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A Guide for New First-Year Students

Georgia Tech
Welcome to Georgia Tech!

Congratulations on your decision to join the Yellow Jacket community. Georgia Tech is a nationally ranked, academically challenging, and socially diverse institution where exciting possibilities and opportunities await!

New Student & Sophomore Programs (NSSP) supports new and continuing student success at Georgia Tech through programs that focus on fostering the transition and engagement of students in the campus community.

This publication introduces you to a few programs especially for new students.

Please read it thoroughly so you can plan and prepare for Tech’s orientation program, FASET, and learn all about other welcome and new student options available to you, your parents, and guests. These programs, along with our committed professional and student staff, will help you get to know and love Tech.

Our office is located on the first floor of the Smithgall Student Services Building in Suite 141. Feel free to reach out anytime you have questions. We will help link you to the appropriate resources on campus.

Best wishes,

Cynthia L. Jennings
Director of New Student & Sophomore Programs
Meet Your FASET Team

Your orientation program, Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech (FASET), is planned by a committed group of students and staff members.

During your two-day FASET session, you’ll meet students, faculty, and administrators who can help you become better acquainted with campus. You’ll learn about Tech’s rich history and traditions, and you’ll also meet your academic advisor and register for classes. FASET is designed to prepare you, your family, and guests for the Georgia Tech experience.

Key to FASET preparation is the FASET Orientation Cabinet, which is an executive board of 12 students. These students have worked hard to plan many aspects of your program. A team of FASET Orientation Leaders will assist you in your transition, including helping you register for courses. We are here to make your FASET experience informative and fun, and we all look forward to meeting you!

2017 FASET Cabinet

Front row (L to R): Rachel Fratt, Ellen Min, Shirali Desai, Allie Pope
Middle row (L to R): Priya Patel, Houtan Satarian, Bryn Thornburgh, Maggie Kelley
Back row (L to R): Emeritus Morris, Joe McMillan, Nic Laconico, Ryan Trickett
Top 10 Reasons to Attend FASET Orientation

1. Get answers to your questions.
2. Be guided by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable FASET leader.
3. Meet your academic advisor and get advice on course registration.
4. Register for classes.
5. Interact with other incoming students, current students, faculty members, and administrators.
6. Learn about student support options such as tutoring, career services, counseling, and more!
7. Familiarize yourself with campus before classes begin.
8. Experience life in a residence hall.
9. Explore student organizations and involvement, community service projects, and other campus engagement opportunities.
10. Join your new campus community.
Planning for FASET

Dates

Summer First-Year FASET*
June 14–15

Fall First-Year FASET
  Session 1: July 6–7
  Session 2: July 17–18
  Session 3: July 20–21
  Session 4: July 27–28
  Session 5: July 31–August 1
**Session 6: August 13–14
**Session 7: August 15–16

Registration DEADLINE:
June 15 at midnight
All sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis with limited availability.

* Please see summer FASET housing information on page 9.

** Sessions 6 and 7 are reserved for international students and out-of-state students living 800 or more miles away; however, space is not guaranteed, so prompt registration is encouraged. Other students may request these sessions, space permitting, starting June 20. Please see Page 9 for Sessions 6 and 7 housing details.

Note: There is no FASET session waitlist.

FASET Registration Opens
Wednesday, May 17, at 10 a.m. ET
www.nssp.gatech.edu
Cost*

First-Year Student Fee $215
(Covers all FASET materials, overnight housing in a residence hall, Day 1 lunch and dinner, Day 2 breakfast, first-year T-shirt, and R.A.T.S Week and Welcome Home Month activities.)

Student Early Arrival Fee (FASET 1-5) $85
(Includes dinner and night’s stay in residence hall before each session.)

*Scholarships, including HOPE, do not cover orientation fees. All orientation fees will be posted to your student account (www.bursar.gatech.edu) right before the session.

For registration, you will need:

1. At least two possibilities for FASET sessions you can attend, in case your first choice is filled.
2. Georgia Tech account name and password.
3. Georgia Tech ID number.
4. Preferred email address for summer communications.
FASET Schedule

First-Year Student FASET is a two-day orientation session.

