



**GORDON**  
**COLLEGE**

FACT BOOK  
2011-2012

# About Gordon College

Gordon College is one of the nation's premier Christian colleges and located just north of Boston. Gordon offers students extraordinary access to leading-edge opportunities for intellectual, professional and leadership development to address the increasingly complex challenges of a global society, and stands apart from other outstanding institutions in New England by combining an exceptional education with an informed Christian faith.

A Christian liberal arts college on Boston's North Shore, Gordon offers 38 majors and 42 concentrations in the arts and sciences, with graduate programs in education and music education. Its overarching mission is to graduate men and women distinguished by intellectual maturity and Christian character, committed to lives of service and prepared for leadership worldwide. We are uniquely positioned as the only nationally ranked Christian college in New England—with all the access and opportunities afforded by a city with one of the largest concentrations of elite universities and students from around the globe—a place where the world comes to study.

## Religious Identity

Gordon's Christian identity is broadly evangelical; more than 40 denominations are represented by students, faculty and staff. We believe the common bonds of faith and commitment to the elements of Christian education are no impediment to the pursuit of truth. At Gordon, students examine complex issues, hear diverse opinions and

challenge their thinking within a framework of Christian faith. In the process they gain both moral integrity and the critical thinking skills all employers seek, equipping them to lead ethically and effectively in whatever profession they choose.

## Worldwide Reach

Consistent with its founding vision, Gordon's identity and reach are worldwide. Through its own (as well as affiliated) programs, Gordon offers diverse study options across the United States and around the world—essential exposure for personal and professional growth in a world that is increasingly interconnected and global. Since 2006, for example, seven Gordon students have earned Fulbright grants.

## Missions and Service

The College also has a long history of humanitarian service both domestically and abroad—evident in high student participation in spring-, summer- and winter-break mission trips, and in internship programs and service learning. Many of these opportunities

have led to careers that blend Christian compassion with the high-level business and professional skills necessary to make lasting differences in a needy world.

## **Location**

Gordon is strategically located on the Eastern seaboard—just 25 miles from Boston, and a few hours away from the financial and political capitals of the Western world (New York and Washington D.C.)—providing students access to leading-edge learning and vocational opportunities, and providing faculty ready access to vibrant intellectual and research communities. Biology professor Craig Story has been involved with colleagues at M.I.T. in groundbreaking microengraving research; social work professor Judith Oleson is a respected player in a movement to promote peace and reconciliation studies. Dr. Marvin Wilson's faithful work and many books on interfaith understanding have been recognized internationally; biology professor Dorothy Boorse is a frequent contributor to forums on environmental issues and has testified before Congress. Connections like these, in which Gordon faculty are valued contributors to cultural conversations and research, help foster and sustain excellent internship, graduate school and career opportunities for Gordon students.

## **Connections**

Along with its affiliations with the Christian College Consortium and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Gordon is actively involved with the Annapolis Group, an alliance of 130 of the nation's leading independent liberal arts colleges including Cornell, Wellesley, Williams, Pomona, Claremont and Scripps. Gordon's president and provost regularly join other Annapolis Group presidents and chief academic officers to share best practices, seek higher

levels of excellence, and advance the cause of liberal arts education. Gordon College is regularly included in national rankings such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Forbes Best Colleges* (most recently August 2012), and has been awarded funding from the Lilly Endowment and the John Templeton Foundation in recognition of innovative academic programs and character development.

## **Alumni**

About 70 percent of current Gordon students intend to pursue graduate studies. Of that group, within five years of graduation, 50 percent will have either earned graduate degrees or be enrolled in graduate programs, and 80 percent will have entered full- or part-time work in their fields. Gordon graduates are currently pursuing or have received advanced degrees from institutions including Harvard Medical School, M.I.T., Yale, Tufts, Princeton and the University of Notre Dame. Gordon alumni make substantial contributions in the fields of business (Richard Malloch '75), humanitarianism (Prashan De Visser '08, Jennifer Jukanovich '94), linguistics (Kenneth Pike '33), medicine (Dr. R. Preston Mason '85), religion (Jim Belcher '87) and sociology (James Davison Hunter '77, Christian Smith '85).

# Mission, Accreditation and Affiliations

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## The Gordon College Mission

Gordon College strives to graduate men and women distinguished by intellectual maturity and Christian character, committed to lives of service and prepared for leadership worldwide.

