

A Faculty Guide to UWG

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

At each new UWG student orientation, we tell students, “Thank you for choosing UWG!” I echo that to you, the UWG faculty! I appreciate that you have chosen to dedicate yourself to and are investing in the UWG community – whether this is your first year or whether you’ve served at UWG for many years. I thank you for bringing your energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to all that you do. Faculty are the heart of our institution, and you positively change the lives of every student, community member, and colleague with whom you interact. As you’ll see throughout this guidebook, UWG has so much to offer you in support of your teaching, service, and scholarship, and we’re on the forefront of best practices to ensure excellence in the class and beyond. I hope that you will utilize these services and connect with your colleagues who are here for you. Please reach out to me and the Office of the Provost if we can help you in any way. Thank you for choosing to GO WEST!



Jon Preston, Ph.D.
Provost and
Senior Vice President

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT VICE PROVOST



Jeff Reber, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice Provost for
Faculty Affairs

It is my privilege and honor to support the outstanding and vibrant community of faculty here at UWG. As AVPFA, my chief purpose is cultivating your professional growth and development as an excellent teacher, an avid and creative scholar, and an impactful contributor to your program, college/school, the university, your professional affiliations, and the community. This guidebook, your program leaders and mentors, and the Institute for Faculty Excellence provide information, guidance, and training that can contribute to the achievement of your goals and facilitate progress in your development. Please take advantage of these resources and know also that my door is always open. I am eager to learn about your professional growth and development trajectory so I can help you realize your potential as a faculty member and promote a strong sense of support, community, and belonging for you here at UWG. Please email me (jreber@westga.edu), call (ext. 6088), or drop by my office (202B Adamson Hall) anytime. I will also be regularly available at the new faculty lounge in West Commons where I hope we can meet informally and grab a bite to eat together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Reber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

AT A GLANCE

The University of West Georgia is home to 16,000+ students who are **embracing opportunities and defining their path**. With 100+ programs and locations in Carrollton and Newnan, UWG equips students with the **knowledge, power and experiences to transform their future**. The university's spirited campus, vibrant culture, and commitment to excellence make it one of the **most dynamic institutions** not only in the state of Georgia but across the nation. Learn more at westga.edu.

89,000 ALUMNI

ACROSS 50 STATES & 20 COUNTRIES

\$654+ MILLION

IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT (FY24)



4,482

DEGREES CONFERRED IN 2025

48

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

38

MASTER'S, SPECIALIST, &
DOCTORAL DEGREES



16,072

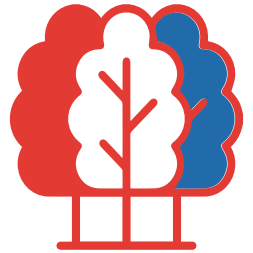
TOTAL ENROLLMENT
UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS
(FALL 2025)

STUDENTS ENROLLED FROM 42
U.S. STATES & TERRITORIES & 54
COUNTRIES
(NOT INCLUDING GA & THE U.S.)

665+

ACRES ON UWG'S
TWO CAMPUSES

CARROLLTON - 1601 MAPLE ST.
NEWNAN - 80 JACKSON ST.



#1

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY IN GEORGIA
FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY (U.S. NEWS
& WORLD REPORT)

2025

BEST COLLEGE: REGION BY
REGION - SOUTHEASTERN
(THE PRINCETON REVIEW)

TOP 10

IN GEORGIA'S EARNING POWER
(PAYSACLE.COM)



\$1.4 MILLION

ADDED IN LIFETIME EARNINGS
FOR RECIPIENTS OF
BACHELOR'S DEGREES



779

TOTAL FACULTY

18:1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



35

UCA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CHEERLEADING



ASUN
ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE

15

NCAA DIVISION 1 SPORTS - UAC
AND ASUN CONFERENCES



Who Are Our Incoming Students?



