visited the region in 1825 as the guest of Governor Troup. The site for the town of LaGrange was purchased in 1828, and the town was incorporated on December 18, 1828. On December 26, 1831, the charter for the LaGrange Female Academy was granted at the state capitol, then in Milledgeville.

In 1831 Andrew Jackson was president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was 22 years old. The Creek Indians had been moved out of this area of the state only six years earlier. The only other college in the state was Franklin College, now the University of Georgia.

In 1847 the charter for the school was amended and the school became the LaGrange Female Institute with power to confer degrees. The name was changed to LaGrange Female College in 1851, and in 1934 it was changed to LaGrange College. The College became officially coeducational in 1953.

The first location of the school was in a large white building at what is now 406 Broad Street. The school moved to its present location on "the Hill," the highest geographical point in LaGrange, after the construction of the building now known as Smith Hall in 1842.

The College was sold to the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1856. Today it is an institution of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

LaGrange College offers the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, the Bachelor of Business Administration, the Bachelor of Music, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The Education Department offer several graduate degrees in Teaching, Curriculum and Instruction, and the Specialist in Education certificate. There is also a Masters of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

The College draws more than half of its student body from Georgia. However, students from at least one-third of the other states in the U.S. and from abroad nourish a rich cosmopolitan and international community that includes various religious and ethnic backgrounds. Students also are provided cultural awareness opportunities through study away, research programs, service-learning, and internships.

Students in the College's Education and Nursing departments receive supervised learning experiences in many area schools and medical facilities, respectively. Campus art exhibitions, lectures, concerts, and varsity and intramural sports add to the cultural enrichment and recreational opportunities offered by the College.

The College is located in the town of LaGrange, Georgia. Nearby are Callaway Gardens, the Warm Springs Foundation, and Franklin D. Roosevelt's Little White House. The West Point Dam on the Chattahoochee River provides one of the largest lakes in the region, with waterfronts and a marina within the city limits of LaGrange.

Campus Resources

Theatre and Art

The Lamar Dodd Art Center displays exhibits of nationally known artists and LaGrange College students throughout the year. This 32,000 square foot facility, named after a popular Georgia artist who lived in LaGrange, has gallery, office, classroom and studio space where students can study art history, graphic design, painting, drawing, photography, and ceramics.

The Theatre Arts Program has three productions each year: two mainstage performances and one Lab Theater performance. Price Theater, home of the theatre arts program, has a 260 seat auditorium where students have performed plays such as **Metamorphosis**, **Sweeney Todd**, **Brigadoon**, **The Laramie Project**, **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**, **She Loves Me**, and **39 Steps**. The Lab Theater is reserved for smaller, more experimental productions such as **Proof**, **Eleemosynary**, **Maids**, and **Lovers**. They are always looking for talent to audition and for help behind the scenes with construction of sets and costumes. If you're interested, you can contact Professor Kim Barber Knoll at 706-880-8324 or kbarber@lagrange.edu.

More information about performances and exhibits can be found on the Master Calendar on the college website. A valid LaGrange College ID is necessary for admittance to all performances.

Collegiate Enrichment Programs

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., is set aside as Contact Hour where you have a chance to attend Collegiate Enrichment (CE) programs such as lectures, presentations, films or performances given by guest speakers, faculty or students. A complete list of all the CE Programs can be found on the Master Calendar on the college website. Check it regularly because programs are added to this calendar throughout the year. You'll also receive a weekly email reminder. Students are required to have a specific number of CE credits to graduate.

Athletics

LaGrange College is a member of the NCAA Division III and the USA South Conference. Our colors are red and black. Intercollegiate teams compete in women's soccer, basketball, cross country, volleyball, softball, and tennis; and men's baseball, football, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, and tennis. If you're interested in becoming a part of these teams, you can let Global Engagement know and we'll get you in contact with the appropriate coach to schedule an interview for when you arrive.

Be sure to attend Panther games held on campus at Callaway Stadium, the Soccer Complex, Softball Complex, Tennis Courts, Mariotti Gym, or Cleveland Field. You'll need to present your LaGrange College ID for free admission.

Intramural Sports

Overseen by Athletics, intramurals provide opportunities for recreation and competition among members of the campus community. Teams representing campus organizations and independents compete in organized tournaments and events throughout the year. Competitive events include flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball, dodge ball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

The facilities and equipment of the Department of Physical Education also are available for student recreational use when these are not scheduled for instructional, athletic, or intramural sports use.

A valid LaGrange College ID is necessary for admittance to all facilities.

Additional information about the Athletics Department can be found at <http://www.lagrangepanthers.com/landing/index>.



Dining on Campus

Margaret Pitts Dining Hall, The Hill and Panther Café

The campus has three places where you can either enjoy a full meal, have a sandwich and soft drink, or a Starbuck's coffee and a muffin. The Dining Hall is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner and always has vegetarian and non-vegetarian options; The Hill in the Student Center is open at lunch and dinner; and located in the Library is the Panther Café where you can grab a hot or cold drink and a snack in the morning and late afternoon. You will be able to select your meal plan when you fill out a housing form. Visit the LaGrange Dining website for details:

<https://lagrange.campusdish.com/>.

Student Organizations

Get involved! There's plenty to keep you busy and here's a partial list of organizations to help you get started: Black Student Union, Chess Club, Fishing Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Rotaract Club, the Student Government Association, and the Greek sororities and fraternities. You can contact Campus Life for further information about the student organizations represented on campus.



Therapy Dogs during Finals Week



Panther Activities Committee

International Student Club



Academics: A Liberal Arts Education

Mission Statement

LaGrange College challenges the minds and inspires the souls of its students. Founded in 1831 and committed to its relationship with the United Methodist Church and its Wesleyan and liberal arts traditions, the college supports students in their search for truth. An ethical and caring community valuing civility, diversity, service, and excellence, LaGrange College prepares students to become successful, responsible citizens who aspire to lives of integrity and moral courage. LaGrange College challenges the minds and inspires the souls of its students.

