



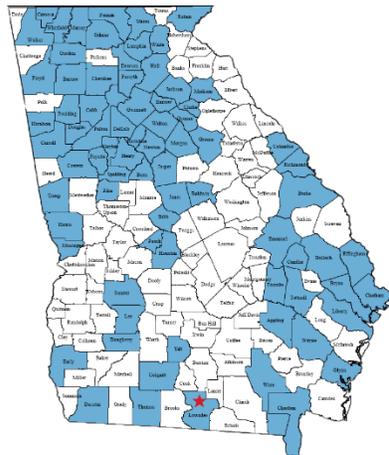
General Information

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a four-week, residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be juniors and seniors in high school. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom and that is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

At GHP, students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study. In the evenings, students participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities. Housing and meals are provided by GHP to its students, faculty, staff, and residential advisors.

In 2016, 653 high school students, representing 77 of Georgia's 159 counties, were selected to attend GHP between June 19th and July 16th on the campus of Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA. In 2017, GHP students will receive a residential educational experience on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA.

Map of 2016 GHP Alumni



This map shows the home counties of 2016 GHP students from both public and private schools. The red star indicates Valdosta State University, where the 2016 GHP session was held.



Student Feedback

Read more inside about what students from the 2016 GHP cohort had to say about their experience at GHP.



Daily Schedule

Take a detailed look at the daily schedule of a GHP student on the back page.

Special Message from the GHP Program Manager

The 2016 session of the Governor's Honors Program (GHP) was a terrific session with an outstanding group of Georgia's most gifted and talented high school students. It continues to be a highlight of my professional career to witness the extraordinary academic and artistic growth that happens over the course of four short weeks. Our student performances, classroom discussions, research projects, cultural exchanges, art exhibits, final project presentations, and the GHP presidential election were all high-quality and engaging events that truly reflected a tremendous amount of talent and hard work.

It was also a bittersweet summer as the program relocates from Valdosta State University (VSU) to Berry College in Rome. VSU has been "home" to GHP for several decades, and there are many cherished memories of that location. The opportunity for a new location arose from the 2013-2014 strategic planning process, facilitated by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Colleges and universities across the state expressed interest in having an opportunity to host GHP on their respective campuses and, after careful evaluation of several proposals, Berry College was selected as GHP's new



World Languages elective students pose in their custom t-shirts.

"home" for the next few years. I am very excited about forming a strong partnership with Berry to support the continued advancement of the program.

Of course, GHP has always focused on continuous program improvement. We are deeply committed to meeting the needs of GHP students and to ensuring that GHP provides the brightest young minds in Georgia with a unique learning experience that cultivates and challenges the next

generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

We thank everyone who helped the process along the way and look forward to an even better 2017!

Ricky Parmer
GHP Program Manager

What Students Are Saying



Mathematics Major

"I believe GHP is a wonderful and rewarding experience for anyone who is passionate about a particular subject area and desires to learn more about it in a concentrated way."



Communicative Arts Major

"GHP offers a place where our brains can be at peace—certainly not unchallenged, but accepted. We belong. The conversation outside of class is equally stimulating as that within. It's surreal and exceptional."



Music Major

"It was a great experience to spend half of a summer very outside of my comfort zone... I had a great time learning about music and mathematics; the music was hard work but I had fun working hard."

FAST FACTS

92%



Ninety-two percent of 2016 GHP students would recommend GHP to a friend, including 91% of Academic majors and 93% of Fine Arts majors.

90%



Ninety percent of 2016 GHP students attend a Georgia public high school, 35% of which are outside of metro-Atlanta.

22%



With almost 3,000 students from across the state being nominated for GHP, the state nominee acceptance rate for the 2016 GHP cohort was 22%.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to attend GHP?

There is no cost to attend GHP. Tuition, room, and board are covered under appropriations made by the Georgia General Assembly. However, students are asked to bring basic school supplies (binders, notebook paper, notebooks, pens, etc.) for class. Students may also consider bringing money for laundry, to purchase GHP t-shirts, and to meet their individual spending habits. Students may have the option to purchase a major t-shirt, hall t-shirt, and other themed GHP t-shirts.

I have heard that only juniors are selected to attend GHP. How competitive is the application process?

Each school district/private school completes its own selection process to determine local nominees. The process is very competitive at the state level with over 3,000 nominations and approximately 20% or less of those are invited to attend. The students selected to attend GHP demonstrate superior skill in the area of nomination.

Will I be graded or given any credits for the work I complete while at GHP?

GHP is an ungraded summer program. Students will not be required to take any exit exams or standardized tests regarding major courses of study. Credits are not issued for completion of the program. Students that complete the entire four weeks of study receive a certificate of completion.

I have been interested in attending another summer program but the date of this program and the date for GHP overlap. May I start GHP late or leave early?

No. Students selected to attend GHP are *required to attend all four weeks* of the program. Exceptions to this will be rare and limited to emergency situations.

I am a member of a GHP Facebook group. Why does GHP not respond to questions, comments, or concerns posted by group members?

GHP does *not* maintain a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. If you have questions relating to GHP, please contact the GHP office by email. GHP does *not* respond to questions or concerns posted on social media outlets.



2016 Agricultural Science Majors gain stream certification while at GHP.



A 2016 GHP student uses microfilm to conduct research for her final project.

For the full list of FAQs or for help with a specific question, please visit the website at <https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>.



2016 Dance Majors practice their reenactment of George Washington crossing the Delaware River

GHP NOMINATION AREAS

Agricultural Science	Science
Communicative Arts	Social Studies
Dance	Theatre Performance
Engineering	Theatre Design
Mathematics	Visual Arts
*Music	*World Languages
*These areas of nomination have additional subcategories.	

DAILY SCHEDULE

GHP students will spend between four to six hours each day, Monday through Saturday, in their major areas of study or elective classes. Students will also have opportunities to participate in daily offerings of structured activities after major and elective class time.

Supervised fitness activities (optional)	6:30 AM – 8:00 AM
Breakfast	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Major Session I*	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Major Session II	10:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Major Session III	11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Electives**	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Dinner	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Mixed Session I***	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Mixed Session II***	8:30 PM – 10:15 PM
Hall check	10:30 PM
In room	11:00 PM
Lights out	11:30 PM

(Schedule may vary. Times are approximate.)

*Major Sessions occur Monday thru Saturday

**Electives occur Monday thru Friday

***Mixed Sessions include rehearsals, electives, fitness, research, intramurals, performances, guest speakers, and organized social activities



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