19

Years old on average



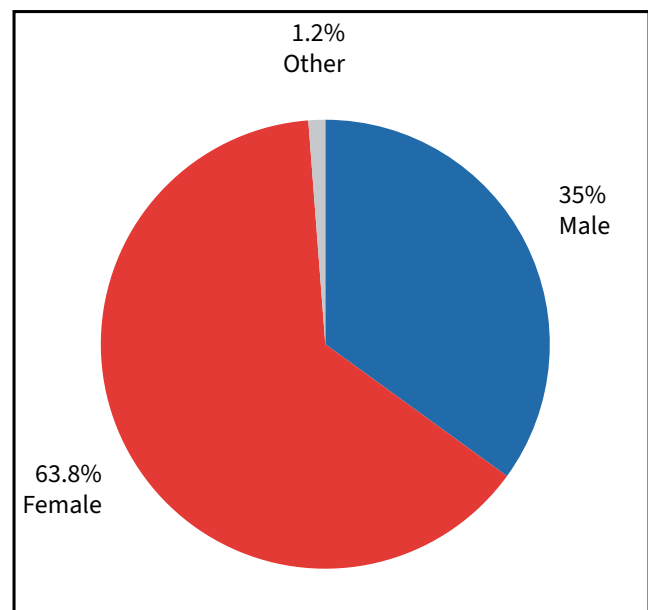
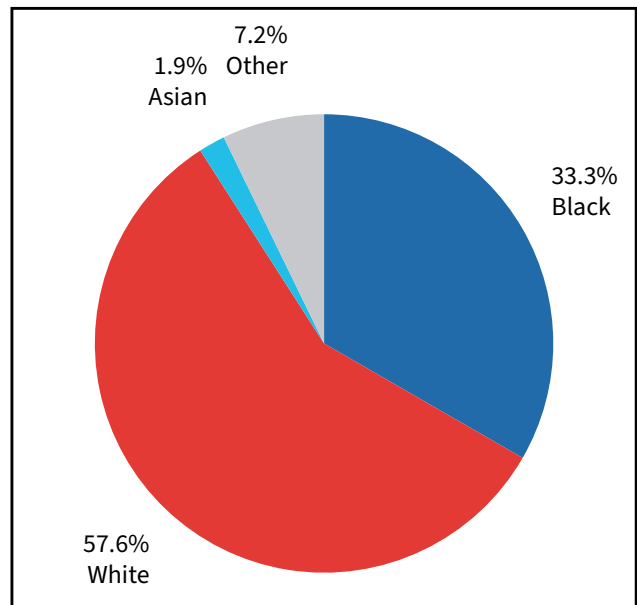
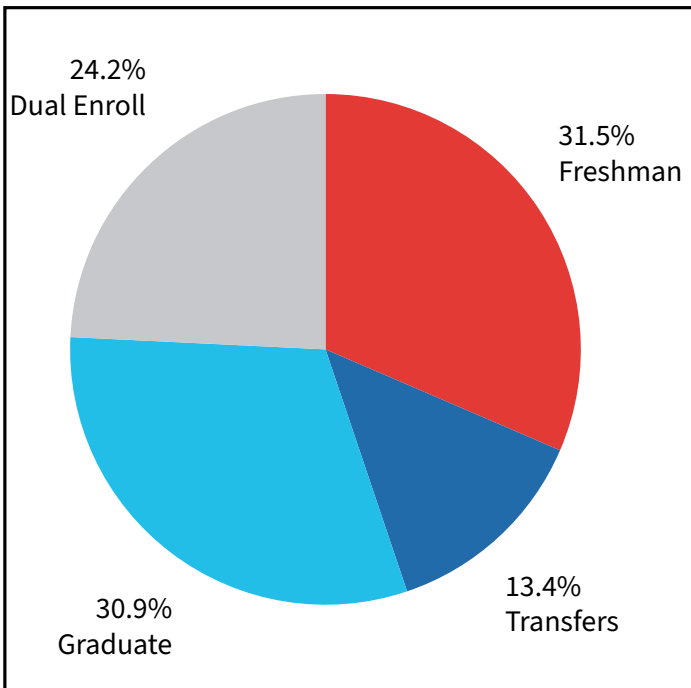
3.50

Average High School GPA



46%
Commuting

{ Carroll
Coweta
Douglas
Haralson
Paulding



Source: Elaine Harper,
Department of Institutional
Effectiveness and Assessment.
23 July 2026



Who Are Our Current Students?



Years old on average



3.17 & 3.81

Average Cumulative
GPAs Undergraduates & Graduates

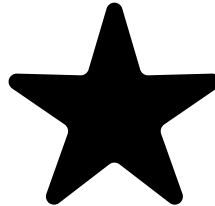


2,048
Dual Enrolled
Students



79.83%
Commuting

Carroll
Coweta
Douglas
Haralson
Paulding

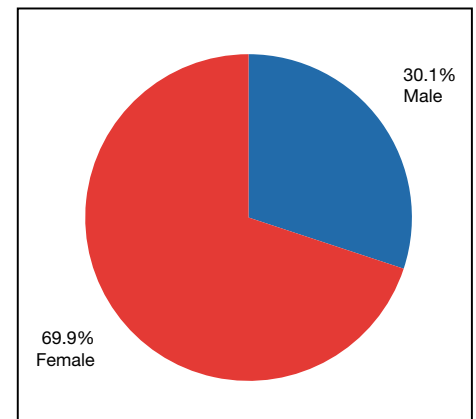
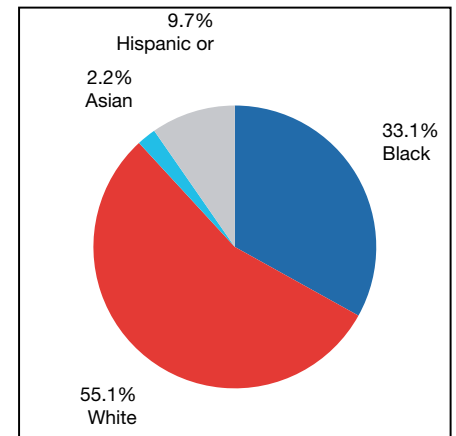
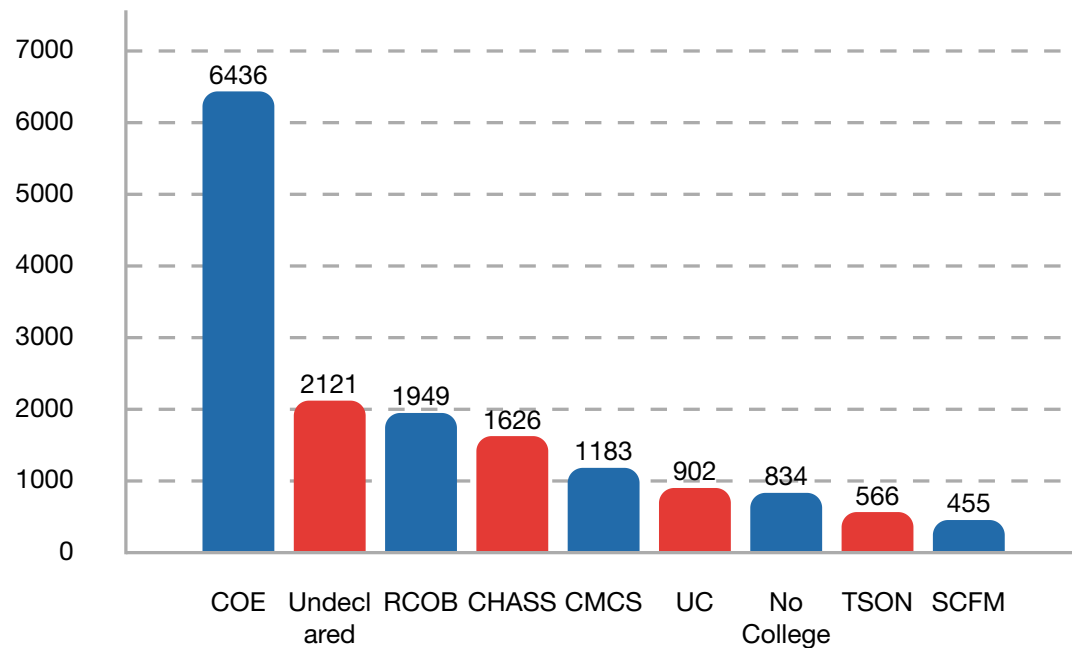


