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Transfer Audit

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Sample audit. The student is fictional; the UGA policies are real and cited.

GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE → UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

FALL 2027 · INTENDED PSYCHOLOGY

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Verdict

You are eligible. The hours are not the question; the GPA is. UGA considers a transfer applicant only with 30 transferable hours on official transcripts by March 1.[1] You will have 40: 28 from Georgia Gwinnett classes and 12 from four AP exams that your transcript shows as courses.

The GPA side is where the file will be decided. For a fall 2027 offer on the numbers alone, UGA's line is a 3.80 transfer GPA for applicants with 30 to 59 hours; a 3.30 to 3.79 goes to secondary review instead.[2] Your record projects a 3.453. Even straight A's in every remaining fall course reach only 3.569, so the offer line is out of reach and the application will be read in secondary review. That is not a denial. UGA says it will read your purpose statement, your grade trend and how your coursework fits your major, and your trend is steep: 3.138 in spring, a projected 3.769 in fall.

30 HOURS	40 by March 1, with 10 to spare. The margin rests on the four AP rows reading as AP on your Georgia Gwinnett transcript, which they do. Without them you would have 28.
GPA OF 3.30 OR HIGHER	Projects 3.453 over 32 graded hours. The one grade that can break it is the Biology retake: a C there projects 3.291, under UGA's minimum.
GPA OF 3.80 OR HIGHER	Not reachable this cycle. The spring D in Biology stays in the calculation even though you are retaking the course; without it you would be at 3.804.

The file is decided by what posts to your transcripts before March 1: the rest of this semester.[3] Spring 2027 does not reach it. The fallback is a spring 2028 entry, with a full spring term of grades on the transcript. UGA also expects a wait list again, so an offer is never certain at any GPA.

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[1] UGA Undergraduate Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," https://admissions.uga.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/transfer-faqs/, answer to "What if I cannot complete 30 transferable semester hours until after the application deadline?": "at least one complete year of full-time college enrollment resulting in 30 or more transferable hours delivered on their official college transcripts by the transfer application deadline." Read October 31, 2026.

[2] David Graves, "Summer/Fall 2027 Transfer Admission Review," UGA Undergraduate Admissions, October 14, 2026, https://admissions.uga.edu/blog/summer-fall-2027-transfer-admission-review/; UGA Undergraduate Admissions, "Transfer Admission Minimum Criteria for Consideration," https://admissions.uga.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/transfer-criteria/, read October 31, 2026.

[3] David Graves, "2024 Transfer Updates," UGA Undergraduate Admissions, January 30, 2024, https://admissions.uga.edu/blog/2024-transfer-updates/: "All grades/hours that will be reviewed must be on a transcript by the application deadline"; UGA Undergraduate Admissions, "Deadlines," https://admissions.uga.edu/apply/deadlines/, read October 31, 2026.

Hours

UGA counts transferable hours delivered on official transcripts by March 1; in-progress work is not considered.[4] This is everything that can be on file.

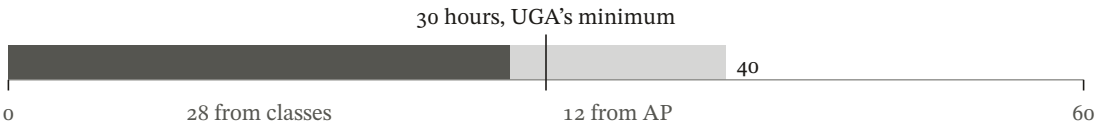
The UGA equivalents below follow the University System of Georgia numbering that Georgia Gwinnett and UGA share; none is shown as confirmed. In a real audit I check each course against UGA's Transfer Equivalency Search and report what it returns. UGA says it cannot say what transfers "until an application and transcripts are submitted."[5]

GGC COURSE	TITLE	HRS	UGA EQUIVALENT	EXPECTED
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	ENGL 1101	Direct
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1102	Direct
SOCI 1101	Intro to Sociology	3	SOCI 1101	Direct
POLS 1101	American Government	3	POLS 1101	Direct
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3	MATH 1GXX	Core elective
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	3	to confirm	See below
BIOL 1107K	Principles of Biology I	4	BIOL 1107 + 1107L	Direct
PSYC 2103	Human Development	3	none direct	Elective
ITEC 1001	Intro to Computing	3	none direct	Elective
	Coursework	28		
AP	Psychology	3	PSYC 1101	AP, 4
AP	U.S. History	3	HIST 2111	AP, 4
AP	Human Geography	3	GEOG 1101	AP, 3
AP	Macroeconomics	3	ECON 2105	AP, 3
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	0	none	W, spring

COUNTED BY MARCH 1 **40** hours: 28 from classes, 12 from AP. BIOL 1107K appears once, as explained below.