- **Day 1** begins at 8 a.m. Students will have activities planned until 11 p.m. on the first day; guests will finish by early evening.
- **Day 2** begins at 7:45 a.m. for both students and guests, and will conclude by 6 p.m.

Session Assignments and Confirmation

You will receive your session assignment and confirmation after you complete the registration process. You may attend only the session for which you have registered. For questions about registration, email nssp@studentlife.gatech.edu, or call 404.894.6897.

Cancellation Policy

To receive a refund of the registration fee, less a $50 administrative fee, all cancellations must be made in writing at least 15 business days in advance of your session. To request a refund, email nssp@studentlife.gatech.edu.

Students and Guests with Disabilities

Please indicate on your FASET registration if you (or anyone in your party) have needs relating to a disability. If you need an accommodation, indicate it on your FASET registration and notify us at nssp@studentlife.gatech.edu at least three weeks before your intended FASET session. While at FASET, you may wish to schedule an appointment with the Office of Disability Services to discuss your specific ongoing needs. For information, call 404.894.2563 (voice) or 404.894.1664 (TDD), or visit www.disabilityservices.gatech.edu.
Preparing for FASET

There are a number of steps you must take and requirements you must meet to avoid holds being placed on your account that would prevent you from registering for FASET courses:

- Ensure that your current test scores have been sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. To help with your course registration, we highly encourage you to bring an additional copy of these scores with you to FASET.

- Have your final and official high school transcript — showing your date of graduation — forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admission as soon as it is available.

- In accordance with University System of Georgia policy, all students admitted to Georgia Tech must provide documentation showing that they are lawfully present in the United States. Completion of the FAFSA form typically satisfies this requirement. Students who need to provide additional documentation will be notified via email by the Office of Undergraduate Admission.
FASET Housing

Summer First-Year FASET
If you’re living on campus for the Summer 2017 semester, you can check in to your residence hall starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13. For check-in locations, visit www.housing.gatech.edu. If you have questions regarding move-in, contact the Department of Housing at 404.892.2470. All students are required to stay on campus during FASET. If you are not going to live on campus this summer, please indicate this when you register for FASET so we can arrange on-campus accommodations for your FASET session.

Sessions 1-5
Since Day 1 activities go until 11 p.m., all students attending FASET sessions 1-5 are required to stay in a residence hall. Housing is not available after FASET concludes on Day 2.

Sessions 6 and 7
Students attending FASET sessions 6 and 7 who have a residence hall assignment for Fall Semester are required to move in the day before their session. Check-in procedures are available starting mid-July at www.housing.gatech.edu. If you will not be living on campus during the Fall Semester, on-campus housing will not be available to you during sessions 6 or 7. For convenient accommodations, see hotel listings on page 15.
Early Arrivals for Summer First-Year and FASET Sessions 1-5

If you need to arrive the day before FASET, overnight housing is available for $85. You may check in from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the East Campus Housing Office at 711 Techwood Drive in Field Residence Hall. You must indicate your intention to arrive early on your FASET registration.
Just for **International Students**

First-year international students are expected to attend FASET session 6 (August 13-14) or session 7 (August 15-16). There is not enough time for students to check in to their Fall Semester housing before the start of FASET, so students are required to move in the day before their FASET session. International Student and Scholar Services, within the Office of International Education (OIE), requires all new international students to check in with OIE prior to registering for classes. A registration hold will be put on your account until check-in is completed. FASET Session 7 registration fills up on the first day. **Students are guaranteed a spot in sessions 6 or 7, but it is not guaranteed NSSP can accommodate the demand for FASET Session 7. Please plan accordingly.**

**Additional Programs**

Additional activities will be offered before FASET sessions 6 and 7 that will further assist in your transition to life in the U.S. while attending Tech. These include shopping trips to local stores and a cellphone and banking fair.