## Accreditation

Gordon College has been accredited by the following organizations, in recognition of the excellence of our programs after rigorous review:

### NEASC

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

### NASM

National Association of Schools of Music

### Council on Social Work Education

Department of Education  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Affiliations

### CCCU

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities

### Christian College Consortium

### The Annapolis Group

### CIC

Council of Independent Colleges

### NAICU

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

### AICUM

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts

### NECCUM

Northeast Consortium of Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts

### NCAA Division III

National Collegiate Athletics Association

# Awards and Recognitions

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## 130

*US News and World Report* lists Gordon College as number 130 in the **Best National Liberal Arts Colleges** category.

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## TOP 9%

*Forbes Magazine List of Best Colleges* includes Gordon among the **top 9 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities.**

## BEST

*Princeton Review* lists Gordon among the **Best Northeastern Colleges.**

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## GRANTS

Recipient of major funding from the **Templeton Foundation** and **Lilly Foundation.**

# Location

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# Admissions and Financial Aid

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## 2011 Test Scores

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AVERAGE GPA **3.53**

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AVERAGE ACT **25**

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AVERAGE SAT **1766**

## 2012 Cost of Attendance

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TUITION  
**\$30,740**

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ROOM AND BOARD  
**\$8,840**

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REQUIRED FEES  
**\$1,360**

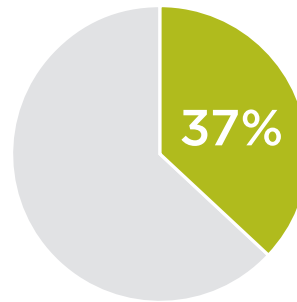
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TOTAL  
**\$40,940**

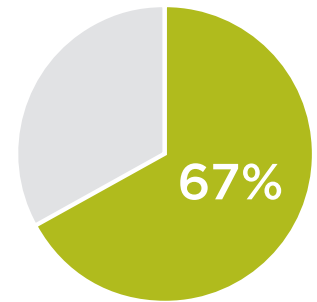
## High School Class Rank

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GORDON STUDENTS  
FROM TOP 10% OF HIGH  
SCHOOL CLASS



GORDON STUDENTS  
FROM TOP 25% OF  
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS



## Financial Aid

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**OVER 90%**

of Gordon students receive financial aid in the form of scholarships and grants.

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**\$16,000,000**

Last year Gordon awarded over \$16 million in financial aid to our students based on need and merit.

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## STUDY ABROAD

Gordon College allows scholarship funding to be used in study abroad programs.