A liberal arts education at LaGrange College is an interdisciplinary, broad-based general education curriculum with rigorous study in the major disciplines, innovative learning opportunities and integrative co-curricular programs. The American Association of Colleges and Universities describes a liberal arts education as :

“An approach to college learning that empowers individuals and prepares them to deal with complexity, diversity, and change. This approach emphasizes broad knowledge of the wider world (e.g., science, culture, and society) as well as in-depth achievement in a specific field of interest. It helps students develop a sense of social responsibility; strong intellectual and practical skills that span all major fields of study, such as communication, analytical, and problem-solving skills; and the demonstrated ability to apply knowledge and skills in real-world settings.”

Academic Advisers

Academic advisers are faculty members who are ready to help you plan your academic program and make you think about personal and career goals. Your adviser is knowledgeable about general education and major requirements and uses your academic record and your input to assist in academic advising. All discussions and records are confidential.

Advisers are available to provide guidance to students throughout the academic year. Two advising weeks, one in each semester, have been designated to correspond with registration periods. You should, however, see your adviser more often than once a semester and develop a good working relationship with him/her to set academic goals, discuss your academic progress/grades.

Scheduling Your Courses

For your first semester, you will meet with your adviser when you arrive on campus to schedule your courses. The College Bulletin is an important guide to your education at LaGrange College because it contains a thorough description of graduation and curriculum requirements, including majors, minors, and ETHOS curriculum requirements for all students and policies such as the Honor Code and class attendance. The Bulletin also gives a description of each course offered by each department and program, along with the semester they are offered. Your matriculation year is the Bulletin you will use as your academic guide until you graduate.

The Class Schedule is a list of courses offered each semester. It gives the days, times, who is teaching it, and location of the classroom so you can organize your semester. Your adviser will be able to assist you in deciding which courses you need to register for in order to meet your requirements. It would be wise to look over the class schedule before meeting with your advisor and begin a list of 1st choice, 2nd choice courses that you can discuss with your adviser.

The College Bulletin are posted on the college website at <http://www.lagrange.edu/academics/index.html> and Class Schedules can be found at <https://mylc.lagrange.edu/ics>.



Grading

The definitions of grades given at LaGrange College are as follows:

Grade	Points	Grade	Explanation
A+	4.00	I	incomplete
A superior	4.00	P	pass
A-	3.75	NC	no credit or non-credit
B+	3.25	W	withdrawn
B above average	3.00	AW	audit withdrawn
B-	2.75	AU	audit complete
C+	2.25	NR	grade not reported by instructor at the time the report issued
C average	2.00		
C-	1.75		
D+	1.25		
D below average	1.00		
F failing	0.00		

A Grade Point Average, or GPA, is calculated by the Registrar's Office.

Library

The Frank and Laura Lewis Library includes numerous small and large group study rooms; a 24-hour study room with a coffee bar/snack bar area; an auditorium; a multi-media classroom; a multi-media production center; student and faculty research carrels; and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, including video and audio conferencing, two SMART boards, video-editing equipment and software, presentation projectors, document cameras, and digital signage.

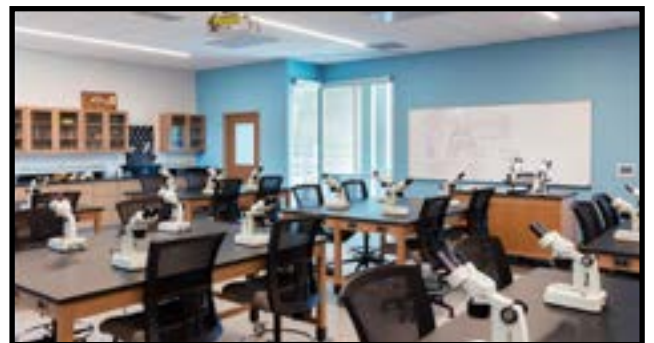
More detailed information concerning academics can be found at <https://www.lagrange.edu/library/index.html>.

Class Structure and Assignments

Classes at LaGrange College are usually small and informal. The general atmosphere in most classrooms is relaxed and discussions and questions are encouraged about concepts and ideas that students do not understand or agree/disagree with.

At the first class meeting, professors will make available a syllabus: an outline or description of the course, what will be expected of you, and how you will be graded. They'll distribute it either by paper or electronically on a course management system (CMS) called Connect. Connect is a collaborative learning site that students and professors can access on PantherNet. Professors use this site to post assignments and receive completed submissions; notify students of any important class announcements; have discussions; track deadlines, important dates and schedules, and add resources such as documents for research and assignments.

While it is important to address professors appropriately, and with respect, you will find them to be friendly and interested in their student's success. Because of this, they are very willing to help you outside of class time with course your work.



More information about academics and immigration rules and regulations that may affect you can be found on the Global Engagment website.

Lectures

The most common method of instruction is the classroom lecture which is supplemented by discussions, reading assignments in textbooks or library books, and periodic written assignments.

It is important that you contribute to discussions in the classroom because it is viewed as a sign of interest, attention, and independent thinking and your participation may be counted as part of your grade. If for some reason you do not have the opportunity to raise questions, you may see your professor privately during his/her office hours or make an appointment for another convenient time. Professors usually announce their office hours at the first meeting of the class and will also write it on the class syllabus and post it on their office door.

Students may also be required to prepare presentations based on their independent reading or research and class readings. In many courses you will also be required to write a comprehensive term paper based on study or research you have done in the library or laboratory. Your professor will give you ample time to work on it during the term and submit it near the end. The grade you receive on the paper may carry significant weight in determining your grade for the course.

Both in preparation of term papers and in doing class assignments, you are likely to use the library more than you have in the past. It is important to learn how the library is organized. The Frank and Laura Lewis Library at LaGrange College has trained staff who are happy to answer your questions and assist you in finding books, reference materials, and periodicals both in the library and online.

Please remember the Honor Pledge, "I pledge that I have neither given nor received unauthorized help on this examination or assignment, nor have I witnessed any violation of the Honor Code," is implied whether or not it is written on academic work.

Online Classes

International students are able to take one online course (3 credit hours) per semester on Connect. The structure of these courses can differ with each professor, but students will have to be self-motivated and pace themselves so they complete the required projects on time.

Laboratories (Labs)

Many science courses require work in a laboratory, where theory learned in the classroom is applied to practical problems.