344
Honors
Eligible



692
Athletes

Total number of undergraduate and graduate students, Fall 2025





UWG

Since 1906, the University of West Georgia has been home to those who are eager to embrace opportunities and define their own paths. With more than 100 programs and locations in Carrollton and Newnan, we've come a long way since then. Today, we're a regional powerhouse with rich culture and a commitment to excellence, making a difference in the lives of our students, our neighbors, and the world. The one thing that's never changed: amazing things happen when you Go West.

Our President

Michael Johnson, Ph.D. became president of the University of West Georgia in August 2025, bringing more than 30 years of experience in higher education leadership across institutions such as the University of Houston System, Purdue University, George Mason University, and Northern Virginia Community College. A first-generation college graduate and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he is known for his focus on student success, access, and institutional growth. He lives in Carrollton with his wife, Beth, their two daughters, and their black Labrador Retriever, Gunner.



read more:
westga.edu/uwgnext



UWG Next: Our Pack. Our West. Our Future.

Our Five Big Rocks

UWG Next will remain grounded in the university's five Big Rocks, which anchor UWG's mission and priorities.

1. Student Success
2. Research and Innovation
3. Economic Development and Community Engagement
4. Athletics
5. The Arts



Our Culture

LOVE VALLEY

Nestled at the heart of UWG's campus, Love Valley is beloved green space rich in both history and activity. According to campus legend, the area was once a lake flanked by residence halls, where couples would meet in secret and fall in love, giving the valley its name.



WOLF WALK

On UWG Football game days, the area surrounding University Stadium comes alive with the excitement of Wolf Walk – a spirited tradition in which the football team makes its way through a crowd of fans and cheerleaders on its way to the stadium.

#WOLVESREDFRIDAYS

Every Friday, the UWG invites students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to wear red and celebrate what it means to be part of the Pack. Wolves Red Fridays are more than just a color—they're a symbol of unity, pride, and spirit.

Need to level up your red wardrobe?
Visit [UWG Outfitters!](#)



FRIED CHICKEN WEDNESDAYS

Fried Chicken Wednesdays have been part of campus life for more than two decades. Each week, students head to West Commons for a classic Southern meal featuring crispy fried chicken, mac and cheese, collard greens, and other comfort food favorites. It's a midweek tradition that always hits the spot.

Learn more: westga.edu/about-uwg/traditions



Our Colleges

College of Education (COE)



College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)



Dr. James 'Earl' Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences (CMCS)



Richards College of Business (RCOB)



School of Communication, Film, and Media (SCFM)



Tanner Health School of Nursing (THSON)



University College (UC)



Honors College

The Honors College is a place that brings together the brightest and most highly motivated students to reimagine learning. UWG's Honors College fosters academic exploration where students broaden their minds beyond disciplines and majors and encourages students to make critical connections to ideas, inquiry, people, professions, and communities.

UWG's Honors College provides challenging courses with strong faculty mentors, exciting research opportunities, exposure to national and international perspectives through study away and study abroad, and a community of faculty and student scholars who want to engage fully in a rewarding academic experience.

To learn more about the University of West Georgia's Honors College, visit their website: westga.edu/academics/honors/



Undergraduate Research

Faculty-directed undergraduate research complements classroom learning through learning by doing and reflection on doing, and as such provides an additional educational opportunity that transforms our students into scholars. Undergraduate research experience is invaluable and provides our scholars with a multitude of opportunities while they are enrolled at West Georgia and upon completion of their undergraduate degree.



To learn more about the University of West Georgia's Undergraduate Research visit their website: westga.edu/our/

INFORMATION

IMPORTANT



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UWG Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER, 2026

- August 12 Classes begin
- September 5 No Saturday classes
- September 7 Labor Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)
- October 8-9 Fall Break (no classes, offices open)
- October 10 No Saturday classes
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break (offices open 24th, 25th and 26th)
- November 28 No Saturday Classes
- December 4 Classes end
- December 5-11 Final exams
- December 11 Friday Commencement Ceremony (times and details TBA)
- December 12 Saturday Commencement Ceremony (times and details TBA)

SPRING SEMESTER, 2027

- January 9 Classes begin
- January 16 No Saturday Classes
- January 18 MLK Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)
- March 13 No Saturday classes
- March 15-19 Spring Break (no classes, offices open)
- March 20 No Saturday classes
- May 3 Classes end
- May 5-11 Final Exams
- May 14 Friday Commencement Ceremony (time and details TBA)
- May 15 Saturday Commencement Ceremony (time and details TBA)
- May 17 Grades due by noon



[Scan to visit The Scoop!](#)





