

GORDON
COLLEGE

FACT BOOK

2016



LIVES WORTH LEADING®

About Gordon College



Gordon College is one of the nation's premier colleges with a vibrant Christian community 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 43 concentrations, 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. Boston is a place where the world comes to study, and was recently named by *Forbes* magazine as “America’s Smartest City.”

Vibrant Christian Community

Gordon is a vibrant evangelical community of Christ-followers; many denominations are represented by our 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 shared 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 their chosen vocation.

Global Since 1889

Consistent with its founding vision, Gordon's identity and reach are worldwide. Through its own (as well as affiliated) programs, Gordon offers diverse off-campus study options and internships 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, 11 Gordon students have been Fulbright recipients.

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. 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 pressing cultural issues, 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 Wellesley, Williams and Claremont McKenna. 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 *Princeton Review*, *Barron's*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Kiplinger's* and *Forbes Best Colleges* (most recently in August 2015), and has been awarded funding from the Lilly Endowment and the John Templeton Foundation in recognition of innovative academic programs and character development.

Alumni

Ten years after graduating, about 93 percent of alumni are either very satisfied or satisfied with their overall experience at Gordon. In recent years, within five years of graduation 53 percent of Gordon graduates either earned graduate degrees or were enrolled in graduate programs, and 80 percent entered full- or part-time work in their fields. Gordon graduates are currently pursuing or have received advanced degrees from major institutions including Harvard Medical School, M.I.T., Yale, Tufts, Princeton and the University of Notre Dame. Gordon alumni make substantial contributions in fields including business (Richard Malloch '75), humanitarianism (Prashan De Visser '08), linguistics (Kenneth Pike '33), medicine (Dr. R. Preston Mason '85), higher education (Jim Belcher '87) and sociology (James Davison Hunter '77, Christian Smith '83).

Mission, Accreditation and Affiliations

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.

Gordon's Vision Statement

Gordon College will be the liberal arts college of choice worldwide for developing thoughtful Christian leaders.

Accreditation

The following organizations have accredited Gordon College after rigorous review, in recognition of the excellence of our programs.

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

Recognitions and Accolades

BEST NATIONAL

US News and World Report lists Gordon College as number 158 in the **Best National Liberal Arts Colleges** category.

TOP

Forbes's list of **America's Top Colleges** includes Gordon at number 317 of all U.S. colleges and universities.

BEST 380 COLLEGES

Princeton Review lists Gordon in its *Best 380 Colleges* and among the **Best Northeastern Colleges**.

VERY COMPETITIVE+

Barron's Profiles of American Colleges granted Gordon the **prestigious ranking of Very Competitive+**.

BEST VALUE

Kiplinger's lists Gordon as one of America's **Best College Values**, at number 96.

SAFEST

In January of 2015, *USA Today* rated Gordon as the #9 **safest campus in the US**.

Location



Admissions and Financial Aid

2015 Test Scores

AVERAGE GPA **3.6**

AVERAGE ACT **26**

AVERAGE SAT **1698**

2015 Cost of Attendance

TUITION
\$33,884

ROOM AND BOARD
\$10,218

REQUIRED FEES
\$1,502

TOTAL
\$45,604

Financial Aid

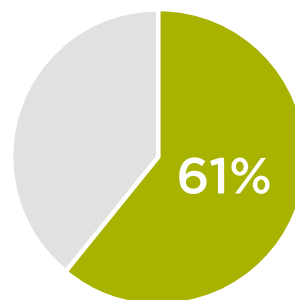
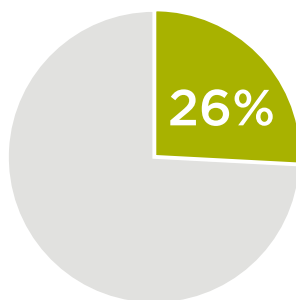
\$25.1m

Amount Gordon is budgeting in financial aid to our students based on need and merit for fiscal year 2015-2016.