Examinations

Nearly every class has a final exam at the end of the semester and many also give a midterm exam. Additional tests or quizzes may be given with some frequency, or even without notice. All examinations are designed to assure that students are doing the work assigned and to measure how much they are learning. An examination or test can be two different formats:

Multiple Choice, Matching, True or False, Identification, Fill in the Blanks, and Essays

Textbooks and Course Materials

After meeting with your advisor to register for classes, you will need to order your text books and any additional course materials. All of this is done online at <https://lagrange.ecampus.com/> or you can order them from [Amazon](#). Have your course information handy so you order the right books.

PantherNet

This secured site is located on the college web site and is accessed by using your username and password. You'll find Banner and important links to documents and forms under Campus Resources, Business Office, Academic Resources, IT, and Safety and Security.

Attendance

Students are responsible for understanding the policy presented by the professor in the syllabus for each course, including the implications of the policy regarding successful performance in that course. For undergraduate students, absences are excused for two reasons. These absences shall have no direct penalty for the student; the student shall have the opportunity to make up any missed work occasioned by such excused absences.

1. Medical reasons, when a medical professional has provided documentation indicating the date and time of an appointment, and/or dates on which the student must not attend class related to the illness or condition.
2. Participation in an official college event at which the student represents the college as a whole (e.g., athletic competitions and musical performances).

Georgia on My Mind

Georgia Facts and Personalities

The South--where roots, place, family and tradition are the essence of identity.

Carl N. Degler, Social Historian and past president of the Southern Historical Association

Georgia and the southeastern region of the U.S. have an incredibly rich, provocative history starting with the native Americans who first inhabited this land to European settlements and the Revolutionary War; to the Civil War and Reconstruction on to the Great Depression, and finally the Civil Rights Movement and the rise of this region as an economic and political powerhouse during the 20th century.

The state of Georgia currently ranks as the 9th most populous state with 9,919,945 residents and 24th in land mass with 59,425 sq. mi. or 153,909 sq. km. The capital city of Atlanta is the 37th largest city in the U.S., and 4th largest in the southeast. The city of LaGrange is the county seat of Troup County and has a population of 29,902. It is located about 15 minutes from the Alabama state line to the west; one hour from Atlanta to the northeast; three hours from the Appalachian Mountains to the north; six hours from the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and four hours from the Gulf Coast to the south. You can find out more about the history of LaGrange by visiting

<http://www.lagrange-ga.org/>.

Georgia is a very diverse state whose citizens, both native and naturalized, have impacted the arts, politics, entertainment, sports and social change in the U.S. The list below is a small sample of those individuals:

Allman Brothers, Duane (1946-1971) and Greg (1947-2017) were the namesake of a Macon-based rock and roll group that helped to create the Southern rock sound in the 1970s. They were known for their improvisational skills and music that blended blues, country, and jazz. The group was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

James Brown (1933-2006) the Godfather of Soul. He was a tireless performer whose trademark cape routine, elaborate showmanship, "funk" music style, and high-energy dance influenced generations of artists including Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Van Morrison, Prince, and Beck. He was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

Jimmy Carter (1924) a peanut farmer from Plains, Ga., who was elected the 39th President of the U.S. He is one of four presidents to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He received it in 2002 for his efforts "to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development" through The Carter Center. He was also instrumental in the creation of Habitat for Humanity, a service organization based in Georgia.

Ray Charles (1930-2004) singer and pioneer of soul music. The popularity of his version of Hoagy Carmichael's Georgia On My Mind made this soulful ballad the state song of Georgia in 1979. He was the first performer inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted him in 1986. He was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 1993, the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States Government.

Pat Conroy (1945-2016) New York Times best selling author of several novels about life in the south including The Lords of Discipline, The Great Santini, Beach Music, and The Prince of Tides. He is considered one of the leading figures in contemporary Southern literature.

Lewis Grizzard (1946-1994) Southern humorist and writer whose newspaper column appeared in over 450 newspapers in the U.S. True to his southern roots, Grizzard was a college football fanatic who requested part of his ashes be sprinkled on the 50 yard line at the University of Georgia's football stadium.

Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd (1904-1934) bank robber and one of the most notorious outlaws of the 1930's who became Public Enemy Number One.

Oliver Hardy (1892-1957) actor/comedian who started out in silent movies and became part of the legendary comedy team, Laurel and Hardy.

Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1949) author of the Uncle Remus books based on African-American folk lore as told to him by

slaves on a plantation where he apprenticed as a printer's devil. He wrote in the language and inflections of the people that shared these stories. His Queen Anne Victorian style home in Atlanta, The Wren's Nest, is a historic house museum and open for tours.

John Henry "Doc" Holiday (1851-1887) wild west gambler, gunfighter and dentist known for his involvement in the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

Harry James (1916-1983) musician and big band leader during the 1930's and 40's swing era who introduced Frank Sinatra to the world and played with Benny Goodman and Buddy Rich.

Jasper Johns (1930) contemporary American artist known for his abstract expressionist painting and prints, most notably his depiction of the American flag which hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in NYC.

Bobby Jones (1902-1971) the most successful amateur golfer in the U.S. and designer of Augusta National, home of the Masters.

Spike Lee (1957) film director, producer, writer, and actor whose films have examined race relations and issues as well as urban crime and poverty.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) clergyman, activist, and a leader of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. His non-violent civil disobedient protests for equal rights brought national attention to the Jim Crowe segregation laws in the south. He was recognized as an international figure in the civil rights movement when he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site is located in Atlanta's Sweet Auburn District.

Blind Willie McTell (1898-1959) musician and Piedmont-style blues pioneer whose guitar playing and vocals influenced musicians such as The Allman Brothers, Bob Dylan, Ry Cooder, Taj Mahal and David Bromberg.

Johnny Mercer (1909-1976) lyricist, songwriter, and cofounder of Capital Records. He partnered with Harold Arlen, Harry Warren, Henry Mancini and Hoagy Carmichael to write music for Broadway and films. His songs include Moon River, Hooray for Hollywood, Jeepers Creepers, One for My Baby (and One More for the Road), Any Place I Hang My Hat is Home, That Old Black Magic, and Days of Wine and Roses. He was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1980.

Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949) author of *Gone with the Wind*, probably the most famous novel about the south, which was made into a film starring Clark Gable, Vivien Lee, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland and Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to win an Academy Award. Mitchell's home in Atlanta is a historic house museum and open to the public.

Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964) a Southern Gothic style writer of novels, essays, short stories, and reviews. She was a deeply religious Catholic living in the overwhelmingly Protestant south. O'Connor's intense religious beliefs were expressed through her shockingly grotesque images and dark humor which some find horrific and difficult to read. She was a three time recipient of the O. Henry Award for short stories. Andalusia, her home in Milledgeville, is a historic house museum.

Jessye Norman (1945-2019) soprano opera singer whose wide ranging repertoire flows from opera to popular songs to gospel. She decided early in her career that she was more interested in artistry than popularity and focused on perfecting her talent, performing in all the major opera houses around the globe.

Tyler Perry (1969) actor, writer, and director of several movies and TV sitcoms about African American families. His Atlanta-based studio is the first major film studio in the nation to be owned by an African American.

Gertrude "Ma" Rainey (1886-1939) billed as "the mother of the blues," this singer helped to establish the classic blues style within mainstream American music. She played a central role in connecting the less polished, male-dominated country blues with the smoother, female-centered urban blues of the 1920s. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1992.

Otis Redding (1941-1967) rhythm and blues musician and singer/songwriter, who released a string of hits on Stax Records, his best known and only number one hit, (Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay, was released three months after his death in a plane crash. He was influenced by Little Richard and Sam Cook and many of his songs were covered by other artists including Aretha Franklin who recorded his song, Respect. He was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989.

R.E.M. (1980–2011) this critically acclaimed Athens-based group went from being a local college rock band to international fame as a leader in the creation of the “indie” or alternative rock music genre. The group’s independent attitude earned them accolades around the world and a place in the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007 alongside many of their fellow Georgians.

“Little Richard” Penniman (1932–2020) was also known as the Georgia Peach. This flamboyant singer declared himself “the innovator and the architect of rock and roll.” A title he rightfully earned when he was one of the first inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

Jackie Robinson (1919–1972) became the first African American to integrate Major League Baseball in the twentieth century when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947. Major League Baseball has since designated April 15th as Jackie Robinson Day, a day when every baseball player on every MLB team wears his jersey number, “42,” to honor Robinson who went on to become one of the most popular and successful players in the history of the sport.

Ted Turner (1938) this media mogul, conservationist, and philanthropist moved to Savannah from Cincinnati, Ohio, with his family when he was nine years old and made Georgia their home. He started out with a small, local television station and built it into a massive cable network system, the Turner Broadcasting System--CNN, TNT, TCM--which launched the 24 hour cable news and entertainment phenomenon.

Alice Walker (1944) novelist, short-story writer, poet, essayist, and activist. Her most famous novel, *The Color Purple*, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1983.

Joanne Woodward (1930) Academy award winning actress who was married to actor Paul Newman. She appeared in and won an academy award for *The Three Faces of Eve*, a film about a Georgia woman with multiple personalities.

Much of the information above was taken from *The New Georgia Encyclopedia*. You can read more about Georgia history at <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp>.



Downtown Restaurants, Shopping and Entertainment in LaGrange:

Restaurants:

Brick House Grill and Tavern
141 Main Street
(706) 298-5482

Gus's Grill
110 Greenville Street
(706) 882-3775

Mare-Sol
124 Main Street, Suite B
(706) 298-0650

Cart Barn
625 Jefferson Street
(706) 884-3362

C-Sons
120 Main Street
(706) 298-0892

Karvela's Pizza
101 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 298-2000

Splendid Events
116 Bull Street
(706) 756-1255

Beacon Brewing Co.
700 Lincoln Street
(706) 298-6400

Charlie Joseph's Hot Dogs
128 Bull Street
(706) 884-5416

Venucci's Italian Bistro
129 Main Street
(706) 884-9393

Wild Leap Brew Co.
308 Main Street
(706) 298-6400

505 Eats
505 Vernon Street
(706) 883-8061

Country's Barbeque
124 Vernon Street
(706) 845-9687

Yama
111 Main Street
(706) 407-6365

Your Pie
124 Bull Street
(706) 971-6600

Waffle House
501 Vernon Street
(706) 955-4600

Taste Of Lemon Restaurant
204 Morgan Street
(706) 882-5382

Bull's Hibachi Sushi Express
104 Bull St.
(706) 756-1430

Bull's Hibachi 2
1521 Vernon Rd.
(706) 668-5513



Bakery

Crave Cookies
112 Main Street
(706) 668-3430

Clothing

Solomon's Department Store
108 Bull Street
(706) 884-5951

Drug Store:

Walgreen's
115 Vernon St.
(706) 812-9852

Entertainment

Lafayette Society for Performing Arts
Ballet and Theatre companies
210/214 Bull Street
(706) 882-9439 or 9909

LaGrange Art Museum
112 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 882-3267

Troup Archives and Historical Society
136 Main Street
(706) 884-1828

Pure Life Studios
Live Concerts in intimate setting
206 Clark Street
(706) 443-4838

Hills & Dales Estate
Callaway Family Home
1916 Hills & Dales Drive
(706) 882-3242

Movie Theater
LaGrange 10
201 Main Street
(706) 298-4790

Sweetland Amphitheatre
Concerts and event space
110 Smith Street
(706) 298-5434



Downtown and Beyond:

Groceries/Pharmacies

Publix
139 Commerce Avenue
Main: (706) 883-1120
Pharmacy: (706) 883-7225

Kroger
203-A Commerce Avenue
Information: (706) 883-6167
Pharmacy: (706) 883-6178

Piggly Wiggly
567 Roanoke Road
(706) 845-9102

Wal-Mart
803 New Franklin Road
(706) 812-0225
Pharmacy: (706) 812-8456

Aldi
Mooty Bridge Road and New Franklin Road



Mall

LaGrange Mall
1501 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 882-5589

Office Supplies

Staples
240 New Franklin Road
(706) 885-0919

Coffee Shop

Starbuck's
1470 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 882-5202

Bistro, Mariott Courtyard
25 W. Lafayette Sq.
(706) 668-5600

Cafe Brûlée & Dessert Bar
115 Bull Street
(706) 407-6889

Scoops Ice Cream
104 Main Street
(706) 416-2254

Ice Queen
12 N. LaFayette Sq.
(706) 668-6227

Pharmacies within walking distance of the campus are listed on page 15.