Fall 2026 Important Dates for Faculty

Date	Event
August 11	<u>Crosslisting Closes</u> for Fall 2026 Full Session Classes at 1:00PM
August 12	Full Session and Session I Classes Begin
August 12 - August 18	Drop/Add Period
August 25	<u>Roster Verification Deadline</u>
August 31	Spring 2027 Courses & Syllabi Loaded into CourseDen
September 1 - September 30	Spring 2027 Materials Adoption Deadline
September 4 - September 11	<u>Course Alerts for Session I Students Available in EAB Navigate</u>
September 8 - September 13	<u>Course Alerts for Full Session Students Available in EAB Navigate</u>
October 12	Spring 2027 Syllabi must be published.
October 21	Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W for Full Term
October 26	Registration for Spring Semester 2027 Begins
October 26 - November 13	<u>Course Alerts for Session II, DE Students & Athletes Available in EAB Navigate</u>
November 13	Student Evaluations of Instruction Open for Full Session Student
December 4	Evaluations of Instruction Close
December 4	Fall Classes End
December 5 - December 11	Final Examinations. See Exam Schedule for Details
December 14	Grades Due by Noon

For Sessions I & II and other details, visit The Scoop at:

<https://www.westga.edu/student-services/registrar/the-scoop.php>



Faculty Administrative Checklist

When?	What?	Where?	Done?
By Midnight on August 12	WebCV Profile Updated Concourse Syllabi Updated CourseDen Sites Ready	WebCV Concourse CourseDen	
August 19 - August 25	Roster Verification	Banner	
September 1 - September 30	Spring 2027 Course Material Adoptions	Email from Vital Source (UWG Outfitters)	
September 4 - September 11	Course Alerts for Session 1 Open	EAB	
September 8 - September 13	Course Alerts for Full Session Open	EAB	
October 12	Spring 2027 syllabi must be published	Concourse	
October 21	Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W (mid-semester grades should be posted)	CourseDen	
October 26 - November 13	Course Alerts for Session 2 Open	EAB	
By Noon on December 14	Grades Due	Banner	

Resources for Administrative Tasks

- WebCV: westga.edu/administration/president/ucm/webcv.php
- Concourse: westga.edu/administration/provost/concourse.php
- CourseDen: westga.view.usg.edu
- Banner: westga.edu/myuwg/ssb.php
- EAB: westga.edu/academics/university-college/academic-excellence/eab.php



WebCV

The WebCV application was built with ease-of-use in mind and provides the necessary tools for faculty and staff to update their UWG Profile Page. Each individual profile can be developed as in-depth as you desire, and in most cases, it will eliminate the need for a faculty or staff member to maintain their own website. Information found on a UWG Profile Page includes:

- Your basic contact information (phone, email, social media, office hours)
- Your curriculum vitae
- A biography about yourself
- Your UWG profile picture
- Degrees you have earned
- and more!

The following image is an example of a filled out profile.

[Home](#) / [Directory Profile](#)

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By appointment

[Curriculum Vitae \[DOC\]](#)



Biography

[Courses Taught](#)
[Course Sections and Syllabi](#)

Jeffrey S. Reber, Ph.D., LPC, is professor of psychology and faculty executive assistant at the University of West Georgia. Dr. Reber is also a licensed professional counselor in the state of Georgia and the founder of Relational Counseling and Consulting Services (RCCS). He is a leader in the field of relational psychology, which treats relationships as fundamental to our being, our knowing, and our morality. Dr. Reber has published thirty articles, fourteen book chapters, and three books that are informed by this relational psychological perspective and he has given dozens of presentations on relational psychology across the continent. He has successfully implemented his unique approach to relationships in the classroom, in

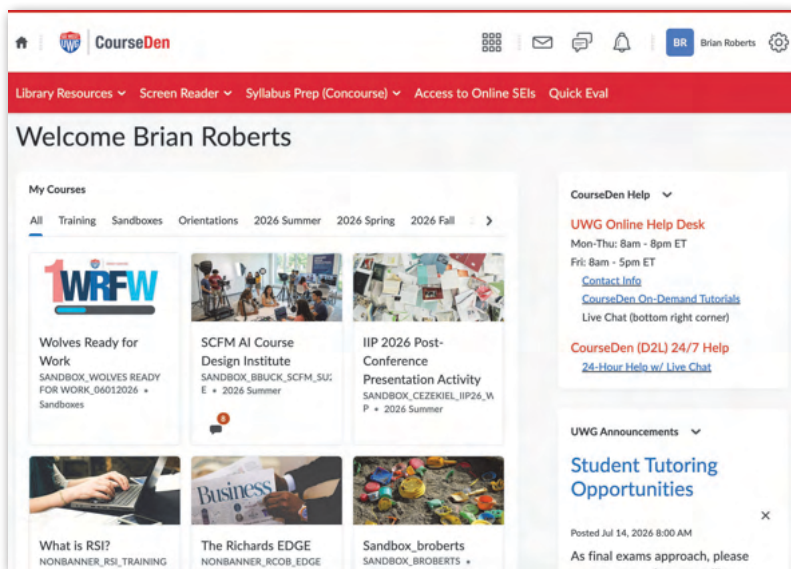


[Scan to access WebCV and learn how to update your faculty profile page!](#)