**International Student Welcome Series**

Just before the fall semester starts, new international students are expected to attend International Student Welcome Series, which is held by the Office of International Education. This series includes a variety of informational sessions and social activities designed to aid in the transition to Georgia Tech as a new international student.
How to Succeed as a F1/J1 Immigration Student Session

In order to succeed while studying in the U.S., F1 and J1 students need to comply with numerous immigration regulations. Violation of these regulations could greatly impact a student’s ability to succeed academically. Students in attendance will learn about enrollment requirements, travel issues, working in the U.S. and other relevant F1/J1 topics. All new international students must attend an F1/J1 immigration session. Look for information on this from the Office of International Education.

For more information on international programs, visit www.oie.gatech.edu/welcome.
For Parents, Family, and Guests

FASET is not just for students; it’s for parents and guests as well. Because families continue to play an important role in a student’s development and education, orientation helps them create realistic expectations for the student and offers information to assist both families and students in making the transition to Georgia Tech.

Parent and guest orientation runs concurrently with the student program and focuses on topics of interest to families of new students. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Attend presentations on academic success, finances, housing, parking, campus safety, and more.
- Take care of important campus business (meal plans, tuition payments, books, etc.).
- Participate in a campus resource fair.
- Meet other families of new students attending FASET.
- Attend breakout sessions designed for individual needs.
- Meet with key campus administrators during the Parent Breakfast.
- Learn about opportunities available through the Parents Program.

We believe family participation during the student's transition to college is invaluable and strongly encourage family members to join their students at FASET.
Sibling Orientation

Each summer FASET orientation welcomes over 3,000 new students to our Institute and with those new students comes 3,000 family members. A big part of those families are the siblings of our incoming students. FASET offers a Sibling Orientation Program that runs concurrently with the Student and Guest Orientation schedule. Programming will engage GT Siblings in interesting Georgia Tech activities and traditions while helping them understand what it is like being a Yellow Jacket. Siblings will be have the chance to:

• Take a campus tour.
• Get a picture with Buzz or the Ramblin’ Reck.
• Create some GT keepsakes and write a letter to their sibling.

The activities are suited for children over the age of 6 to the age of 16 years old. These programs will allow student’s siblings to experience GT in a way that will keep them engaged during FASET.

Sibling Orientation cost ............... $120

(Includes all activity fees, Day 1 lunch and dinner, and day 2 breakfast.)
KNIT Mentorship Program

The KNIT Mentorship program aims to engage, empower, and prepare our newest students as they transition to becoming a part of the Georgia Tech Community. KNIT is founded on four tenets of engagement with new students as represented by our name — Knowledge, Nurture, Interaction, & Tradition.

**KNOWLEDGE:** By pairing with upperclass mentors, we strive to provide academic support, advice, and direction from experienced students to students navigating their first semester of classes at Georgia Tech.

**NURTURE:** KNIT aims to nurture personal growth with each of their mentees based on their personal goals for their first year and entire college career at Tech.

**INTERACTION:** KNIT understands the mentoring and personal growth goes beyond a 1 on 1 relationship. The importance of community building and group interactions is also important in the success of our new students at Tech.

**TRADITION:** One of the things that makes Georgia Tech so unique is the tradition that exists within our community. With KNIT we hope to share these traditions with our newest Yellow Jackets, while creating some new ones of our own.

We strive to do this through personal 1-1 mentoring relationships with successful upperclassmen students. KNIT also hosts multiple events during the fall semester to help new students meet other first years and mentors that can assist with their transition at Georgia Tech. KNIT Mentee applications will open in July with our Mentor Pairing Event on September 14th.
Parent/Guest cost

**First-Year Parent/Guest Fee** ........ $120
(Includes all FASET materials, Parent Calendar, Day 1 lunch and dinner, Day 2 breakfast.)

**Parent/Guest Bus Tour of Atlanta** .................. $40
To register, please indicate your interest on your FASET session registration. The charge will be included in your FASET session charges.

