

GT 2000 Syllabus

Course Prefix: GT

Course Number: 2000

Section: TR3

Course Name: Transfer Student Seminar

Semester: Summer

Academic Year: 2026-2027

Instructor Information

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General Course Information

Course Description:

This seminar course is designed to help you make a successful transition to Georgia Tech from your previous institution by becoming better acquainted with the academic and social environments here. Throughout the course, you will develop strategies that promote academic, social, and professional success. This is a highly interactive course that requires active student participation and collaboration in small groups.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Develop self-awareness and self-knowledge, particularly as it relates to academic interests and professional goals.
2. Describe their path to graduation and identify opportunities for academic and professional enrichment with the assistance of a faculty member or advisor.
3. Demonstrate the ability to lead and productively participate in collaborative projects.

Required Course Materials: none

Grading Policy:

Grading for the course will be broken down as follows:

Participation, Short Assignments, and Attendance 25%

Team Project 25%

Academic Planning Project 25%

Career Readiness Project 25%

Total 100%

Grade Scale

A 100%-90%

B 89%-80%

C 79%-70%

D 69%-60%

F <60%

Course Policies**Attendance Policy:**

This class is designed for students to become active participants, so all students must attend each class session and be fully engaged in all class activities. This means that you'll need to do more than show up at the appointed time and place—you'll also need to come to class prepared to participate.

Please attend every scheduled meeting on time. That said, if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness (fever over 100.4 F, coughing, nausea, etc.), please stay home to rest, seek medical attention if appropriate, and contact me as soon as possible. Excessive lateness and absences (3 or more per semester) can negatively impact your final grade outcome. If you have extenuating circumstances, I will try to work with you to address those challenges. Please communicate early and often if you are struggling with issues that may call for accommodations.

Criteria for Successful Completion and Acceptable Student Conduct:

Creating an engaging and productive class experience is the responsibility of both the instructor and the students. To ensure you get the most out of our class and contribute positively to our learning environment, please be mindful of the following:

1. Please create a habit of checking your GT e-mail and Canvas daily. Important class announcements and information will be posted on Canvas, and you want to make sure you're fully equipped for success.
2. Grades will be posted on Canvas throughout the semester. It is your responsibility to track your submitted assignments and grade progress. If anything seems missing or off, please reach out to me to discuss.
3. GT 2000 is designed to be informative, helpful, and fun! However, the class is graded and carries 1 credit toward your degree. For that reason, all assignments you submit must be of high quality. Please double-check your work for spelling, capitalization, and grammatical errors. This practice also helps build a habit of professionalism.
4. As your GT 1000 instructor, you can expect me to come to class each day ready to engage you in learning about Georgia Tech and in developing the skills to be successful academically and professionally. Each session will be structured to encourage your active participation, so please come prepared to participate and contribute to the class.
5. To ensure everyone feels safe, heard, and able to learn in our class, please demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior at all times. This includes speaking and acting respectfully toward your classmates, your Team Leader, and your instructor. To review the Student Code of Conduct, please visit the [Policy Library webpage](#).

Academic Integrity:

GT 2000 is a class based on your own discovery, exploration, and reflection of what you want your time at Tech and your professional life to be. Unpacking your thought processes using information from campus resources is a major component of the assignments. Therefore, the use of AI is strongly discouraged. If you wish to use AI as part of your brainstorming process, that is fine; however, per the Georgia Tech Honor Code, no work produced via AI should be submitted as your own. If you have questions about what constitutes acceptable use, please see the instructor.

The Georgia Tech Academic Honor Code applies to all work submitted in this course. To review the Honor Code, please visit the [Policy Library webpage](#).

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement, please notify me as soon as possible so we can resolve the issue. Students with disabilities should also contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), whose purpose is to collaborate with students, faculty, and staff to create a campus environment that ensures all students have an equal opportunity to access the Georgia Tech community. ODS can be reached at 404.894.2563, dsinfo@gatech.edu, or on [their website](#).

Please contact me in advance to discuss any disability-related issues. I am happy to work with you.