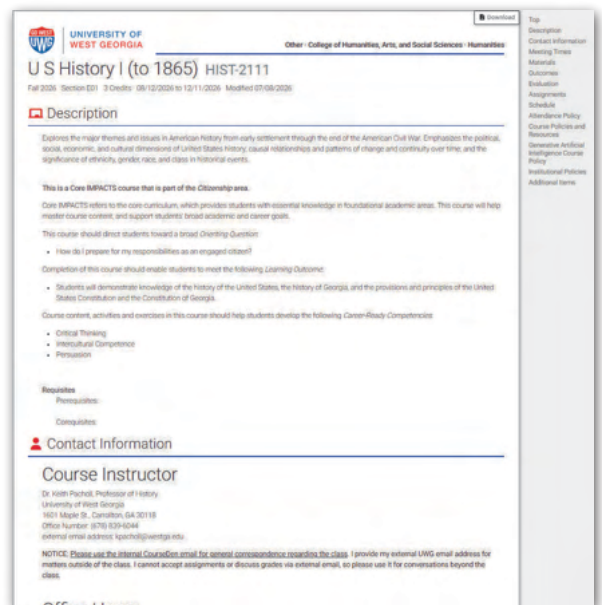
CourseDen (D2L) & Concourse Syllabi

CourseDen is the Learning Management System (LMS) for courses offered at the University of West Georgia. All courses, regardless of modality, have a CourseDen site so that students can easily access syllabi, assessments, course materials, course calendars, and gradebooks. Concourse is an online, centralized syllabus management system that provides a common organization, is integrated within CourseDen, and is designed to follow accessibility guidelines.

westga.view.usg.edu/



westga.edu/administration/provost/concourse



CourseDen Support

- UWG Online
 - 678-839-6248
 - online@westga.edu
- Institute for Faculty Excellence
 - 678-839-5289
 - ife@westga.edu
- USG 24/7 Help Center
 - 1-855-772-0423
- CourseDen On-demand Knowledgebase
 - uwgonline.service-now.com/
- CourseDen Video Playlists for Faculty
 - westga.yuja.com > Shared Folders > Shared - All Instructors

Concourse Support

- UWG Online
 - 678-839-6248
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COMMON COURSE COMPONENTS

CourseDen Components

Gradebook

Create grade items in the gradebook for each assessment listed within the course

Calendar

All course assessment due dates should be published in the CourseDen calendar for student access

Assessment

Include all assessment methods used in the course. Quizzes, assignments, and discussions are to be created within CourseDen and assigned due dates should be provided whenever possible

Syllabus Components

Contact Information

Instructor name, office hours, phone number, and email

Meeting Time

Class schedule and location, or note if fully online

Materials

Textbook(s) and required resources; include Day One Access or Low Cost/No Cost details, if applicable

Outcomes

Measurable, student-centered learning objectives (course and module/weekly level)

Evaluations

Grading structure, point scale, feedback timeline, academic honesty/plagiarism policy

Assignments

Assignment names, types (essay, discussion, etc.), and brief descriptions of each assignment in the course

Schedule

Timeline of the course (module/unit completion dates, assignment due dates, exam dates, etc.)

AI Policy

Expectations for student use of generative AI in the course

Attendance Policy

Define course expectations for attendance and participation, including allowable limits and the impact on grades

Common Course Components Checklist

Syllabus (Required)

1. Concourse is the primary syllabus for the course and all fields in the template have content.
 - a. [Concourse Information](#)
 - b. [Concourse: Getting Started \(1:29\)](#)
 - c. [Concourse: Updating Sections \(1:39\)](#)
2. All syllabi must include specific information; see 'Constructing a Syllabus' for details.
 - a. [Constructing a Syllabus website](#)

Gradebook (Required)

1. Grades for all assessments are available on CourseDen.
 - a. [Creating a Grade Item](#)
2. Tip: "Automatically keep final grades update" is checked.
 - a. [Automatically Keep Final Grade Updated](#)
 - b. [Gradebook Settings \(1:33\)](#)
3. Tip: Match points and/or weights to a syllabus evaluation criteria.
 - a. [KBA: Creating a grade item](#)
4. Tip: Grades are visible to students throughout the semester.
 - a. [Grades: Releasing Final Calculated Grades](#)
5. Tip: Drop ungraded items.
 - a. [Gradebook Settings](#)

Assessments (Required whenever possible)

1. Whenever possible, students should have access to assessment instructions, be able to submit course work, and be able to view the instructor's feedback via CourseDen.
 - a. [Create an Assignment](#)
2. Assessments have due dates when possible.
 - a. [Manage Dates](#)
 - b. [Managing Dates in CourseDen \(1:39\)](#)

Calendar (Required)

1. Dates for course assessments are available in the CourseDen Calendar.
 - a. [Adding Assessment Dates to the Calendar \(1:36\)](#)
2. Tip: Getting Started with the CourseDen Calendar
 - a. [Calendar: Getting Started \(1:43\)](#)
3. Inform students about the benefits of the Pulse App.
 - a. [Pulse App: Calendar \(0:36\)](#)



Scan to access a digital version of this checklist!

Supporting Our Students

EAB NAVIGATE

Navigate360 is UWG's student success platform that helps faculty and staff support students through appointments, notes, cases, and other student success tools.

What Faculty Do:

- Leave notes for at-risk students to connect them to the right resources
- Leave kudos to give students a shout out

Visit the University of West Georgia's EAB Navigate website to learn more:



**Scan to visit the
EAB Navigate
Website!**

UWG CARES

The University of West Georgia (UWG) is committed to creating a safe learning environment that is conducive to students' learning and development. Through the Campus Awareness Response and Evaluation (CARE) team at UWG, the university provides a caring, confidential intervention and response to those who may have a concern about a student(s). This team provides students with the greatest chance for success and the university community with the greatest level of protection.

Any member of the UWG community who has concern for student(s) may refer someone to the CARE team.

To make a (non-emergency) report, submit a CARE Report form.

