



## **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

***(Offered by Georgian Court University) revised November 11, 2008***

### **Psychology Admission Requirements:**

-Completion of a Social Sciences-Psychology Option A.A. degree is preferred.

-Completion of:

- Introduction to Psychology I or II (PSYC105 or 106)
- Life Span or Human Development (PSYC206, 207 or 208)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research (PSYC245)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYC216)
- Theories of Personality (PSYC209)
- Group Dynamics (PSYC235)
- Principles of Sociology (SOC1101)
- Issues in Women's Studies (HUMN129 – replaces required GCU Shaping Lives course)

-If student takes additional related courses, it is recommended that the courses be chosen from among:

- Social Psychology (PSYC217)
- Introduction to Criminology (CRJU151) or Delinquency and Juvenile Justice (CRJU245)

-2.00 minimum cumulative GPA (from all previous colleges attended),

### **Dual Admission**

#### **What does Dual-Admit mean?**

Dual-Admission is a student-focused agreement between Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University that allows students to be admitted simultaneously into both Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University, assuring a smooth credit transfer. In fact "Dual-Admit" students are guaranteed admission (assuming the student meets the admissions requirements) and hold a reserved spot in the Georgian Court University program. This means that the students in the dual-admit program are assured that the classes they take at Brookdale will satisfy general education and other course requirements of the bachelor's degree program (if the student follows the approved degree plan) and that graduation requirements will not change, (certain time limits apply) ensuring that they move towards a bachelor's degree seamlessly. By choosing to begin the bachelor's degree program at Brookdale and with the tuition discount for the Communiversity program, students could make their education much more affordable.

#### **What are the benefits?**

- Each semester, the student will have the opportunity to meet with Georgian Court admissions counselors and faculty members and will receive special advising
- The student will be invited to activities (guest speaker, etc.) at Georgian Court's Lakewood campus as appropriate to the student's major field of study
- The student may arrange to sit in on a Georgian Court class
- The students will achieve both an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree and will maximize the transferability of credits by following the approved degree plan.
- The student has a reserved spot in the bachelor's degree program (assuming s/he meets the admission requirements)
- Graduation requirements will not change (unless changed by the state or an accrediting body) ensuring a seamless transition towards a bachelor's degree (certain time limits apply)
- The Georgian Court application fee is waived
- Brookdale will send the Brookdale transcript to Georgian Court free of charge and automatically
- Brookdale and Georgian Court will carefully monitor the student's progress to help the student earn the bachelor's degree efficiently

#### **Who is eligible to participate?**

All currently enrolled Brookdale students prior to their last semester of their associate's degree are eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit program. However, students should enroll at the earliest possible time to ensure they are following the articulated curriculum. Students not eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit program may still apply to the Communiversity/Georgian Court program and enjoy many of the same benefits such as discounted tuition, high-quality program, assurance that Brookdale credits applicable to the degree plan will transfer, personalized advisement and convenient small classes located at the Communiversity in Wall Township.

### **How do I learn more?**

Please call the Communiversity at 732-280-7090 for more information. Information Sessions about the Georgian Court/Communiversity Program will be offered twice a month facilitated by a Georgian Court Admission Counselor. During the Information Sessions, students will have the opportunity to learn about admission requirements, program overview, benefits of Dual-Admission, and smooth transfer.

### **What are the next steps after I submit the Dual-Admit application?**

- You will receive a Welcome Letter from Georgian Court
- You are strongly recommended to make an appointment with a Brookdale Counselor
- You will be contacted by Georgian Court and be introduced to your Admissions Advisor who will review the program with you.
- To ensure your progress in the Dual-Admit program, once a semester you will be required to attend a special advisement session
- Periodically, you will be invited to special events

### **Structure of Program:**

Six required core courses comprise eighteen of the 36 hours needed for the psychology major. Two of these courses form the foundation for the major: Introductory Psychology (=Brookdale's PSYC105 or 106) and Issues in Psychology. Multicultural Psychology is a junior-level required course examining social behavior across cultures. Three upper-level required courses, 1) Applied Statistics and Research Methods [Brookdale's PSYC245 is taken in lieu of Applied Statistics and Research Methods] OR Experimental Psychology, 2) Cognitive Psychology, and 3) Senior Seminar, provide an opportunity to integrate knowledge from various course areas.

