

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No, but she's been doing this for 15 yrs **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA – "A" SAT - 1330-1490 ACT - 30-34

95% of incoming freshmen took AP Calculus or higher

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Yes **Super Score?** Yes – Super Duper Score (converts ACT to SAT Scores, takes highest)

Since the SAT and ACT have been redesigned, there is no historical data available. The initial decision is not made based on ACT and SAT scores.

What are the average AP requirements? 7-13 AP/DE "Students that excel inside and outside the class do better at Tech"

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? GT looks at involvement in each activity: clubs, sports, work, community involvement, etc. They aren't interested in smart, but lazy students. They want students who can think on their feet such as students who debate. They want impact, service, and longevity.

Georgia Tech's goal is to improve the human condition. What have you done to help?

Most popular majors at this school: Engineering, Computer & Information Technologies, Business, Architecture
35 programs of study

Does chosen major affect decision process? No. For admission, you apply to GT, not separate colleges. Major is not looked at when deciding whether or not to admit the student. They want "compelling, competitive students." Major is not declared until the 2nd semester of the sophomore year.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes. Three out of four of students have jobs through internships and co-ops. Choose internships if you want to gain experience that leads to a job but don't want to commit to 1 company. Choose co-op if you want to work for the same company every other semester. Co-Ops and interns earn an average of \$8,000-\$10,000 per semester.

Research Opportunities? Yes. Students must do research. "Create the box. Think outside the box. Then decide if you need the box."

Special successes the school is known for: 94% of students had job offers after graduation; starting salary of \$60k+
2015 US News & World Report: GT is #1 Smartest College Students, #7 Public Univ, #12 Undergrad Programs in top 10

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Hope, Zell Miller, and others based on major Scholarships within the programs once you are in the program. There are 25 scholarships for GA students. However, they are for the upper 1%. Extremely difficult to earn.

When are scholarship deadlines? Oct 15

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$12,212	\$32,404
Housing & Meal Plan		
Books & Supplies		
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$27,420	\$47,612

Applications

When are application deadlines? **Early admission (non-binding) Oct 15 - Results: accepted, denied, or deferred.**

Regular Decision: Jan 10 Decision deadline is May 1st.

In some cases an applicant may receive “summer” admission, take 2 classes the summer before your freshman year. Legacies may get conditional admittance – go to another school for 1 year, do well, then transfer to GT. You can only apply for fall semester. GT may admit you for summer. They want you, but either they are full or they believe a summer will help you catch up.

Is an essay required for all decision options? **Yes.** Your essay serves as your “interview.” This is your time to brag. Give specific details on activities as well as leadership roles in these activities. Write an essay that the admissions officer can read and really get to know you. When talking about clubs, do not use the word “founder,” use “co-founder.” GT requires 2 additional 150 word essays and 1 short answer, 25 words describing your personal motto.

Are letters of Recommendation required? **Yes - 1 from counselor, 1 from teacher, will not accept more.** They use recommendations for background information or to figure out hiccups in transcripts or in the application.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **No**

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? **Classes, rigor, test scores “What classes have you taken based on what classes are offered.”** Each school is different.

You need to be doing something in your chosen field so you have an idea if you can do it or actually enjoy it. ie, “I want to be an engineer, so I joined the robotics club in high school.” Don’t wait ‘til senior year to get involved, it will be too late.

Does the school use the Common App? **Yes** How many applicants are received last year? **30,537**

How much is the application fee? **\$75** Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? **No**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? **Div I**

Are sporting events free? **Yes** Is there a ticket lottery? **Yes for football and basketball**

Do freshmen live on campus? **Yes** Are cars allowed? **No**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Yes**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **15,132** Total enrollment? **25,017**

Percentage of male: female – **59% male: 41% female**

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **60% instate, students from 43 states, 1400+ high schools (307 in GA), 69 countries**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **25%**

Where is the school located? **Atlanta**

How far is it from Milton? **1 hour by car**

Other:

- **Demonstrated interest does not play a role in the admissions process**
- **Flexibility in class choices**
- **400+ clubs**
- **Tech is a tough school. “At some point, you will need a tutor. At some point, you will get a D or an F in a class. We believe failure leads to success.”**
- **Tech motto – Progress and Service – “We want to change the world.”**
- **97% Freshman Retention Rate**