Visit the UWG Cares website to learn more:



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UWG Cares Website!**

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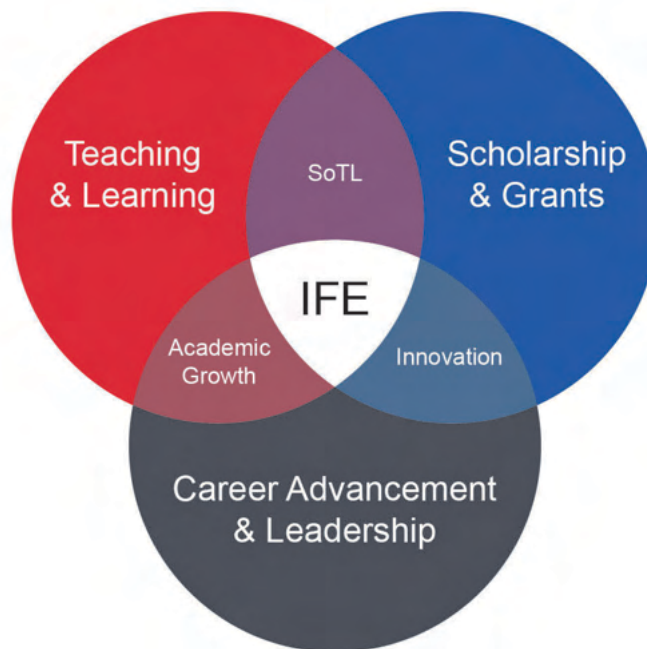
Institute for Faculty Excellence (IFE)

Purpose:

The IFE serves as a centralized gateway to support all areas of an academic career, including teaching, research, scholarly work, and career development. The IFE will place specific emphasis on providing sustainable and robust mentorship programs that foster an inclusive campus culture that prioritizes relevance, competitiveness, and belonging.

What We Offer:

- Curate books and resources on topics related to teaching & learning
- Connect you with a mentoring network
- Discuss teaching concerns
- Help you with course design and assessments
- Facilitate training and workshops



[Scan to learn more about the
UWG Institute for Faculty
Excellence](#)

UWG Faculty Handbook

As a unit of the University System of Georgia governed by the Board of Regents, this handbook serves as a non-contractual guide to UWG's general policies, professional duties, and administrative procedures for faculty. However, all rules are subject to higher authority under USG Policy and can be modified at any time by the University President or Board of Regents. It also outlines key career benchmarks—such as tenure, promotion, and academic freedom—alongside daily expectations for teaching, research, and campus service.



[Scan to view the Faculty Handbook \(FY25-26\)](#)

Faculty Forms and Resources

A collection of frequently utilized forms and resources are available on the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs webpage.

The following are examples of resources available in one place:

- Course Evaluations
- Faculty Contract Amendment
- Promotion and Tenure policies, guidance, and forms
- How to report an incident of academic dishonesty
- Incomplete Grade Form
- and more!



[Scan to view the Office of the Provost's Faculty Forms and Resources](#)

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)



I am ready for my career.
I AM WEST.

At the University of West Georgia, we prepare you for your career through experiential learning. It's such a big deal to us that we centered our Quality Enhancement Plan (or "QEP") around it, and that's a process that only comes around once every 10 years!

So how will our QEP be brought to life for you, our students and most valued community?



SEE IT!

In your first year at UWG, you will identify experiential learning opportunities and envision yourself participating in them.



DO IT!

Throughout your undergrad experience, you will intentionally describe the experiences, skills, and abilities you'll develop while at UWG.



SHOW IT OFF!

Before you graduate, you'll have the opportunity to present the evidence that participating in experiential learning enhanced your career readiness.



USE IT!

On the day of your graduation (if not before), you'll be ready to pursue a career or further education that leverages the experiences, skills, and abilities you developed at UWG.



Scan to learn more about the
**University of West Georgia's Quality
Enhancement Plan!**

Career Services

Career Services supports all students' needs for getting set up for success as they embark on their career through a variety of services and resources, such as:

- Major and Career Exploration
- Finding Jobs and Internships
- Information about On-Campus Student Positions
- Assistance for Planning Graduate School and Assistantships
- Wolves Mentorship Program
- Career Closet

Visit the University of West Georgia's Career Services' website to learn more:



Scan to visit the Career Services' Website!

Wolves Ready for Work (WRFW)

WRFW I: Professional Foundations

WRFW I is divided into six short topics, plus one supplemental module, all designed to help students feel more confident and prepared for internships, practicums, jobs, and other professional experiences. The estimated time for completion is about 2 hours.



WRFW II: Applied Practice

WRFW II builds upon Part I by practicing how professionalism, communication, feedback, reliability, and reflection play out in real workplace situations. The estimated time for completion is a few hours.

Contact Hope Ridley (rridley@westga.edu) to enroll your students in WRFW



Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP)

ORSP Mission:

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is committed to serving as a catalyst for transformative research and innovation that directly enhances student success. Our mission is to support a culture rooted in integrity, compliance, and collaboration, ensuring that each opportunity contributes to the growth and achievement of our students. Guided by principles of responsiveness, ethical leadership, and reliable service, we strive to provide a supportive environment where faculty and students feel empowered to pursue meaningful research endeavors.



[Scan to visit the UWG Office of Research and Sponsored Projects website](#)

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a federally mandated body responsible for the protection of human subjects involved in research. The IRB reviews, approves, and monitors research conducted under the auspices of the University of West Georgia (UWG) by its faculty, students, and staff.



[Scan to learn more about the UWG Institutional Review Board](#)



Showcase **YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS** with an ORCID iD

SHOWCASE YOUR WORK

ID Create | Affiliate | Link

What is ORCID?

- ORCID is a non-profit organization, which provides a fully open and interoperable identifier to reliably connect you with your contributions.
- Your ORCID is a free profile that helps funders, editors, and collaborators understand the full context of your scholarly work.

Who uses ORCID?