Restaurants

Fried Tomato Buffet
127 Commerce Ave #G
(706) 884-8842

Momma Goldberg's Deli
380 South Davis Road
(706) 884-0407

Grangers Hot Wings BBQ and Burgers
2911 Hamilton Road
(706) 882-7937

Banzai Japanese Steak House
1510 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 882-0750

Hog Heaven
2240 West Point Road
(706) 882-7227

Peking Chinese Restaurant
1603 Vernon Rd. #1200
(706) 884-1043

Sakura Sushi & Grill
1520 Lafayette Pkwy Unit B
(706) 407-6468

Jim Bob's Chicken Fingers
108 Corporate Plaza Drive
(706) 882-9917

Pizza Villa
1603 Vernon Road, Ste 1200
(706) 882-0809

Fox's Pizza Den
2170 W Point Rd. #6
(706) 885-0005

Juanito's Mexican Restaurant
1510 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 885-9255

Roger's Bar-B-Que
117 New Franklin Road
(706) 812-0041

Nutwood Winery
1339 Upper Big Springs Rd
(706) 881-7401

Longhorn Steakhouse
1518 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 242-4911

Keum Soo Kang Korean Restaurant
1510 Lafayette Pkwy D-1
(706) 882-3606

Cracker Barrel Old County Store
105 Hoffman Drive
(706) 884-0159

Los Nopales
382 S. Davis Rd.
(706)-883-8547

Teriyaki Bistro
1305 Hogansville Road
(706) 884-7212

Fatdaddy's
1310 Hogansville Road
(706) 884-3109

Moe's Southwest Grill
1468 Lafayette Parkway
(706) 882-5820

Todamgol 2 Korean Restaurant
1841 Roanoke Road
(706) 882-1925

Beyond LaGrange: Down the Road on I-185 and I-85

A map of Georgia is located at the end of this handbook.

Columbus, Georgia:

Take exit 21 off I-85 and head south on I-185 for about 40 miles and you'll be in Columbus, the second largest city in Georgia. The demolition of old dams along the Chattahoochee River unleashed what the city is calling the **River City Rush**, the "longest urban whitewater course in the world," according to the event's website. The old industrial city has already rejuvenated itself over the past couple of decades with the development of the 20-mile Riverwalk that has attracted dedicated bicyclists and runners. Downtown Columbus features a historic district with cobblestone streets and southern charm. Nearby are a few superb restaurants, including The Loft, Mabella, the Cannon Brew Pub, and the Iron City Coffee House. The Springer Opera House, a historic landmark that was saved from demolition in the 1960s,



had once seen Oscar Wilde and Ma Rainey perform on its stage. Columbus also has the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts as well as The Columbus Museum, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, The National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, and the Columbus Ice Rink, home of the Cottonmouths, a professional ice hockey team.

Columbus has several very nice shopping areas which includes the Peachtree Mall, Columbus Park Crossing, and The Landings.

Newnan, Georgia:

Newnan is the outermost reaches of the Atlanta metropolitan area. It's a sprawling city that has seen tremendous commercial growth in the past decade. All along Bullsboro Road, Exit 47 off I-85, are shopping centers that have movie theaters, restaurants, department stores, speciality stores, and book stores. Ashley Park is the newest and largest shopping plaza that has two major, southern department stores, Belk's and Dillard's, along with Barnes and Noble Book Store, American Eagle, Dick's Sporting Goods, and numerous restaurants including 5 Guys Burgers and Fries, Yogli Mogli Frozen Yogurt, Panera Bread, Pita by The Beirut and Thai Heaven.



Peachtree City, Georgia:

Go about 15 miles further down Bullsboro Road and you come to Peachtree City, a unique community that is built around a system of golf cart paths that snake and stretch for 90 miles throughout the town. Residents use their golf carts as a secondary

means of transportation and you'll see bridges over the streets and designated parking spaces in shopping plazas and schools for golf carts. These paths are multi-purpose and are also used by runners and bicyclists.

Peachtree City has several shopping areas that are clustered around Georgia State Route 54 and Peachtree Parkway, one of the largest being The Avenue. The Gap, Banana Republic, Williams Sonoma, PeachMac: The Southeast's Apple Specialist, Books-A-Million, The Fresh Market Grocery Store, and Best Buy electronics store are a few of shops available in the area while restaurants include the Georgia Shrimp Co., The Beirut, and Ted's Montana Grill, owned by Ted Turner and specializes in bison meat.

Atlanta, Georgia:

Travel north of Newnan and Peachtree City on I-85 and you'll be in Atlanta, a city that still has ties to the old Confederacy but has also learned to embrace a more progressive ideal to become the centerpiece of what is the New South.

Atlanta was established in 1837 at the intersection of two railroad lines in the center of Georgia, but did not become the state capital until after the Civil War. Like all the original 13 colonies, Georgia's first capital, Savannah, was located along the Atlantic coast. As the population shifted more to the west, the capital also shifted and in 1868, the city of Atlanta rose from the ashes of the Civil War to become the state capital and a national center of commerce. During the 1960s, the city once again rose above the turbulence and earned a reputation as "too busy to hate" for the tolerant views of its citizens and leaders. In 1973, Atlanta elected its first African American mayor, Maynard Jackson. And in 1996, the city opened its doors to the world and hosted the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Atlanta began as a center of transportation and remains a primary hub of the Southeastern U. S. for highways, railroads, and air, with Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport being the world's busiest airport since 1998. The city has also emerged as a banking center and is the world headquarters for 13 Fortune 500 companies.

Atlanta is a regional as well as a national center for the arts and has a number of professional performing arts companies and art museums. They include The Atlanta Ballet, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, The Alliance Theater, The Atlanta Opera, the High Museum, Museum of Design Atlanta, the Contemporary Art Center, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum, the south's largest collection of ancient art.



Atlanta also has several professional sports teams: The Atlanta Braves, Major League Baseball, season is from April to September; The Atlanta Hawks, National Basketball Association, season is from October to May; The Atlanta Falcons, National Football League, season is from September to December, and The Atlanta Dream, Womens National Basketball Association, season is from May to October.