**Sibling Orientation cost** .................. $120
(Includes all activity fees, Day 1 lunch and dinner, and day 2 breakfast.)
Bus Tour of Atlanta

This is an excellent way for parents and guests to see the city their student will call home. This tour takes place on the first evening of each FASET session and includes many of Atlanta’s beautiful homes and historic sites. Parents interested in taking this tour must indicate their interest on the student’s registration form; we cannot accept walk-ups. The tour is only for parents and guests.

The $40 per-person cost will be added to the student’s bill. To receive a refund of the fee, all cancellations must be made in writing at least 15 business days in advance of the session. To request a refund, email nssp@studentlife.gatech.edu.
Hotels Near Campus

Hampton Inn Georgia Tech
244 North Avenue NW • Atlanta, GA 30313
This is the closest hotel to the Student Center and Student Success Center. It offers free hot breakfast, wireless Internet, and complimentary shuttle service (call for hours of operation) seven days a week throughout campus and within a two-mile radius of the hotel. Call 404.881.0881.
www.hamptoninn.hilton.com

Courtyard Atlanta Midtown/Georgia Tech
1132 Techwood Drive NW • Atlanta, GA 30318
Enjoy high-tech amenities and an ideal location in the heart of the city when you book a stay at Courtyard Atlanta Midtown/Georgia Tech. This hotel offers quick access to the city’s best attractions, including Georgia Tech, Philips Arena, the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Aquarium, the Georgia Dome, and Bobby Dodd Stadium. IKEA Atlanta and Atlantic Station, a trendy neighborhood known for its shops and restaurants, are also conveniently located near to this Midtown Atlanta hotel. Call 404.607.1112.
Housing and Parking

Due to space limitations, housing is not provided for parents and guests during FASET. Please see information above or visit www.nssp.gatech.edu for a list of local facilities providing special rates.

Directions to campus (including from the airport and via public transportation) and parking information are available at www.nssp.gatech.edu.
More Parent Participation and Partnership

Parent and Family Programs
Georgia Tech Parent and Family Programs help parents stay connected to the student and support the educational experience. As part of the Division of Student Life, Parent and Family Programs host events such as Family Weekend and Siblings Day, offers volunteer opportunities, and provides meaningful communication to parents and families. Coming to college is a big step in a student’s life, and we look forward to partnering with parents to make it successful!

Upcoming Parent Events

New Student Convocation and Parent Reception
Sunday, August 20
All incoming students and their families are invited to New Student Convocation. Just as Commencement symbolizes the conclusion of a college career, Convocation represents the beginning. Parents and guests are also invited to a special parents and guests reception prior to Convocation where they can meet fellow parents, faculty, staff, and administrators. For more information, visit www.specialevents.gatech.edu/convocation.

Family Weekend, October 27 – 29
Join the Georgia Tech Parent and Family Programs for an exciting weekend of fun-filled activities. Visit www.familyweekend.gatech.edu for more information. Online registration will open Friday, September 1, at 9 a.m.
Extended
Orientation Experiences

The value and fun of FASET doesn’t have to start—or end—with your session. Additional programs—academic, fun-filled, and leadership-oriented—are available to help you learn even more about your new community, yourself, and the academic and co-curricular adventures that await at Tech.
Wreck Camp

Now that you have decided to come to Tech, it’s time to be part of the Wreck Camp tradition! Join us for this opportunity to bond with your new Georgia Tech family before you ever arrive on campus. For three days and two nights, you’ll join other incoming students and student leaders at Rock Eagle 4-H Camp in Eatonton, Georgia, to learn more about Georgia Tech, our traditions, and your leadership opportunities. Filled with fun activities, Yellow Jacket insight, and new friendships, Wreck Camp is one event you do not want to miss! We hope to see you at Wreck Camp this summer and on campus this fall!

Wreck Camp directors (L to R): Maddie Sibilia, Allyah Hill, Maithili Appalwar, Aaron Young
What is Wreck Camp?

You may know a lot about Georgia Tech — or very little. Either way, Wreck Camp is for you! This extended orientation experience brings together new and current students and is a great way for you to meet people, make new friends, and get to know more about campus culture and traditions.
Why should I come to Wreck Camp?