# Enrollment

## Total Undergraduate Students



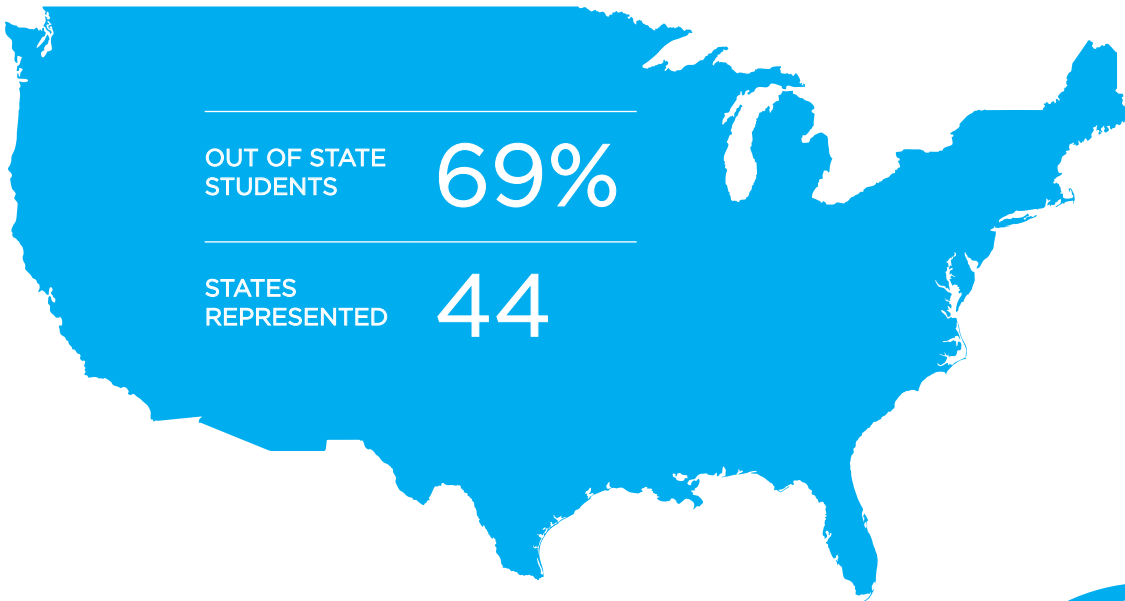
## Graduate Students



FIRST TO SECOND YEAR RETENTION 82%

4 YEAR GRADUATION (100%) 61%

6 YEAR GRADUATION (150%) 74%



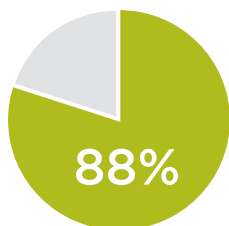
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 4%

NATIONS REPRESENTED 56



# Undergraduate Academic Program

CLASSES WITH 30 OR FEWER STUDENTS



38 majors, 42 concentrations and 15 interdisciplinary and preprofessional minors

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

13:1

FULL TIME FACULTY WITH TERMINAL DEGREE

87%

FULBRIGHT GRANTS TO STUDENTS SINCE 2006

7

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES ON

5 continents



STUDENTS COMPLETE CREDIT-BEARING OFF-CAMPUS/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS BY GRADUATION

## Accounting

### Art

Design  
Drawing/Printmaking  
Painting  
Sculpture

### Biblical Studies

Biblical Languages  
Jewish Studies

### Biology (Bachelor of Arts)

### Biology (Bachelor of Science)

Biotechnology  
Environmental  
Health Professions (Premedical)  
Marine Biology  
Professional

### Business Administration

International Business

### Chemistry

Health Professions (Premedical)  
Professional

### Christian Ministries

Youth Ministries  
Global Christianity  
Juvenile Justice  
Ministries  
Urban Ministries  
Outdoor Education  
Ministries

### Communication Arts

### Computer Science

General Concentration  
Computer Information Systems

### Economics

### Early Childhood

### Education (PreK-2)

ESL Licensure (PreK-6)

### Elementary Education

### (1-6)

ESL Licensure (PreK-6)  
Special Education  
Licensure (PreK-8)

### Elementary Art Education (PreK-8)

### Middle School Education (5-8)

ESL Licensure (5-12)  
Special Education  
Licensure (5-12)

### Secondary Education (8-12)

ESL Licensure (5-12)  
Special Education  
Licensure (5-12)

### English Language and Literature

Creative Writing

### Finance

### French

Francophone Studies

### German

### History

Public History and  
Museum Studies

### International Affairs

International  
Development

### Kinesiology

Health Professions  
Physician's Assistant  
Prephysical Therapy  
Preoccupational  
Therapy  
Prenursing  
Corporate Fitness

### Combined Language

### Linguistics

### Mathematics

### Music (Bachelor of Arts)

### Music Performance (Bachelor of Music)

### Music Education (Bachelor of Music)

### Philosophy

### Physics

Professional

Computational Physics  
Engineering Physics  
Physics: 3-2 Engineering Program

### Political Science

### Psychology

### Recreation and Leisure Studies

Outdoor Education  
Sport Studies

### Sociology

### Social Work

### Theatre Arts

### Interdisciplinary and Preprofessional Minors

American Studies  
Classics  
East Asian Studies  
Environmental Studies  
Gender Studies  
Health Professions (Premedical)  
Latin American Studies  
Neuroscience  
Nonprofit Organization Management  
Outdoor Education  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Prelaw  
Public History and Museum Studies  
Sport Studies  
Sustainable Development

### Honors Programs

The Elijah Project  
Jerusalem and Athens Forum  
Kenneth L. Pike Honors Program  
Departmental Honors



# Graduate Degree Programs

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3 MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

Master of Music Education (M.M.Ed.)

Certificate of Advanced  
Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.)

Licensure-only

PDPs

## Campus Life

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CHRISTIAN  
DENOMINATIONS

are represented among  
faculty, staff and students

# 5.97 of 7

OVERALL SATISFACTION

According to the 2011 Student Satisfaction Inventory, Gordon College students registered higher levels of overall satisfaction (5.97 of 7) than other benchmark comparison groups including CCCU (5.73 of 7) and National Four-Year Private Colleges (5.26 of 7).



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 Student-led  
ministries

Extracurricular activities and student groups include student government, a student newspaper, literary journal, yearbook, intramural sports, theatre productions, minority and ethnic groups, orientation staff, campus-based student bands, choir, orchestras, symphonic band and jazz band.