Some of the city's historic and cultural sites include: The Fox Theater, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Piedmont Park, Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site, Oakland Cemetery, the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta History Center, Underground Atlanta, Georgia Aquarium (the largest aquarium in the U.S.), and the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum.

Atlanta has excellent shopping areas such as Lenox Square, Atlanta Station, Ponce City Market, and Phipp's Plaza. But shops and restaurants are numerous throughout the downtown, midtown, and Buckhead neighborhoods. World-class dining, international cuisine, soul food, pizza, and sweet southern desserts are all available in Atlanta. Of special note is Sublime Doughnuts, a bakery that consistently ranks as one of the top ten best doughnut bakeries in the U.S.

Civil Rights Movement in the South

The civil rights movement was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for Black Americans to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. The Civil War officially abolished slavery, but it didn't end discrimination against Black people—they continued to endure the devastating effects of racism, especially in the South. By the mid-20th century, Black Americans, along with many other Americans, mobilized and began an unprecedented fight for equality that spanned two decades.

From HISTORY website, Civil Rights Movement, June 14, 2023. By History.com Editors.
<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement>

Image to the R: Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice (Lynching Museum) Montgomery, Alabama

Image below: Edmond Pettus Bridge, Selma, Alabama

Image Bottom R: Civil Rights District, Birmingham, Alabama

The City of Atlanta is home to several Civil Rights monuments including the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

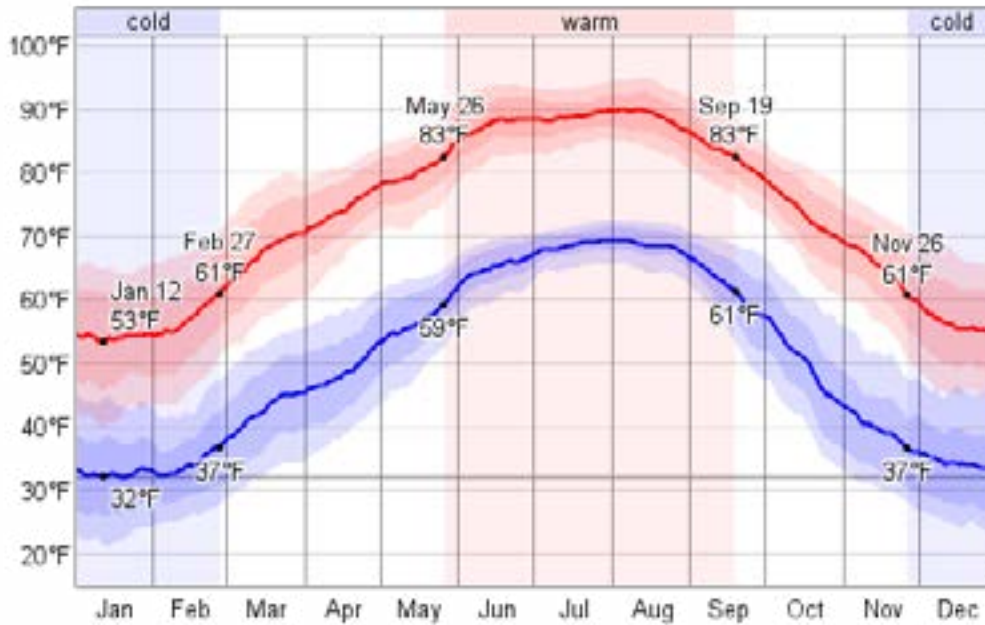


Helpful Information

Daily High and Low Temperature

The **warm season** lasts from May 26 to September 19 with an average daily high temperature above 83°F.

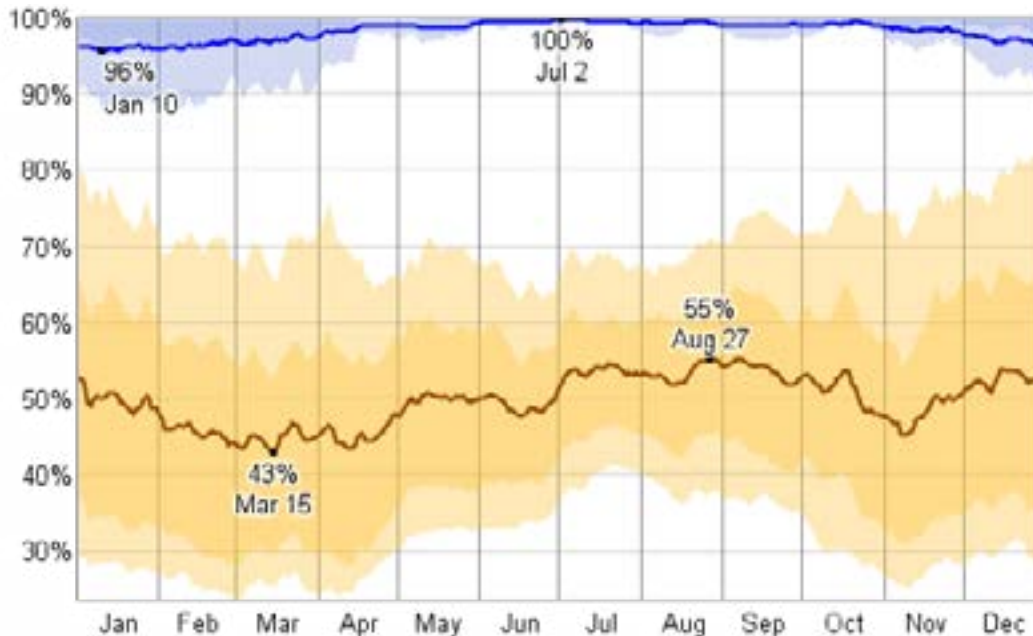
The **cold season** lasts from November 26 to February 27 with an average daily high temperature below 61°F.



Relative Humidity

The relative humidity typically ranges from 43% (comfortable) to 100% (very humid) over the course of the year, rarely dropping below 24% (dry) and reaching as high as 100% (very humid).

Chart below shows the average daily high (blue) and low (brown) relative humidity with percentile bands (inner bands from 25th to 75th percentile, outer bands from 10th to 90th percentile).