Community-Building
Wreck Camp is all about community. Coming to camp gives you the opportunity to meet other new students in a fun camp environment. During your time at Wreck Camp, you will be in small groups led by two upperclassmen as you participate in color-themed teams. This is an experience that helps make your transition to Tech easier by allowing for the creation of new bonds with a diverse group of students — before ever arriving on campus.

Traditions
Wreck Camp is about traditions. Georgia Tech has a rich history of traditions and a great story to tell. Coming to camp ensures that you’ll learn all about these traditions, including the fight songs and George P. Burdell pranks. At camp, you’ll learn more about your school and its wonderful history.

Transitions
Wreck Camp is about you. Wreck Camp will not only help you be more prepared for starting at Tech, but it will also give you a chance to learn more about yourself through insightful activities and interactions in small groups with our staff. We will also help identify your individual strengths and goals that will help you succeed in your new college environment. We want you to have the best first year at Georgia Tech, and Wreck Camp is just the way to get ahead of the curve.
Who should come to Wreck Camp?

First-year students, transfer students, and international students benefit greatly from a Wreck Camp experience because it helps with community-building, learning Georgia Tech traditions, and the transition process, in general. Wreck Camp essentially provides the opportunities and information that will help new students achieve their goals and be successful at the Institute.

Go to www.nssp.gatech.edu to sign up.
Wreck Camp International

International incoming students will enjoy a program designed to meet the specific needs and concerns of international undergraduate students.

Through this program, they will have the opportunity to move in early and attend Wreck Camp. After Wreck Camp is completed, first-year students will then attend the next FASET Orientation session (August 13 and 14) where they will get their BuzzCard, meet with academic advisors, and register for classes. After attending FASET, the international students will have an additional day of programming that will guide them through cultural and academic transitions and teach them about additional resources on campus. They will also have the opportunity to shop at local stores to get college-ready.

Wreck Camp International (first-year students only) is Thursday, August 10 – Tuesday, August 15 (includes Wreck Camp, FASET Session 6, and one day of international transition workshops).

Go to www.nssp.gatech.edu to sign up. Wreck Camp is one experience you will not want to miss!
Wreck Camp Schedule

Day 1
The first day of Wreck Camp is about making connections and learning Georgia Tech traditions through small group sessions, our annual Traditions Skit, trivia, and our themed social!

Day 2
On the second day, we talk more about life at Georgia Tech, your leadership, and what it means to be a student here. Day 2 is also when we have our Wreck Camp Games (a field-day competition between color teams) and the Color War.

Day 3
The final day of Wreck Camp is all about taking what you’ve learned to get ready to head back to campus. We’ll have advice panels from our staff on a variety of topics, our awards ceremony, and one final small group.

Cost
Registration for Wreck Camp begins April 4, and the cost is $230 per student. The Wreck Camp International cost is $445. Need-based scholarships are available. If you would like to move into your fall residence hall prior to camp, you may do so for a fee of $250.

All Wreck Camp fees will be posted to your student account. www.bursar.gatech.edu
Additional Extended Orientation Programs*

**Tech Trecks**
NSSP and the Campus Recreation Center’s Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT) have joined forces to offer three optional adventure orientation experiences. All trips are beginner-friendly (no experience needed), and all gear is provided, so start your Georgia Tech experience with one of these unique outdoor excursions.

Visit [www.crc.gatech.edu/orgt](http://www.crc.gatech.edu/orgt).

**EngageATL**
Hosted by Student Engagement and the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain, EngageATL is a service-themed program where you will be immersed in the Georgia Tech and Atlanta community with a specific focus on sustainable community-building through direct service. With a small team of current student leaders, new students will learn about sustainability and civic engagement at Georgia Tech and gain awareness of communities within metro Atlanta. EngageATL will connect participants with service-minded peers and aid in building relationships on campus and with organizations around the city. Register today and put the Institute’s motto, “Progress and Service,” into action while exploring and serving Atlanta.

For more information, please visit [www.engage.gatech.edu](http://www.engage.gatech.edu), or email [engage@gatech.edu](mailto:engage@gatech.edu).