MEMBER OF  
NCAA Division III and  
The Commonwealth  
Coast Conference

# 78,000

SQUARE FEET OF ATHLETICS  
AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY



# 20

FIGHTING SCOTS  
VARSITY SPORTS

# Career Services

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## Over 30%

Students who participate in an internship, practicum or co-op by the time of graduation

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## 48

Employers represented at recent Job and Internship Fair

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## 51

Graduate schools and institutes represented at recent Graduate and Professional School Fair

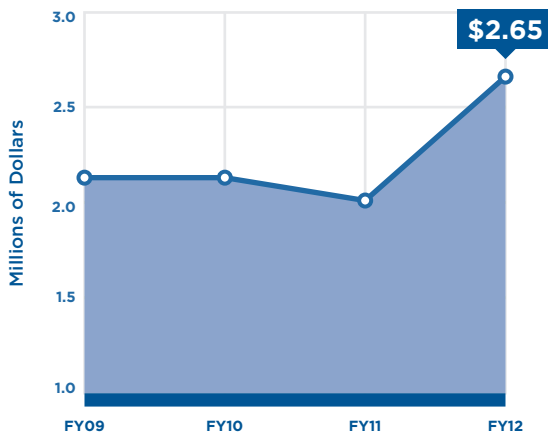


Students and alumni can attend more than **40 events and seminars each year** on career topics. Networking opportunities help students develop skills and make professional contacts with alumni, employer and graduate school representatives and other professionals.

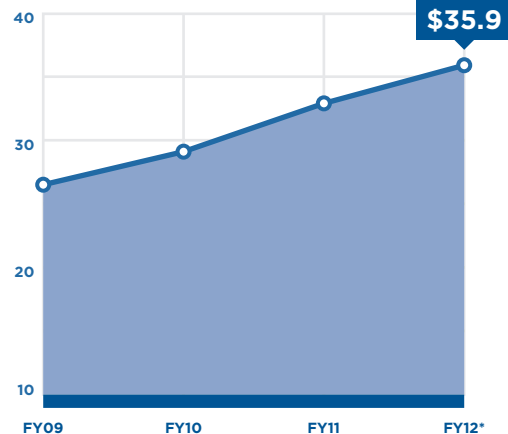
# Institutional Advancement

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### Gordon Fund Giving



### Endowment Value



\*Unofficial, pending end-of-year audit

# Alumni and Outcomes

## Alumni Satisfaction and Outcomes

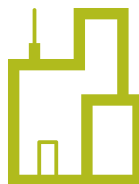
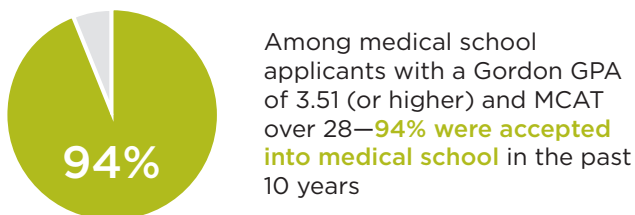
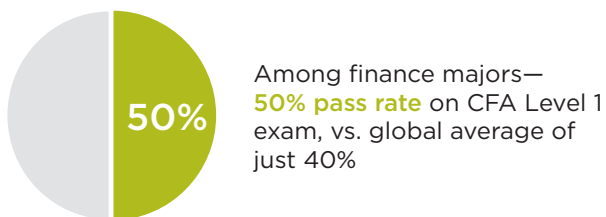
### 10 YEARS FOLLOWING GRADUATION

**73%** have completed an advanced degree or some form of industry-specific certification

**59%** are enrolled in or intend to enter an advanced degree program

**37%** of alumni surveyed believed Gordon College provided excellent leadership preparation

### GORDON ALUMNI GO PLACES



### Gordon alumni serve the following employers:

Apple, Inc.  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Deloitte  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Ernst & Young, L.L.P.  
ESPN  
Fidelity Investments  
Genzyme Corp.  
Harvard University  
Hewlett-Packard Company  
Houghton Mifflin Company  
IBM Corporation  
Putnam Investments  
Raytheon  
State Street Bank  
The Boston Project Ministries  
Tufts Floating Hospital for Children  
World Vision  
Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Yale University

## 4% unemployment

According to the 2011 Alumni Outcomes survey, self-reported unemployment among Gordon graduates was half the national average five years after graduation:

**4% Gordon / 8% national**

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