

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program 2019



The Governor's Honors Program at a Glance

- » The Governor's Honors Program (GHP) offers rising high school juniors and seniors a residential summer experience.
- » GHP provides students with instruction that differs significantly from the typical highschool classroom.
- » The program will run from **June 16 - July 13, 2019 at Berry College in Rome, GA.**
- » GHP **covers all program costs** (meals, housing, tuition) except transportation to and from the program.
- » Students attend morning and afternoon classes related to their major and elective areas. Major classes are held Monday through Saturday, and elective classes are held Monday through Friday.
- » Students participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities in the evening.
- » All students reside in Berry College residence halls and have access to resident assistants.

GHP Nomination Areas

- » Agricultural Research, Biotechnology, and Science
- » Communicative Arts
- » Dance
- » Engineering*
- » Mathematics
- » Music*
- » Science
- » Social Studies
- » Theatre
- » Visual Arts
- » World Languages*

*These nomination areas have additional subcategories.



Music major members of the Jazz Band performing during Prism II, an all-campus musical performance at the end of the program.

Daily Schedule

Major Sessions

GHP students will spend between four to six hours each day, Monday through Saturday, in their major areas of study. In addition to classroom activities, major sessions may include relevant field trips or other opportunities for enrichment.

Electives

Students will choose an elective at the beginning of the program, and will attend their elective for a couple of hours every day, Monday through Friday. Students are encouraged to pick electives outside of their major areas. Notable electives from previous years include Ballroom Dancing, Counseling, Game Design, and Stage Combat.

Dining Experience

GHP students will have access to the dining facilities at Berry College, and are allotted plenty of time for breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Meal times provide students with an excellent opportunity to socialize with students outside of their major.

Additional Activities

Students will also have opportunities to participate in daily offerings of structured activities outside of major and elective class time. For example, students have the opportunity to participate in supervised early morning fitness sessions, attend additional rehearsal or studio time in the evening, or engage in structured activities organized by their resident assistant.

Note: Specific schedule times will be provided at the start of GHP.



Agricultural Research, Biotechnology, and Science majors studying plant pathology during their Major Session.



An Engineering major working on her final project.

Student Testimonials

“I think I've gained some confidence. Not only in academics, but as a person in general. Everyone here is so welcoming and kind, and I can really relate to a lot of people here. I've been able to build up my confidence a little bit and be proud of the skills I have.”

- Science Major



Students attending an art exhibition showcasing Visual Arts majors' diverse work.



Students taking a musical break from class on Berry College's campus.

“Everything that I've gotten to do and everything that I've gotten to learn has changed the way my brain works, and it's changed my outlook on life. Being put into this social environment with hundreds and hundreds of different people who are just as interested and passionate about their subjects as I am has shown me that...It's been a world changing experience, and I've loved every single bit of it.”

-Mathematics Major

“At GHP, we got to experience things we wouldn't have gotten exposed to in a regular classroom setting. That's what made it so much fun because I didn't realize how interesting studying things like that could be.”

-Social Studies Major



Social Studies majors presenting their final projects at a poster session.

“The knowledge that I gained from GHP will help me perfect my craft far beyond this summer, and my experience opened me up to the next stage of success in my field of study.”

-Music Major

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, GHP t-shirts, and individual spending needs. 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 or private school completes its own selection process to determine local nominees. The state-level process is very competitive with over 3,180 nominees, of which approximately 21% are invited to attend. The students selected to attend GHP demonstrate superior skills in the area of their 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 rule are rare and limited to emergency situations.

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

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement has Facebook and Twitter accounts that are used to share generic information about the agency and GHP, but does not manage the GHP Facebook groups created by GHP participants. If you have specific questions about GHP, please contact the GHP office directly.

For more information about GHP, please visit: <https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>

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