[4] UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs" and Graves, "2024 Transfer Updates," as above, read October 31, 2026.

[5] University of Georgia, "Transfer Equivalency Search," https://apply.uga.edu/portal/transfer-equivalency. The search is a dynamic page and was not queried for this sample. Quote: UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs." Georgia Gwinnett College is a USG institution: https://www.usg.edu/institutions/. Read October 31, 2026.



THE RETAKE

You took BIOL 1107K in spring and earned a D, then retook it this fall. UGA's pages are plain about the grade: "If a course is repeated, we will use both grades."[6] They do not say how hours are counted for a repeat, so I count the four hours once, the cautious way. The retake matters for a second reason: Psychology requires a C or better in a biology course before its first methods course, and a D does not meet that.

THE WITHDRAWAL

You withdrew from SPAN 1001 in spring. A W carries no hours and no grade points; UGA's own grade scale excludes W from the GPA, and its transfer criteria name D's, F's and WF's as the grades that count against an applicant.[7] Check that your transcript reads W. A WF would add three graded hours at zero and drop the projection to 3.157.

THE COURSES THAT ARE NOT DIRECT

PSYC 2103 and ITEC 1001 have no UGA course I expect them to match. UGA tags every transferring course as a direct equivalent, a core elective, a transfer elective or not transferable, and courses "designed to apply towards a Bachelor Degree generally transfer."[8] I expect both as electives. The hours and the grades count in the admission review either way. Psychology's own major courses are upper-division, so these two do not count toward the major.

MATH 1401 is the one that needs a real answer. Psychology's entrance requirement names STAT 2000, a four-hour course, and your course is three.[9] If UGA posts it as a statistics elective and the department does not accept it for the entrance list, you take STAT 2000 in your first UGA semester. That costs a semester slot, not an admission

[6] UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," answer to "I received a failing grade in a course but have retaken the course. Will the failing grade be replaced?", read October 31, 2026. The same sentence is on the criteria page.

[7] UGA Office of the University Registrar, "Grades," https://reg.uga.edu/student-records/grades/: W "is not included in the grade point average computation"; UGA Admissions, "Minimum Criteria": "all academic grades earned in transferable courses (including D's, F's and WF's) from every college you have attended are used." Read October 31, 2026. UGA's pages do not say how it treats a W on a transfer transcript specifically; I read it as outside the GPA, and the real audit confirms the transcript shows W and not WF.

[8] UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," answers on the symbols in the Transfer Equivalency System and on courses not listed there: transfer electives carry a T designation, general education core electives a G designation, direct equivalents a number, and an NTFR prefix means the course does not transfer.

[9] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS," https://bulletin.uga.edu/Program/Details/69115?IDc=ARTS, Entrance Requirements: PSYC 1101, "[BIOS 2010 or MATH 2200 or MATH 2250 or STAT 2000]," and a biology course, each with a C or better, before PSYC 3980. STAT 2000 is listed at four hours. Read October 31, 2026.

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AP CREDIT

UGA counts AP toward the 30 only when the college transcript shows it "identifiable as AP," with "a course designation at the college" and "credit hours."[10] Your transcript lists each of the four as a course with hours and an AP label, so all twelve hours count for admission. After you enroll, UGA's Registrar posts its own equivalents from your score reports; on its current table, a 4 in Psychology and in U.S. History earns PSYC 1101 and HIST 2111, and a 3 in Human Geography and in Macroeconomics earns GEOG 1101 and ECON 2105.[11] AP hours carry no grade, so they add to the count and stay out of the GPA.

GPA

UGA calculates its own transfer GPA. It uses every graded transferable course from every college you have attended, D's and F's included; it keeps plus and minus grades, translated to UGA's scale, so an A− counts 3.7 and a B+ 3.3; it leaves AP hours out, because they carry no grade; and it does not see spring 2027.[12] For you that is 32 graded hours: 16 from spring and 16 from this fall, with BIOL 1107K counted in both.

