2026-27

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

A UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Academic Catalog

DOUGLAS, WAYCROSS & VALDOSTA

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE
100 WEST COLLEGE PARK DRIVE
DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533-5098

(912) 260-4200

http://www.sgsc.edu/

A UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

This Catalog is prepared for the convenience of the faculty and students and is not to be construed as an official publication of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. In case of any divergence from or conflict with the Bylaws or Policies of the Board of Regents, the official Bylaws or Policies of the Board of Regents shall prevail. Moreover, this document does not represent a contract between the College and its students. The College reserves the right to alter the contents of this publication as circumstances dictate. When changes are necessary, every reasonable effort will be made to notify students of such changes. The official version of this document is located at https://www.sgsc.edu/academics/college-catalog.

General Catalog 2026-2027

THE COLLEGE

Vision

Mission

History

Accreditation

Location

THE VISION AND MISSION OF SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

VISION

South Georgia State College will be the best choice for higher education in southeast Georgia, dedicated to affordability, student success, and innovative programs that prepare graduates for advanced studies and professional careers while driving regional economic growth.

MISSION

South Georgia State College supports students in achieving their academic and professional goals by providing high-quality associate and baccalaureate degree programs in an affordable, accessible, and supportive learning environment.

Current Mission was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on November 12, 2024.

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) schools were forerunners of many of Georgia's University System schools. Founded in 1906 as the Eleventh District A&M School, South Georgia College is recognized as the oldest publicly supported two-year college in Georgia and has a long and distinguished history, rich in the tradition of serving the people of the Southeast.

For two decades, the Eleventh District A&M School set the pace for the growing number of high schools in the area. In 1927, the Georgia legislature passed a bill elevating the A&M school to junior college status.

In 1932, by legislative enactment, this College and other state-supported institutions of higher learning in Georgia were organized into the University System of Georgia and placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents. As a unit of the University System, South Georgia College (the College's original name) continued its two-year curriculum and adopted its original name in 1937. In 2011 the Board of Regents approved a mission and sector change for the institution, making SGC a State College authorized to offer a limited number of bachelor's degrees.

The original SGC campus, including three buildings constructed in 1907-08, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010. Now a thriving center for learning, the 190-acre Douglas campus has grown to include approximately twenty academic buildings and numerous athletic facilities.

The Clower Student Center, housed in SGC's 1930s gymnasium, has won numerous awards from the state for historic preservation. The Wellness Center boasts a junior Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool, a basketball gym, and weight-lifting room. Renovation created a new Dining Hall with space for a collegiate store, coffee shop, and convenience store. One of the few two-year institutions with campus housing, SGC constructed two contemporary residence halls, known as Tiger Village I and Tiger Village II. Outdoor facilities include a baseball stadium, a nine-hole golf course, and fields for softball and soccer.

On January 10, 2012, the Board of Regents approved the consolidation of South Georgia College and Waycross College, an associate degree granting institution within the city limits of Waycross that first offered classes in September 1976. The Waycross campus, located on a tract of approximately 150 acres abundant with flora native to southeast Georgia, includes five main buildings: an Administrative Building with classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, a library, a student commons area, and faculty offices; an Educational Building with classrooms, computer labs, an auditorium, and faculty offices; the James M. Dye Student Services building with offices for admissions, student records, financial aid, and student life, as well as an Academic Support Center, a STEM Center, a commons area, a conference room, and a bookstore; a Physical Education Building with a gymnasium, classrooms, athletic offices, locker facilities, and a fitness/wellness room; and a Physical Plant that facilitates maintenance of the campus.

The Board of Regents approved the name South Georgia State College for the consolidated institution on August 7, 2012. On January 8, 2013, the Board of Regents adopted the resolution authorizing the newly consolidated baccalaureate institution, SGSC.

ACCREDITATION

South Georgia State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. South Georgia State College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of South Georgia State College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

The South Georgia State College School of Nursing (ASN) program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.The contact information is listed below.

Georgia Board of Nursing
3920 Arkwright Rd Suite 195
Macon, GA 31210
Telephone: (404)-424-9966
Website: https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing

The associate nursing program at South Georgia State College at the Waycross Campus located in Waycross, Georgia, and the associate and baccalaureate (RN-BSN) nursing programs at South Georgia State College at the Douglas Campus located in Douglas, Georgia, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate and baccalaureate (RN-BSN) nursing programs is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding these programs at http://www.acenursing.org/search-programs

Contact information is below:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
Telephone: (404) 975-5000
Website: https://www.acenursing.org/

The Bachelor of Science in Elementary/Special Education program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Contact information is below:

Georgia Professional Standards Commission
West Tower, 200 Piedmont Ave SE, Suite 1716 Atlanta, GA 30334
Telephone: (404) 232-2500 Website: https://www.gapsc.com/

LOCATION

South Georgia State College is located on two campuses. The Douglas campus is home to a warm and friendly southeastern Georgia community with a growing population of some 11,000 citizens. The center of the city is within walking distance from the campus, and many shops and restaurants border the campus. The Waycross campus, established in 1976, is on the western edge of Waycross, a progressive, business-friendly community with a population exceeding 14,000 citizens and a major transportation hub in the state's southeastern quadrant. The climate in Douglas and Waycross is moderate year-round.

Geographically, South Georgia State College is situated near the Georgia coast. The Douglas campus is no more than 90 miles west of Brunswick and the Golden Isles, 150 miles northeast of the Gulf of Mexico, 120 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Florida, and 200 miles south of Atlanta; the Waycross campus is no more than 60 miles west of Brunswick and the Golden Isles, 140 miles northeast of the Gulf of Mexico, 75 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Florida, and 250 miles southeast of Atlanta.

The Douglas campus of South Georgia State College is easily accessible via U.S. Highways 221 and 441 and Georgia Highways 32, 135, and 158. The Waycross campus is located on U.S. Highway 82, near U.S. Highway 1 and U.S. Highway 84. Interstates I-16, I-75, and I-95 service southeast Georgia.

South Georgia State College also offers courses on the campus of Valdosta State University through an entry program that prepares students for sophomore-level courses at the senior institution. High school students may take courses for dual enrollment credit through the Dual Enrollment program in partnership with area high schools.

A unique feature of South Georgia State College is its location in the heart of South Georgia's outdoor recreation area. Within a 30-mile radius, one can experience the finest in fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing, and waterskiing. Each campus is also in close proximity to four major rivers, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and four wildlife management reservations. In addition, the Atlantic Ocean with its beautiful beaches is only 50 to 90 minutes away.

Revised 01/21/25