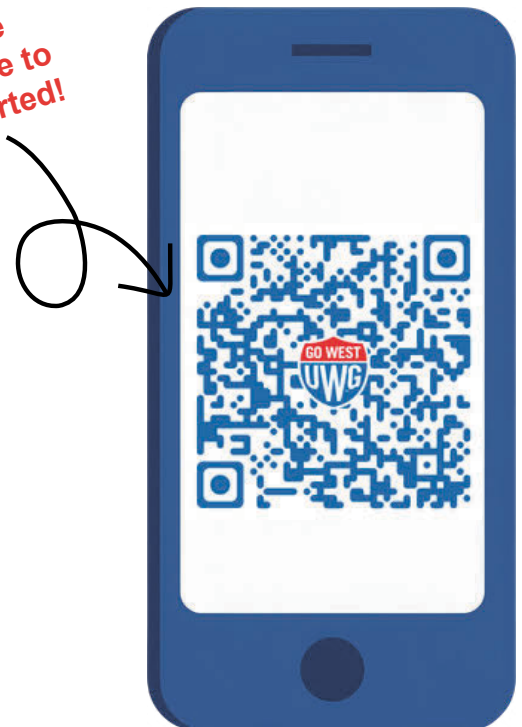
- ORCID is being used by research institutions, funders, and publishers.
- Over 13 million researchers, scholars, and innovators worldwide.

Why make an ORCID iD?

- Improve recognition and discoverability of your work by reducing name ambiguity
- Provide a Persistent Identifier (PID) for many Federal agencies, funders, and publishers requiring trusted records of your work.

- 01 CREATE AN ORCID ID**
Register at orcid.org
- 02 AFFILIATE WITH UWG**
Connect your iD with UWG on the ORCID Resource page
- 03 LINK YOUR SCHOLARSHIP**
Connect sources that automatically update your works

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Ingram Library

The UWG Ingram Library offers resources and services that support both teaching and scholarship. Faculty can explore affordable and no-cost course materials, place items on reserve, connect students with library research support, and access materials through interlibrary loan and document delivery services.

Faculty interested in expanding their research can also work with subject librarians to identify discipline-specific resources, request library purchases, discover unique collections, and explore opportunities to support their scholarly work.



Scan to visit the [Ingram Library Website!](#)



Scan to visit [LibGuides](#), where you can find a vast amount of library resources.

LibraryDen

LibraryDen is an asynchronous research and information literacy course developed by Ingram Library. Modules include topics such as starting research, evaluating sources, and using sources.

This course is perfect for instructors assigning research projects for any discipline!

If you are interested in having your students enrolled in LibraryDen, please contact Anne Barnhart (barnhart@westga).



Saving Students Money with Low-cost/No-cost Course Materials

As of June 22, 2026, the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) added Open Educational Resources (OER) as a new High-Impact Practice (HIP). Courses adopting materials that total \$40 or less cost to students are designated as Low-cost or No-cost to students during class registration in Banner.

Student Savings for FY 2025

- **\$523,121.97** total savings for **2,931 students** through **ALG Transformation Grants**
- **\$72,358.85 annual savings** for low-cost courses for 555 students
- **50.57%** of courses are low-cost or no-cost to students at UWG

"[Professors] should be mindful that not everyone will be able to afford it. Sometimes, I have to wait for two pay checks to pay for it."
UWG Student on the Cost of Textbooks, February 2025



Student view of course information while registering for class in Banner.

Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) Course Materials Grants

Since 2013, ALG promotes students success and levels the playing field for all students through supporting the adoption, adaptation, and creation of affordable and open educational resources by USG faculty and professional staff.

Course Materials Grant Opportunities:

- Transformation Grant
- Continuous Improvement Grant
- Research Grant



[Scan to learn more about ALG Grants](#)



[Scan to visit the OER LibGuide](#)

Getting Involved

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate is the primary means through which faculty participate in the shared governance process at UWG. Through its various committees, faculty senators and representatives from all Colleges, Tanner Health School of Nursing, and Ingram Library advise the administration on issues of concern. Additionally, Faculty Senate is an avenue through which various departments and divisions of the University communicate with the faculty. Faculty Senate has particular purview over topics related to academics but is also a vehicle for faculty input to administrators in all divisions.

Visit the University of West Georgia's Faculty Senate website to learn more:



[Scan to visit the Faculty Senate Website!](#)

American Association of University Professors

The AAUP is a union and membership association of faculty and other academic professionals. Headquartered in Washington, DC, they have members and chapters based at colleges and universities across the country.

The mission of the AAUP is to advance academic freedom and shared governance; to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education; to promote the economic security of faculty, academic professionals, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and all those engaged in teaching and research in higher education; to help the higher education community organize to make our goals a reality; and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good.

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Campus Services

Momentum Center

The Momentum Center at the University of West Georgia serves as a centralized, one-stop hub designed to assist students with navigating essential university administrative processes and campus services.

Here are some of the things Momentum Center helps with:

- **General Information and Guidance**
 - First point of contact for university services, processes, and systems navigation.
- **Important Dates and Deadlines**
 - Registration periods, payment deadlines, application timelines, and other critical dates.
- **Banner Navigation Assistance**
 - Help with Self-Service Banner for registration, financial aid, and account information.
- **Bookstore Credit Questions**
 - Understanding how and when bookstore credits are applied and how to use them.



Scan to learn more about the University of West Georgia's Momentum Center!

Campus Services

The Campus Services office is in the Momentum Center. Their goal is to provide excellent customer service to students, faculty, and staff.

Here are the things Campus Services can assist with:

- **UWG ID Cards**
 - UWG ID card issuance or replacement for library, meal plan, and building access
- **Meal Plans**
 - Assistance with selecting, modifying, or understanding meal plan options and dining dollars
- **Parking and Transportation**
 - Information about parking permits, campus shuttle services, and transportation options.