Measurement Conversions: Weights and Measures:

Temperature

32° Fahrenheit (F) = 0°C (32° F is freezing)

40° F = 5°C

50° F = 10°C

60° F = 16°C

70° F = 21°C

80° F = 27°C

90° F = 31°C

100° F = 38°C

212° F = 100°C (212° is boiling)



Length

1 inch (in.) = 2.54 cm

1 foot (ft.) = .31 m

1 yard (yd.) = .91 m

1 mile (mi.) = 1.61 km

12 in. = 1 ft.

3 ft. = 1 yd.

5280 ft. = 1 mi.



Volume

1 teaspoon (tsp.) = 5 ml

1 fluid ounce (fl. oz.) = 29.6 ml

1 pint (pt.) = .47 liter

1 quart (qt.) = .95 liter

1 gallon (gal.) = 3.79 liter

3 tsp. = 1 Tsp.

16 Tsp. = 1 cup

4 cups = 1 pint

2 pint = 1 quart

4 quart = 1 gallon



Weight

1 ounce (oz.) = 28.4 g

1 pound (lb.) = .45 kg

16 oz. = 1 lb.

14 pounds (lbs) = 1 stone



Area

1 square foot (sq. ft.) = .093 m²

1 acre = 4046.48 m²

1 square mile (sq. mi.) = 2.59 km²

1 sq. ft. = 144 sq. in.

1 sq. yd. = 9 sq. ft.

1 acre = 4840 sq. yds.

2.47 acres = 1 hectare

Speed

1 mile per hour (mph) = 1.6 km/h

For a conversion calculator, please visit <http://www.metric-conversions.org/>.

Sales Tax:

There is a sales tax in Georgia on most items sold. The tax in Georgia is currently 7% of the cost. Therefore, if an item costs \$1, you pay the seller \$1.07. In most countries, sales tax is already included in the price, but in the U.S. this tax is levied when you make the actual purchase.

Electricity:

The standard U.S. current is 110 volts, 60 cycles alternating current (A.C.). Appliances running on 220-240 volts will not work in the U.S. without using a converter.

Clothing Sizes:

Women's Clothing

Japanese	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
US	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
British	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44
Continental	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50

Bra Converter: <https://www.breakoutbras.com/pages/sizing-chart>

Collar Sizes, Men's Shirts

Japanese	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
US	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5	17
British	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5	17
Continental	36	37	38	39	40	41	42

Men's Suits, Overcoats, and Sweaters

Japanese	S		M		L		XL
US	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
British	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
Continental	44	46	48	50	52	54	56

Women's Shoes

Japanese	23	23.5	24	24.5	25	25.5	26
US	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9
British	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5
Continental	36	37	38	38	38	39	40

Men's Shoes

Japanese	24.5		26		27.5	28	29
US	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	9.5	10.5	11.5
British	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Continental	39	40	41	42	43	44	45



U.S. Currency



Common Holidays in the United States

Most retail businesses close on Thanksgiving and Christmas, but remain open on all other holidays. Private businesses, banks and government offices often observe only the major or federal holidays. LaGrange College is closed between Christmas and New Years and for Thanksgiving.

Labor Day, 1st Monday in September. A federal holiday that honors all working people; unofficially marks the end of summer vacation season with celebrations including barbecues (BBQ) and cook-outs.

Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday in October. Columbus Day is a federal holiday that celebrates Christopher Columbus' discovery of the "New World." But the holiday does not acknowledge the people who already occupied the New World, much less how they were treated. While Indigenous Peoples' Day is relatively well known, it is not a federally recognized holiday.

Halloween, October 31, On Halloween, American children dress up in funny or scary costumes and go "trick or treating" by knocking on doors in their neighborhood. The neighbors are expected to respond by giving them candy. LaGrange College hosts Halloween on the Hill.

Veterans' Day, November 11. Was originally called Armistice Day, this federal holiday was established to honor Americans who served in WWI, but now honors all wars in which the U.S. has fought. Veterans' organizations hold parades and the president places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Thanksgiving, 4th Thursday in November. This federal holiday officially celebrates the first meal shared by the Native Americans and the Pilgrims in 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Common celebrations include family gatherings to eat meals of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, various vegetables, and pecan and pumpkin pie; also parades and U.S. college and professional football take place throughout the day.

Pearl Harbor Day, December 7. This day is set aside to remember the 2,400 military personnel who died on this date in 1941 during a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, by Japanese forces. The attack caused the U.S. to enter WWII.

Hanukkah, may occur at any time from late November to late December. A Jewish religious holiday celebrating the Festival of Lights, the miracle of the lamp oil lasting 8 days. Celebrations commonly include lighting of the Menorah each night for eight nights, the exchange of gifts, eating traditional foods, attending parties.

Christmas, December 25. A Christian religious holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus. Most businesses and offices close; celebrations commonly include hanging lights, decorating trees, the exchange of gifts, eating traditional foods, attending parties. LaGrange College has several events that take place during this time.

Kwanzaa (Dec 26–Jan 1) is a week-long celebration held in the United States honoring universal African heritage and culture, marked by participants lighting a kinara (candle holder). Kwanzaa consists of seven days of celebration, featuring activities such as candle-lighting and culminating in a feast and gift giving.

New Year's Eve, December 31. Celebrations involve late night parties and fireworks to watch the changing of the old year to the new.

New Year's Day, January 1. This federal holiday is a celebration of the beginning of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar. In the U.S., a few of the traditions include parades and college football Bowl Games. Many southerners also carry on a tradition that dates back to the Civil War of eating blackeyed-peas and greens to celebrate family, hope, and a very good new year to come.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 3rd Monday in January. Commemorates the birth and life of the great civil rights leader. Celebrations commonly include speeches, remembrances, and parades.

Groundhog Day, February 2. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when the groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and does not see its shadow, winter will soon end. On the other hand, if it is sunny, the groundhog will see its shadow, and winter will continue for six more weeks. The original groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, is in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. However, the south has its own groundhog, General Beauregard Lee, in Lilburn, Georgia, who makes predictions for those living below the Mason-Dixon Line.

Valentine's Day, February 14. While the origins of this holiday are many, it is now a day to celebrate love, particularly, romantic love by exchanging gifts, often flowers or chocolates, and cards or poems.

