Memorandum of Understanding  
Georgia Southern University  
and  
Georgia Perimeter College

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to strengthen the academic connections between Georgia Southern University (GSO) and Georgia Perimeter College (GPC), and especially between the GPC Honors Program and the University Honors Program at GSO.

Admission

Students completing either the Honors Program Certificate or the Honors Program Degree, and certified as such by the GPC Honors Director, and who are otherwise eligible for admission to Georgia Southern University and the Georgia Southern University Honors Program, will gain admission to the University Honors Program at GSO. Students seeking transfer admission will need to complete the University Honors Program application prior to the deadline for the Intent to Transfer Form (May 1 for fall entrance and December 1 for spring entrance).

GPC students who do not complete the Honors Program Certificate or the Honors Program Degree may still apply for the University Honors Program at Georgia Southern University. Admission is not guaranteed, however.

Scholarships

The University Honors Program at Georgia Southern University will designate one graduate from the Honors Program at GPC to receive one academic scholarship to Georgia Southern University every academic year. This academic scholarship will be $1,500 per academic year and will be renewable for a second year provided the recipient remains in good standing.

To be eligible for this academic scholarship, the candidate from GPC must graduate from GPC having earned either an Honors Program Certificate or an Honors Program Degree, and must submit a letter of recommendation from the Director of the GPC Honors Program.

Candidates for this scholarship must also apply to and be admitted to the University Honors Program at Georgia Southern University. Candidates for and recipients of this scholarship should be aware that they may be eligible for other scholarship opportunities from GSO in addition to the one designated in this document.

Candidates for this Honors scholarship must apply for it by 1 February. If no eligible student applies by this deadline, the funds for this scholarship may be reallocated to another GSO scholarship award for the next academic year.

Admission to the Georgia Southern University Honors Program, and selection for the GPC scholarship described in this section, will be without regard to an applicant’s race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability.
Conditions of the MOU

In addition to the requirements stated above, to qualify under this agreement, students must:

1. Complete the Intent to Transfer Form by May 1 for entrance in the fall term and by December 1 for entrance in the spring term.
2. Submit the Undergraduate Application for Admission to GSO during that institution’s application filing period for the desired term.
3. Complete the GPC courses listed on the Intent to Transfer Form that are required for admission to GSO by the end of the semester preceding the term the student plans to transfer to GSO.
4. Earn the GPC Honors Program Degree or Honors Program Certificate.
5. Complete the last 30 of the 60 or more GSO transferable semester hours at GPC.
6. Complete the admission materials for GSO and the University Honors Program.
7. Be in good standing with respect to all academic and disciplinary matters.

Summary

Both institutions agree to share information on Honors Program updates, changes, and all processes relative to this MOU. A review of this MOU to evaluate any changes in competencies, content, or standards will occur in March of each year. All modifications to this MOU must be made in writing.

This Honors Memorandum of Understanding shall be filed with the Enrollment and Admissions Offices, with the Honors Directors, with the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Georgia Southern University, and with the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Georgia Perimeter College.

This MOU shall commence on [date], with the intent to admit the first students in August, 2008 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, and it shall be in effect until modified or terminated in writing. This MOU may be terminated at any time by the authorities of either Georgia Southern University or Georgia Perimeter College upon sufficient notice to allow the completion of any given applicant cycle. No further admission shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given, but students already admitted into Georgia Southern University at the time of such notice will be allowed to complete their programs of study at Georgia Southern University.
Articulating Institutional Representatives:

By the signatures below, the institutions acknowledge a commitment to effectively accommodate the conditions of this Honors Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this MOU, this _____ day of _________, 2008.

ATTEST:

Georgia Perimeter College

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Dr. Anthony Tricoli
President of the College

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Dr. Virginia Michelich
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Dr. Jeffrey Portnoy
Director, Honors Program

Georgia Southern University

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Dr. Bruce Grube
President of the University

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Dr. Linda Bleicken
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Dr. Steven Engel
Director, University Honors Program