At Communiversity, Georgian Court offers its Mental Health and Human Services Option in the B.A. in Psychology program. This degree prepares students for employment in a mental health or human services setting. It is also recommended for students interested in pursuing graduate study in fields such as counseling or clinical psychology. Students take 21 credits of Georgian Court Psychology courses: Issues in Psychology, Introduction to Career Psychology, Multicultural Psychology, Basic Counseling, Cognitive Psychology, Field Experience I, and Senior Seminar. In addition, it is strongly recommended that students take the following 6 Georgian Court elective courses: Clinical Methods, Field Experience II, Psychology of the Exceptional Child, Behavior Modification, Mental Health (offered by the Social Work Department), or Deviance (offered by the Sociology Department).

### **How to Apply:**

Dual-Admit applications are available from the Communiversity, Transfer/Articulation Office, Counseling Department, and the Counseling, Admissions, and Registration (CAR) Building. Students who participate in the Dual Admission program do not need to submit an application apart from the Dual-Admit application. Students who are not eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit Program can download an application at [www.georgian.edu](http://www.georgian.edu) or call the Communiversity for a paper application.

### **Application Deadlines:**

Students may apply to the Dual-Admit Program at any time prior to their last semester at Brookdale. However, students should enroll at the earlier possible time to ensure they are following the articulated curriculum. Priority deadlines for students not participating in the dual-admit program are August 1 for Fall, January 1 for Spring.

### **Part-Time/Full-Time:**

While this program is currently designed as a co-educational, full-time evening program, students may choose to attend on a part-time basis. Students attending part-time are advised of the possibility that they may experience course schedule conflicts that delay degree progress. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.

### **Location:**

Most required courses are offered at the Communiversity located in Wall Township, NJ, or online. Any courses not available at the Communiversity location can be completed at Georgian Court's Lakewood Campus.

### **Tuition:**

\$476/credit, plus semester fees which is a 20% discount in tuition. Full-time tuition (for 12 cr) would be \$5,712 per semester, which is a 48% discount (2008-2009 academic year; tuition subject to change each year).

### **Degree FAQ:**

#### **How many credits can I transfer to this program?**

Up to 75 credits may be transferred from Brookdale Community College.

#### **How many credits are required?**

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the BA in Psychology.

**Can I attend courses at the Lakewood campus as well?**

Yes, if the courses are approved by your advisor and you complete the Inter-program Registration form. Ordinarily, the undiscounted tuition applies to courses taken at the Lakewood campus.

**Once enrolled in this degree, can I take any Brookdale classes to count towards this degree?**

Yes, if the courses are needed to complete your degree requirements and are approved by your Georgian Court advisor. Please check with GCU financial aid office to determine if financial aid can be used for these courses.

**What can I expect upon applying to Georgian Court University?**

**\*Admission Decision Letter:**

Approximately 3-4 weeks after submitting a complete application but may vary during the busy seasons, (*A complete application includes application, \*application fee, official high school transcripts/GED, and all previous college transcripts*) you will receive confirmation that application was completed and is being reviewed. You will receive a preliminary transfer evaluation with your decision letter.

\*For students participating in the Dual-Admit program, the application fee is waived.

**\*Transfer Evaluation:**

A preliminary transfer credit evaluation will be sent to you with your decision letter. Georgian Court strongly encourages student to use NJTransfer.org prior to their transfer evaluation session or order to receive an approximation of their transfer credits. Graduates of an accredited New Jersey community college who have earned an A.A. or A.S. degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and have completed the general education requirements established in the statewide agreement will transfer those general education credits in full to satisfy a minimum of 45 (A.A.) or 30 (A.S.) credits of the Georgian Court General Education Requirements. Only courses in which a grade of "C" or higher has been achieved are eligible for transfer. Courses transferred as part of the community college's general education program that have Georgian Court general education equivalents will be transferred as those equivalent courses. Other general education courses required by the community college will be transferred as general education electives. If an equivalency is not transferred, all three of the following Georgian Court general education courses must be taken: **a designated Religious Studies course (Discovering the Bible or Christian Tradition), the Shaping Lives: Women and Gender course, and a junior-level Philosophical Ethics or Theological Ethics course.** Students who have not earned a total of 51 credits in the general education area after completing the three courses listed above must earn the remaining general education credits by choosing courses that satisfy general education categories for which the students did not transfer equivalent courses.

All students must also satisfy the following Georgian Court graduation requirements: 1 cr Transfer Student Seminar, 1 cr in activity-based Physical Education (should be transferred), and Experiential Learning (two experiences must be successfully completed: one must be a designated course that has a service learning component ; the second must be an internship, a designated study or travel abroad experience, or another course with a service learning component).

\*For students participating in the Dual-Admit program, the Admission Decision letter will be sent upon receipt of the Dual-Admit application.

\*As the progress of the Dual-Admit students will be closely monitored, a transfer evaluation/progress check will be completed once a semester.