Presidents' Day, 3rd Monday in February. Commemorates the birthdays of two great presidents of the U.S.: George Washington, whose actual birthday is Feb. 22; and Abraham Lincoln, whose actual birthday is Feb. 12.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17. A holiday transplanted from Ireland, although celebrations in the U.S. are much larger now than in Ireland and involve wearing green, parades, parties, and the drinking of green beer.

Easter (between March 22 and April 25). The Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The Orthodox Christian Easter goes by the Julian calendar and is celebrated between April 3 and May 8.

April Fool's Day, April 1. A day in which people play practical jokes on each other.

Earth Day, April 22. Founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson and first held on April 22, 1970, is a day which some consider the beginning of the environmental movement. Special events are held at LaGrange College on the Hill.

Mother's Day, 2nd Sunday in May. A day to honor mothers and motherhood. Small gifts and cards are given to mothers by their family.

Memorial Day, last Monday in May. A day to remember members of the military who have died in U.S. wars; often commemorated with parades and visits to cemeteries. It unofficially marks the start of the summer vacation season.

Juneteenth, June 19. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining June and nineteenth, it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas.

Father's Day, 3rd Sunday in June. A day to honor fathers and fatherhood. Small gifts and cards are given to fathers by their family.

Independence Day, July 4. A federal holiday that celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Fireworks, cook-outs, parades, and going to the beach are all part of the festivities.

Groundhog vs. Groundhog: Who predicts better, Punxsutawney Phil or General Beauregard Lee?

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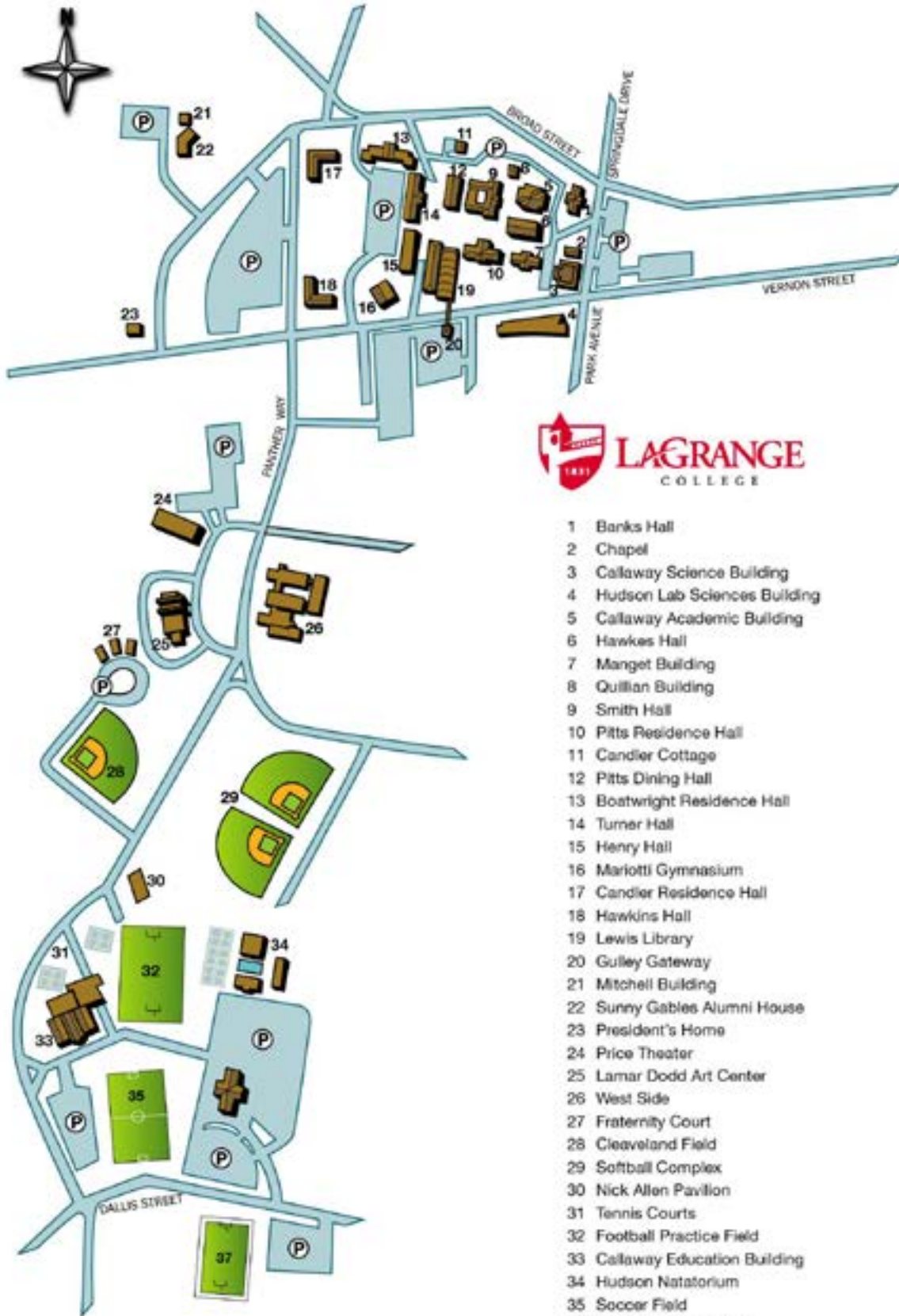


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Map of Georgia



Campus Map



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 - 7 Manget Building
 - 8 Quillian Building
 - 9 Smith Hall
 - 10 Pitts Residence Hall
 - 11 Candler Cottage
 - 12 Pitts Dining Hall
 - 13 Boatwright Residence Hall
 - 14 Turner Hall
 - 15 Henry Hall
 - 16 Mariotti Gymnasium
 - 17 Candler Residence Hall
 - 18 Hawkins Hall
 - 19 Lewis Library
 - 20 Guiley Gateway
 - 21 Mitchell Building
 - 22 Sunny Gables Alumni House
 - 23 President's Home
 - 24 Price Theater
 - 25 Lamar Dodd Art Center
 - 26 West Side
 - 27 Fraternity Court
 - 28 Cleveland Field
 - 29 Softball Complex
 - 30 Nick Allen Pavilion
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