



# GPATH

GUARANTEED GRADUATE PROGRAM  
ADMISSION PATHWAY PROGRAM



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**If you have set your sights on a career in a business profession or science, you're probably headed for a master's or other graduate degree, many of which are highly competitive to enter. Successfully completing our GPATH program will not only make sure you are prepared for graduate school, it guarantees you will gain entry into your chosen graduate degree program at GovState. We'll hold that spot for you and help you get there.**

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

You're eligible to apply if you're (1) an honors-eligible freshman admitted in the fall semester or a transfer student with at least 30 credit hours (including transfer credits) left toward your undergraduate degree, and (2) registered full-time as a Governors State student if you are a freshman, or registered full-time or part-time (minimum of 6 credit hours) if you are a transfer student.

### **WHEN TO APPLY?**

1. Indicate your interest in the GPATH program to your academic advisor when you're admitted to Governors State.
2. Freshmen: Submit your GPATH application in the spring semester of your freshman year. Transfer students: Submit your GPATH application in your first semester at GovState or later, as long as you have at least 30 credit hours (including transfer credits) left toward your undergraduate degree.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

1. Meet with track advisor during Freshman Orientation (incoming freshmen) or by appointment (incoming freshmen or transfer students).
2. Freshmen: Submit application for Guaranteed Graduate Admission Pathway for intended graduate program to track advisor during Spring semester of freshman year. Transfer students: Submit GPATH application for intended graduate program to track advisor while you have at least 30 credit hours (including transfer credits) remaining toward your undergraduate degree.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

1. Your track advisor will notify you, the Honors College, and your academic advisor of admission to the GPATH by the opening of fall registration for your sophomore year, or during the semester after your application to GPATH (for transfer students)
2. You will meet with your track advisor periodically, who will monitor your progress toward the benchmarks needed to maintain participation in the Pathway.
3. You'll work with your track advisor and academic advisor to complete all course prerequisites in your academic plan.
4. If you are an incoming freshman GPATH student, you must participate in the Honors College.

# PARTICIPATING GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Analytics
- Chemistry
- Communication Disorders
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Health Informatics
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Physical Therapy
- Political and Justice Studies
- Psychology
- Public Administration

## BENCHMARKS FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

<b>GPA</b>	Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher each semester
<b>GovState Honors College</b>	If you are an incoming freshman, you must be accepted into and participate in the Honors College as a freshman, and graduate with university honors.
<b>Course Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All discipline-specific prerequisite courses must be taken at GovState.</li> <li>2. Must complete the undergraduate program without earning more than two C grades.</li> <li>3. Advanced Placement credits will be accepted for equivalent prerequisite or general education requirements. As determined by each program, semester credit for each AP credit may need to be substituted with another course.</li> </ol>
<b>Standards of Conduct</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adhere to the GSU Student Code of Conduct. Any infraction including disciplinary and criminal infractions may be cause for dismissal from the Guaranteed Graduate Admission Pathway and removal of the guarantee.</li> <li>2. Adhere to ethical and behavioral standards of intended graduate program.</li> <li>3. Adhere to any GPATH professional program policies and requirements adopted as of Fall of the year the student was admitted.</li> </ol>
<b>Credit Hour Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshmen: At least 90 credit hours of bachelor's degree must be completed at GovState, and at least 30 credit hours toward degree must be completed annually. Part-time enrollment or non-continuous enrollment may be permitted as long as degree is completed within 5 years.</li> <li>• Transfer students: At least 30 credit hours of bachelor's degree must be completed at GovState. Part-time enrollment or non-continuous enrollment may be permitted as long as degree is completed within 4 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Graduate Program Application Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student must apply to the Graduate Program and meet all Graduate Program criteria.</li> <li>2. Student must satisfactorily complete all application processes, including any tests or interviews.</li> <li>3. Student will be notified of acceptance to the Graduate Program in the same way as other applicants.</li> </ol>
<b>Degree Completion Requirement</b>	Student must matriculate to his or her graduate or professional program within four (for transfer students) or five (for freshmen) years of the academic year when admitted to the GPATH program unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the program to which the student wishes to matriculate.

By submitting an application to the GPATH program, the student verifies that he or she understands and agrees to be bound by these conditions.

Students may voluntarily withdraw from the GPATH program at any time by notifying the Honors College Coordinator (incoming freshmen) or track advisor (transfer students) in writing. Voluntary withdrawal is binding.



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