*All programs have a fee for attendance. More information on costs and programming is available on each program’s website.*
The Challenge Program

Challenge is Georgia Tech’s signature bridge program, sponsored by the Office of Minority Education (OMED) and Institute Diversity. In this five-week, intensive summer residential program, first-time incoming students are immersed in the Georgia Tech environment — living in a first-year residence hall; taking fundamental science, math, and computing classes with Georgia Tech professors; participating in professional development workshops with corporate representatives; and engaging in social, cultural, and academic activities led by Georgia Tech staff, faculty, and current students.

For more information, visit omed.gatech.edu/content/challenge-0 or email sybrina.atwaters@omed.gatech.edu.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a noncredit, intensive five-day program that reviews fundamental calculus concepts as well as introduces you to strategies critical for academic success in calculus and other first-year courses. Sponsored jointly by the Center for Academic Success, School of Mathematics, and Department of Housing, Tech Prep is designed to be active, social, and relaxed, with an overall goal of giving you and other new students a head start on success at Tech. You will gain experience with academics, build relationships with faculty and peers, and explore opportunities at Georgia Tech. The residential option includes housing for the duration of the program.

For more information, including fees, please visit www.success.gatech.edu/programs/tech-prep or email success@gatech.edu.

*All programs have a fee for attendance. More information on costs and programming is available on each program’s website.
Campus Welcome Events

R.A.T.S. Week 2017

R.A.T.S. Week is the welcome week for all Recently Acquired Tech Students! The fun will start Thursday, August 17, and last through Sunday, August 27. R.A.T.S. Week is packed with activities, departmental receptions, campus information, chances to meet other students, and opportunities to learn about hundreds of ways to get involved on campus. Information will be posted at www.nssp.gatech.edu at the beginning of August.

Small Act BIG IMPACT

Join Georgia Tech’s Small Act BIG IMPACT program! We put Georgia Tech’s motto of “Progress and Service” into action at FASET. All new students and families are encouraged to participate by bringing a donation of small toiletries to benefit the Atlanta Mission. The project will culminate on Friday, August 18, when incoming students will serve alongside upperclass students, faculty, and staff volunteers to package donations and assemble Critical Needs Kits for delivery to the Atlanta Mission. For more information, including the 2017 Needs List, visit www.engage.gatech.edu.
Welcome Home Month

Welcome Home Month, coordinated by NSSP, starts with R.A.T.S. Week and continues with Engagement Week. It’s one of the best times to learn about academic opportunities, student organizations, and campus activities. You can view the schedule at www.nssp.gatech.edu in August.
TECH To Do

- Retrieve and Memorize Your GTID Number
- Register for FASET Orientation
- Pack and Prepare for Move-In
- Sign Up for Wreck Camp
- Sign Up for an Extended Orientation Experience
- Complete Dining Contract
- Submit Payment for Tuition and Fees
- Sign Up for LiveSafe
- Complete Alcohol Edu and Haven
- Complete Immunization Requirements
- Follow New Student & Sophomore Programs on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. (#GT21, #FASET, #WreckCamp)
- Join the class of 2021 Facebook Group
- CIRP Survey
- Pre-enroll in two-factor authentication using Duo
Important Dates

Registration for FASET opens:
Wednesday, May 17, at 10 a.m. EST

Registration for FASET closes:
Thursday, June 15

Registration for Wreck Camp opens:
Monday, April 3, at 9 a.m. EST

FASET Orientation Dates

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(Wednesday - Thursday)
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Session 4: July 31 - August 1 (Thursday - Friday)
Session 5: August 1 - 2 (Monday - Tuesday)
Session 6: August 13 - 14 (Sunday - Monday)
Session 7: August 15 - 16 (Tuesday - Wednesday)

Wreck Camp
Thursday, August 10 - Saturday, August 12
www.nssp.gatech.edu

R.A.T.S. Week
Thursday, August 17 - Sunday, August 27
www.nssp.gatech.edu

New Student Convocation
Sunday, August 20
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For More Information
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