The projection uses your spring final grades and your fall midterm grades as they stand.

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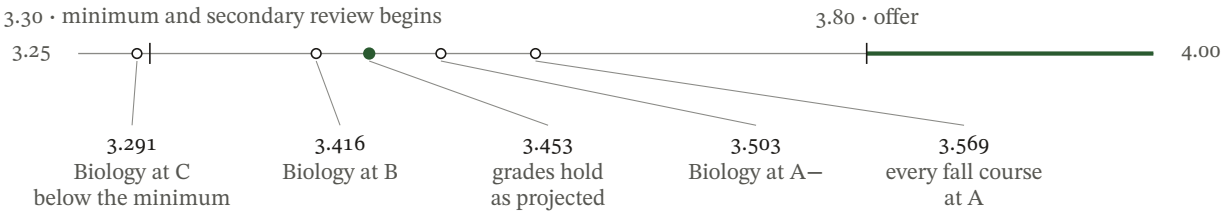
[10] UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," answer on Advanced Placement credit, read October 31, 2026. The same answer says UGA does not accept CLEP credit.

[11] UGA Office of the Registrar, "AP Equivalences," https://reg.uga.edu/student-records/credit-from-testing/uga-ap-credit-equivalences/, last updated October 30, 2026, read October 31, 2026. A 3 in Psychology and in U.S. History earns no credit there.

[12] UGA Admissions, "Minimum Criteria": "all academic grades earned in transferable courses (including D's, F's and WF's) from every college you have attended are used"; "Transfer FAQs": "We do use plus/minus grades in the calculation of your transfer GPA… we will translate the plus/minus work into the grade scale of UGA." UGA Registrar, "Grades," https://reg.uga.edu/student-records/grades/: A− 3.7, B+ 3.3. Read October 31, 2026.

COURSE	HRS	TERM	GRADE USED
ENGL 1101 Composition I	3	spring	A
SOCI 1101 Sociology	3	spring	A−
BIOL 1107K Biology I	4	spring	D
MATH 1111 College Algebra	3	spring	A−
POLS 1101 Amer. Government	3	spring	A
BIOL 1107K Biology I (retake)	4	fall	B+ at midterm
MATH 1401 Statistics	3	fall	A at midterm
ENGL 1102 Composition II	3	fall	A− at midterm
PSYC 2103 Human Develop.	3	fall	A at midterm
ITEC 1001 Computing	3	fall	A at midterm

SCENARIO	GRADED HRS	TRANSFER GPA
Every fall course finishes at A	32	3.569
Biology finishes at A−, the rest hold	32	3.503
Grades hold as projected	32	**3.453**
Biology finishes at B, the rest hold	32	3.416
Two three-hour courses slip one notch	32	3.397
Biology finishes at C, the rest hold	32	3.291
For comparison: the spring D left out	28	3.804



The 3.80 is the fall 2027 line for an offer on the numbers alone; UGA set it after fall 2026 applications rose 20 percent.[13] Below it, a 3.30 to 3.79 is reviewed more closely, with the purpose statement, the grade trend and the coursework read against the intended

[13] Graves, "Transfer Admission Review": "we had a 20% increase in Fall 2026 apps."

major.[14]

What the table shows is where your control is. The offer line is gone, so the target is no longer a number to clear; it is a margin above 3.30 and a file that reads well. You hold about five grade points of cushion above the minimum: 105.6 are needed over 32 hours and the projection carries 110.5. A C in Biology spends all of it and more, and a B spends less than a third. Biology is the only course here that can sink the application, and the department's entrance requirement names it too.

Spring 2027

Spring grades do not reach the UGA file, so this list is about one thing: arriving at UGA with Psychology's entrance requirement and as much of the general education core as you can behind you. Register as soon as Georgia Gwinnett opens your registration date; the date is on your student account.

You already hold more than enough social science. UGA's Area V needs nine hours, and the list of courses it accepts includes PSYC 1101, HIST 2111, POLS 1101, ECON 2105 and SOCI 1101, all of which you have.[15] What you do not hold is a physical science, a language and a humanities and arts course.