Scan to learn more about the University of West Georgia's Campus Services!

Contact at: campusservices@westga.edu

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

The USG and its institutions encourage fulltime faculty, staff, and administrators to participate in development activities and study by remitting tuition for those activities that have been authorized by the employee's institution. Participation in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) shall be available to fulltime, benefits-eligible employees who have successfully completed at least six months of employment in a benefits-eligible position as of the date of the TAP application deadline for the desired academic semester.

Fulltime employees who meet the applicable admissions standards and have received appropriate prior authorization from their institution may enroll in up to nine academic semester credit hours for each of the three designated semester periods: fall, spring, and summer semesters.



[Scan to learn more about how you can take advantage of the TAP Program!](#)

MomentumU

MomentumU@USG (MU@USG) is an online platform provisioned with resources, workshops, virtual events, and collaborative research supporting evidenced-based teaching practices. All USG faculty and staff may self-enroll in MU@USG activities. Content and events are developed by the USG Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence in partnership with USG faculty, institutional centers for teaching and learning, and other academic partners across the system.

The MomentumU course catalog includes a variety of topics, such as:

- Growth Mindset Course Design
- Transparency in Learning and Teaching (TiLT)
- Introduction to Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Research
- Small Teaching – Retrieval Practice
- and more!



[Scan to visit MomentumU and explore the course catalog.](#)

Our University Resources

Legal Affairs

The Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) protects and guides the university community by providing comprehensive legal support. OLA focuses on educating faculty and staff to ensure regulatory compliance, reduce litigation exposure, and minimize operational costs.



Ombuds

The Office of the University Ombuds at the University of West Georgia offers a welcoming, informal space for the campus community. Our role is to assist in navigating challenges and resolving conflicts with a focus on fairness and respect.



UWG Outfitters

Shop at your Official UWG Outfitters and show off your pride in the latest merchandise. Your one stop shop for all things UWG Outfitters as well as textbooks and Day One Access.



Print Services

Print Services provides everyday services, including copying, mailing, laminating, and large-format printing for students, faculty, and staff. Our pricing is reasonable, turnaround times are fast, and our friendly team is always ready to help you choose the best option for your needs.



Our University Wellness Resources

Wolf Wellness Lab

The Mission of the Wolf Wellness Lab is to provide leadership, education, advocacy, and services to develop and promote a culture of health and maximize the well-being of UWG students, faculty, staff, and the citizens of the surrounding community

Services include: biometric screenings and assessments, First Aid/CPR/AED training and certification, health and wellness education and coaching, and more!

University Recreation

In addition to providing spaces to workout and recreate leisurely, UREC offers a variety of different programs through Fitness and Wellness, Sport Offerings, and West Georgia Outdoors available for all students, faculty and staff to enjoy.

Health Services

In a desire to provide UWG employees a convenient source of health care for acute care problems, Health Services will be providing a limited number of appointments each day for faculty and staff. There are two types of appointments: A) nurse appointments for such things as vital sign checks, vaccinations, TB skin tests and B) a provider appointment for acute ailments such as sore throats, bronchitis, UTI.

EAP

The USG Employee Assistance Program (EAP) — provided by Acentra Health — is a no-cost, confidential program providing resources and counseling services to help you and your loved ones build and maintain emotional well-being.

You do not have to sign up or join to be eligible for services. It is automatically offered to you, your dependents and your household members.



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Welcome to Carrollton, Georgia

From the GreenBelt that connects our award-winning parks to the lively heartbeat of Downtown filled with music, food and fun, Carrollton offers small-town warmth and big-time culture. Enjoy open-air concerts at the Amp, inspiring exhibits at the Center for the Arts and the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum or explore our rich heritage at our historic train depot or just down the road at McIntosh Reserve Park. Adventure seekers can bike the GreenBelt, play on Georgia's top-ranked disc-golf course or zip-line through the treetops at the world's longest canopy tour at Historic Banning Mills. With a vibrant calendar of events, diverse dining and a growing scene of local wineries and breweries, Carrollton isn't just a place to visit—it's a place to experience. We are altogether original.



Located just 50 miles west of Atlanta, Carrollton, Georgia offers the perfect balance between small-town charm and big-city convenience. Its ideal location allows visitors to unwind in a relaxed, welcoming community surrounded by natural beauty, while still close enough to enjoy the excitement, opportunities and convenience of the metro Atlanta area.



The Amp
Downtown



Carrollton Center
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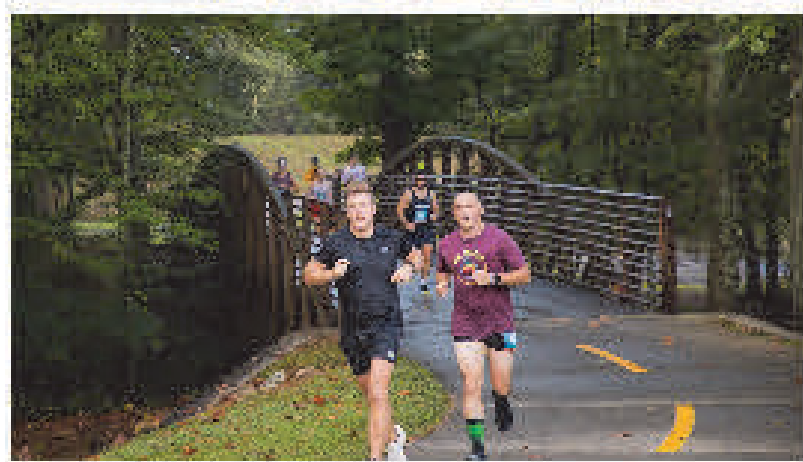
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