



How Can I Get the Classes I Need?

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If you have tried to get classes that you need and, despite repeated attempts on WINGS, they still show as closed, here are some suggestions:

- Be willing to take sections of these classes at days and times other than the most popular. It helps to be flexible in your scheduling.
- If it's a core class that has options in the same area, check out the other possibilities that are still available. For example, MUSC 1100, Music Appreciation (Area C); TCGT 1530, Science, Technology, and the Environment (Area D); and GEOG 1130, World Regional Geography (Area E), often have openings.
- In the case of a closed class that is *necessary* for you to progress in your program AND you are "stuck" (unable to make a full schedule) until you take that class, you may want to try asking for an override. Here's the correct procedure:

Classes in CLASS and COST: Contact your advisor who, if he/she approves, will send an e-mail petition on your behalf to the associate dean of the college. Overrides will be considered for "emergency" situations only (such as the one stated above). Assoc. deans will add the course to your schedule if they grant your advisor's petition.

Classes in all other Colleges: Go to the departmental office in which that class is housed and make a request. Some departments may have waiting lists; other leave the decision up to the department chair or the instructor.

As frustrating as the circumstance of "tight" classes is, please be aware that the University is caught in a state budget squeeze which means that there are very limited funds available to hire additional instructors and even to fill faculty vacancies. As a result, some classes have to be cut back and others have to be larger than normal. Funding for the University System is considered with that of all other state agencies when the General Assembly is in session beginning in January, 2004. As a perfectly legitimate tactic for concerned Georgia citizens, you and your parents can let your state legislators know how state budget cuts for the University System of Georgia have affected you directly.

Room Selection 2004-2005

Do you plan to live on campus again next school year? Are you wondering what you need to do to guarantee your housing for the 2004- 2005 school year?



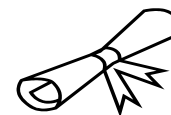
In order to guarantee housing for the 2004- 2005 school year, you will need to participate in Room Selection. The Room Selection process will take place in January and February. We will be mailing out information to your home address as well as your campus P.O. box in late December.

Please note that as a returning student you will not need to complete the housing application located on the housing website. There will be a Room Selection Interest Form that you will need to fill out that will be posted at a later date.

Housing will be hosting Room Selection Information Sessions in early January where you can have all your questions answered. Be on the look out!

Career Corner Graduate School Admission Tips

- Consider applying to several graduate schools.
- Request application and financial aid forms as soon as possible.
- Visit campuses to see the buildings, classrooms, etc.
- Be aware of academic requirements and deadlines.
- Grades—The tougher your courses and the better your grades, the more options you'll have.
- Submit applications, supporting documents, and fees well before the deadline.
- Fill in all forms completely.
- Keep a record of all applications for each college and copies of all relevant forms.



Taken from <http://www.Gradsource.com>.

Contact Career Services at 681-5197 for more info.

Spotlight on . . . J. Wright



J. (pronounced “Jay Dot”) Wright is president of the Residence Hall Presidents’ Council (RHPC). He was secretary for a year and a half before stepping into his current position. J. and the rest of the Executive Board of RHPC meet with the twelve action team presidents and help them with programs, community service projects, and other activities that they have planned or are planning in the halls. The RHPC meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union, and all on-campus residents are invited to attend.

J. is a senior pursuing a major in journalism and a minor in Spanish. He enjoys Georgia Southern because, according to him, “the campus is the perfect size, and the people that I have met are awesome, and I have made some lifelong friendships.” When asked what he likes to do in his spare time, J. responds in his typical witty and somewhat sarcastic way: “What spare time!?! I love to crochet.” He quickly becomes (somewhat) serious and shares that he likes to read, go to Savannah, make jaunts to Wal-Mart at 2 a.m., and he has recently taken up new hobby—if one would call it that—of watching *West Wing* on Bravo because “reruns are great, except on MTV; if I see *Rich Girls* one more time . . . Okay, I’ll watch it!” J.’s advice to students is to go to class and talk and make yourself known to the class and the professor. He also says to study too and bring extra Scantrons because that it an easy way to make friends.

Out and About Campus

Tuesday, December 2

“Opera Scenes,” Carter Recital Hall,
8 p.m.

“Seussical the Musical,” Performing Arts
Center, 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, December 4

Oasis Concert, Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Club Mud Student Exhibition and Sale, Ceramics Studio,
December 4-5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and December 6,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday, December 5

“The December Sky,” Planetarium, 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

Coastal Plain Adventure, Museum

Sunday, December 7

Messiah Singalong, Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m.

Performances by Play Directing Class, Black Box
Theatre

Academic Mentors Needed!



If you have above a 3.0 or better grade point average, have demonstrated mastery in College Algebra through Calculus, and enjoy working and living with first year students, then apply to be an academic mentor for Spring semester! You must have a clear discipline record and have a willingness to tutor and serve as a role model for students living in the residence halls. The position requires living in a single in Johnson or Winburn Hall (but AMs pay only the lower, double rate). Applications are available in the Housing office located in Watson. For more information, contact Chris Caplinger at caplinca@georgiasouthern.edu or 486-7521.

In the Halls . . .



Monday, December 1-December 12

“Holiday Food and Supply Drive,” Drop off
any canned goods, clothing, books, etc. at
the Southern Pines Clubhouse

Tuesday, December 2

Athlete Appreciation Day, Kennedy Hall. Kennedy will be
honoring the Fall athletes in various ways for all the
hard work and dedication they put in. Thanks!

Higher Learning, Southern Pines, 6:30- 8 p.m.

HOPE Scholarship Changes, Chris Caplinger presenting.
Southern Pines, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3

Conduct Code, Dr. Bayens facilitating. Winburn, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 4

“Kim and Kim’s Kookie Korner,” a celebration of
National Cookie Day. Olliff, 11 p.m.

Money Management: Learn ways to create a budget and
much more, Southern Pines, 7-8 p.m.

“Mafia Night,” Come eat spaghetti while playing the card
game Mafia. First come, first served. Southern Pines,
8 p.m.

Friday, December 5

24/7 quiet hours begin at 10 p.m. in ALL residence halls!

Please respect other residents and follow quiet hours
for finals studying.

Stress Relief Week

Monday December 1, Meditation Night, 8 p.m.

Tuesday December 2, Breaking Night,
8 p.m.

Wednesday December 3, Make Your Own
Stress Ball, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3, Spa Night, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 4, Game Night, 8:30 p.m.

All events in the Southern Courtyard Clubhouse.