1. **SPAN 1001 Elementary Spanish I** (3) → UGA SPAN 1001 or a core elective. This is the course you withdrew from, taken again. UGA's SPAN 1001 is a four-hour course, and its own FAQ gives the three-hour USG version as a core elective, so expect the elective coding rather than the direct course.[16]
   BACKUP A different Area IV course from UGA's World Languages list, if the Spanish schedule does not fit.

2. **A physical science course** (3 or 4) → one of the core's physical sciences, such as ASTR 1010 or GEOL 1121. Psychology's Area II needs one physical and one life sci-

[14] Graves, "Transfer Admission Review," item 4; UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," answer to "How can I make my transfer application stronger?": "The most important factor for transfer consideration will be how well you've prepared yourself for your intended major at UGA… take courses related to your major and aim to get the best grades you can, especially in those major-related courses."

[15] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS" and "General Education Core Curriculum," https://bulletin.uga.edu/Program/GenEdCoreBulletin, Area V (9 hours), read October 31, 2026. Area IV, World Languages and Global Culture (9 hours), lists GEOG 1101 and SPAN 1001; Area II, Physical Sciences, lists ASTR 1010 and GEOL 1121 among others. Which GGC courses post as those exact courses is for the equivalency search.

[16] UGA Admissions, "Transfer FAQs," answer to "What are General Education Core Electives?": "USG course Intro Spanish SPAN1001 = SPAN1GXX automatically satisfies Core similarly to the UGA 4 hour Intro Spanish SPAN1001." Franklin College lists a foreign language requirement: Office of Student Academic Services, "Franklin College Requirements," https://osas.franklin.uga.edu/franklin-college-degree-requirements, updated October 23, 2026, read October 31, 2026. I did not read the level required.

ence with at least one lab among them, and your Biology lab covers the lab.[17] BACKUP Take it at UGA in your first year.

3. **A humanities or arts course** (3) → UGA Area IV, Humanities and the Arts (3 hours). Pick it from the equivalency search, not from a catalog title, so it posts as a direct course.

That is nine or ten hours. The fourth course is yours to choose; the equivalency search shows which Georgia Gwinnett courses also fill a Franklin College requirement.

Psychology

Psychology is in Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and is one of UGA's largest majors, with over 2,100 students.[18] Introductory and 3000-level courses often hold 150 to 300 students; major courses run about 15 to 100, with an average near 35. The degree is 120 hours and the major itself is the smaller part of it.[19]

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

Before PSYC 3980, the first methods course, you must have completed PSYC 1101, a statistics or calculus course from a short list that includes STAT 2000, and a biology course (BIOL 1103 with lab, BIOL 1107 with lab, or BIOL 2107H), each with a grade of C or better. This is the requirement a transfer student is most likely to trip on, and the bulletin says transfer students "must have certain prerequisites for the first course in the major."[20] For you it comes down to three items. PSYC 1101 comes from AP. The biology course comes from this fall's retake, at a C or better. The statistics course comes from MATH 1401 if the department accepts it, and from STAT 2000 at UGA if it does not.

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[17] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS," Area II: "At least one of the physical science or life science courses must include a laboratory." The bulletin also notes that Psychology "requires individual review of non-equivalent transfer courses" in science before they satisfy Area VI and major requirements.

[18] UGA Department of Psychology, "Undergraduate," https://psychology.uga.edu/undergraduate, read October 31, 2026. The department's "Psychology - B.S." page, https://psychology.uga.edu/majors-degrees/content/psychology-bs, gives the class sizes quoted below.

[19] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS," https://bulletin.uga.edu/Program/Details/69115?IDc=ARTS, read October 31, 2026: Total Major Hours, 120; Required Courses, 22 hours; Major Electives, 9 to 10 hours; General Electives, 28 to 29 hours.

[20] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS," Entrance Requirements and Transfer Student Information.