**Registration Information:**

Accepted students will need to send their non-refundable tuition deposit (\$100 which will be applied to the first semester bill) in order to receive registration information.

**Financial Aid:** To be considered for all sources of financial aid at Brookdale you must be a matriculated student and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). BCC's federal school code is 008404. When you transfer to Georgian Court University, its Financial Aid Office will require you to file a FAFSA using GCU's federal school code 002608. Students transferring mid year (i.e. January) will add Georgian Court to their FAFSA. Students transferring in the Fall will file a new FAFSA. A student cannot receive federal or state financial aid at two schools at the same time.

**Disability Services:**

Accepted students should contact Patti Cohen, Director of The Learning Center at 732-987-2650

**Need further assistance?** Interested students may schedule an appointment with a Communiversy advisor by calling 732-280-7090 x6006 or stopping by the Communiversy in Wall Township between the hours of 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

**Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College  
New Jersey Coastal Communiversity**

**B.A. Psychology (without Education) (subject to change)**

**Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christopher Trigani, 732.987.2637 or 2636 (secretary), or triganic@georgian.edu**

	Fall 08	Spr 09	Fall 09	Spr 10	Fall 10	Spr 11
Cohort 1	^PS450 PS423 SW361 ^PL300 or RS334	^PS455 PS451 PS433 SO371				
Cohort 2	^PS114 ^PS300 ^PS315 ^FY201 (1 <sup>st</sup> 7.5wks) ^RS220 or 208	^PS331 PS425 ^PS360 BCC course*	^PS450 PS423 SW361 ^PL300 or RS334	^PS455 PS451 PS433 SO371		
Cohort 3			^PS114 ^PS300 ^PS315 ^FY201 (1 <sup>st</sup> 7.5wks) ^RS220 or 208	^PS331 PS425 ^PS360 BCC course***	^PS450 PS423 SW361 ^PL300 or RS334	^PS455 PS451 PS433 SO371

^Required course. All other courses listed are recommended but not required. Please note that student's financial aid status may be adversely affected by not taking a full-time (or part-time, depending on type of aid) load of GCU credits.

\*\*\*BCC General Education Course or General Education Elective. Course must be applicable to degree program (i.e., must fulfill a program requirement at BCC or GCU or be a course otherwise relevant to the Psychology major). Students taking courses applicable to their program **may** continue to be eligible for financial aid available to full-time students even if they are enrolled at GCU for 9 credits and Brookdale for 3 credits. The first spring semester includes only 9 GCU credits so that students may take 3 or more credits of remaining degree requirements at Brookdale while retaining full-time student status. Financial aid eligibility depends on many factors and varies from student to student based on individual circumstances. Students who need to take a full-time load of GCU courses for financial aid purposes may enroll in one online, Lakewood or other GCU Communiversity course **relevant to their program** in place of the BCC course at the Communiversity tuition rate. Questions about financial aid should be referred to the GCU financial aid office (732.987.2258 – please identify yourself as a Communiversity student).

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated

PS114: Issues in Psychology	PS451: Field Experience II
PS300: Multicultural Psychology	PS455: Senior Seminar
PS315: Introduction to Career Psychology	SO371: Deviance
PS331: Basic Counseling	SW361: Mental Health
PS360: Cognitive Psychology	FY201: Transfer Student Seminar (1 cr)
PS423: Psychology of the Exceptional Child	RS208: Discovering the Bible
PS425: Clinical Methods	RS220: Christian Tradition
PS433: Behavior Modification	PL300: Philosophical Ethics
PS450: Field Experience I	RS334: Theological Ethics

Advising notes for students:

1. Students do not have to have taken all transferable credits prior to entry into the bachelor's degree program. HOWEVER, all requirements listed in this 4 page handout and the GCU catalog MUST eventually be completed (please note in particular the required Brookdale psychology and gen ed courses, GCU required gen ed courses, and GCU requirements for at least 120 credits including 1 cr of PE, 1 cr of FY201, and experiential learning). The student's GCU Registrar-issued Progress Chart shows which requirements have been completed and which have not.
2. Students may complete some general education or general elective credits at Brookdale during the summers.
3. Students must complete BCC's PSYC105 or 106 prior to taking any GCU Psychology course. Students must complete BCC's PSYC209 Theories of Personality prior to taking GCU's PS331 Basic Counseling.
4. The program is designed for full-time students. Students enrolling on a part-time basis should realize that they may experience some course conflicts. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.
5. Some courses may be offered in online mode only. GCU attempts to offer courses on no more than two days per week but cannot guarantee that the courses will be offered on only two days per week or that the days per week will not change from semester to semester.

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