WHAT THE MAJOR ASKS

- Methods: PSYC 3980 and 3990, seven hours.
- Two courses from Group A, the biological and cognitive courses (PSYC 4100 through 4150), and two from Group B, the social, developmental and applied courses (PSYC 3230, 4200 through 4230).
- One advanced laboratory or seminar course, and two more PSYC electives at the 3000 level or higher.
- A grade of C or better in every upper-division course required for the major, and at least 21 upper-division hours in the major field and 39 upper-division hours overall.[21]

FRANKLIN COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY

Franklin College adds its own breadth requirements: foreign language, literature, fine arts, philosophy and religion, history, social sciences other than history, biological and physical sciences, and multicultural. A course must be at least three hours and numbered 1000 to 5999 to count, and it can satisfy only one Franklin requirement, with a few exceptions.[22] The University adds two things a transfer student should know. Transfer students are excluded from the First-Year Odyssey Seminar, and every student must earn at least 45 of the last 60 hours in residence at UGA, which for a student arriving with 40 hours is not a constraint.[23]

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[21] UGA Bulletin, "Psychology BS," Major Requirements and Non-Course Requirements.

[22] Office of Student Academic Services, Franklin College, "Franklin College Requirements," as above.

[23] UGA Bulletin, "University-Wide Requirements," as above: First-Year Odyssey policy "excludes transfer students"; residence, "at least 45 of the last 60 semester credit hours."

GEORGIA HISTORY AND CONSTITUTION

Georgia law requires every undergraduate to show knowledge of United States and Georgia history and of the two constitutions, by coursework or by exam. Your POLS 1101 was taken at a University System of Georgia school in Georgia, and UGA lists POLS 1101 taken in Georgia as clearing both constitution exams.[24] History is different. The U.S. History credit you hold is AP, and the University System says students awarded HIST 2111 on the strength of AP scores "must pass the GA History and/or GA Constitution exams." Plan to sit the history exam through UGA's University Testing Services after you enroll.

Key dates[25]

NOVEMBER	Register for spring 2027 on your GGC date
BEFORE FINALS	Confirm with your Biology instructor where your grade stands; attend every remaining class
WHEN FALL GRADES POST	Check the transcript shows W for SPAN 1001; order Georgia Gwinnett's official transcript to UGA
JANUARY 22	UGA transfer application opens; start the purpose statement
MARCH 1	Application and materials deadline; all transcripts in UGA's office
MID TO LATE MARCH	Decisions released
MAY 15	UGA deposit deadline
FIRST UGA SEMESTER	STAT 2000 if needed; history exam; advising appointment with Psychology

[24]UGA Bulletin, "University-Wide Requirements," Georgia and United States Constitutions Examination: "POLS 1101 (taken in Georgia)." University System of Georgia, "Georgia Legislative Requirements," https://www.usg.edu/curriculum/georgia_legislative_requirements, read October 31, 2026.

[25]UGA Admissions, "Deadlines" and Graves, "Transfer Admission Review," read October 31, 2026. Georgia Gwinnett's own calendar dates are not shown; they are in your student account.

Risk register

RISK	EFFECT	WHAT REDUCES IT	OWNER	NEXT STEP
Biology retake at C	GPA 3.291, under the 3.30 minimum	Every graded item through finals; ask the instructor for a read before the final	Jordan	Nov 13
Offer line out of reach	Secondary review; a wait list is possible	A purpose statement built on Psychology and the grade trend; spring 2028 entry as the fallback	Jordan	Jan 22
AP not read as AP	28 hours; short of 30	Confirm each AP row shows the label, a course number and hours	Michael	Nov 13
SPAN 1001 shown as WF	GPA 3.157	Check the transcript reads W; ask the registrar to correct it if not	Jordan	Dec
MATH 1401 not accepted	Methods course waits	Ask Psychology advising now; STAT 2000 at UGA as the fallback	Michael	Nov 20
History exam owed	A degree requirement, not an admission one	Schedule through University Testing Services	Jordan	First UGA term
Transcript late or incomplete	File incomplete on March 1	Order when fall grades post; confirm UGA received it	Jordan	Dec

What is still open

From you: your Biology midterm in writing, your AP score reports, and a spring 2027 schedule that follows the list above.

From me, before our call: each Georgia Gwinnett course checked against UGA's Transfer Equivalency Search, with the result written into the hours table; UGA Admissions on how the one-year rule and the 30-hour count treat AP; Psychology advising on MATH 1401 and the entrance list; and whether UGA's testing office accepts the history exam in your first term. Each answer goes into the risk register, and anything that changes your spring list reaches you before you register.

Ongoing support is available after the walkthrough.