High School Class Rank

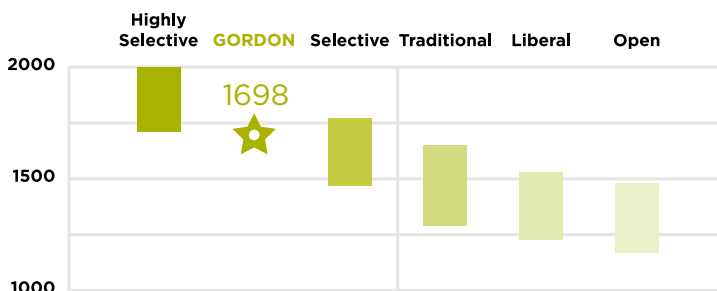
GORDON STUDENTS FROM TOP 10% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

GORDON STUDENTS FROM TOP 25% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS



Highly Selective

AVERAGE SAT SCORE



AVERAGE ACT SCORE



Data source: ACT Institutional Data File, 2015

Enrollment

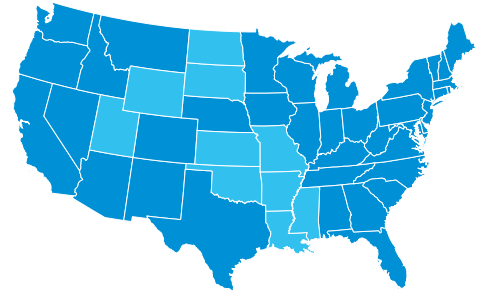


1694

Total Undergraduate Students

351

Graduate Students



39

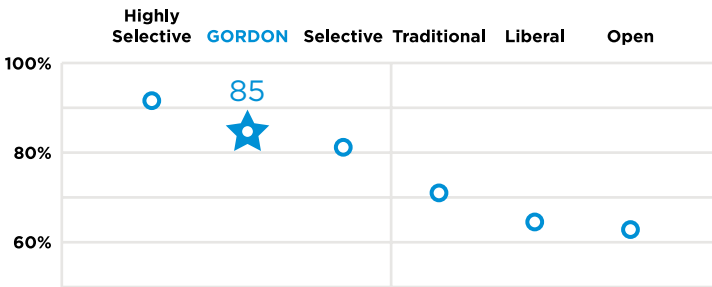
States Represented

68%

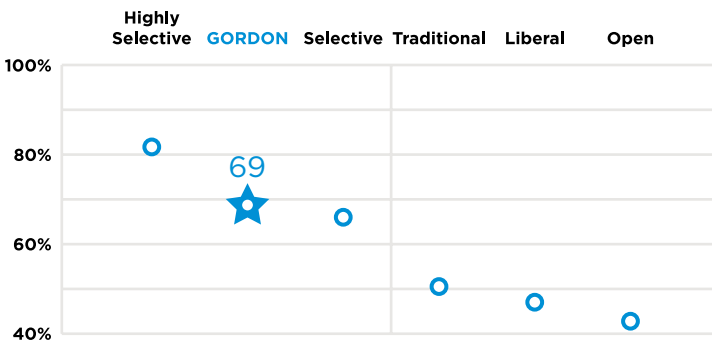
Out of State Students

Successful Students

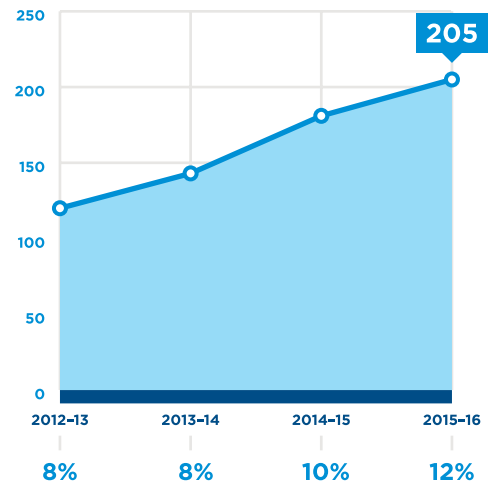
FIRST TO SECOND YEAR RETENTION RATE



6 YEAR GRADUATION RATE



International Students



12%

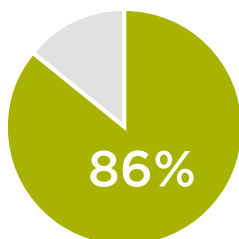
International Students

55

Nations Represented

Undergraduate Academic Program

CLASSES WITH 30 OR FEWER STUDENTS



STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

13:1

FULL-TIME FACULTY WITH TERMINAL DEGREE

87%

FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS SINCE 2006

11

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES ON

5 continents



OF STUDENTS COMPLETE CREDIT-BEARING OFF-CAMPUS/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Gordon offers a total of more than 90 majors, minors, concentrations, pre-professional and interdisciplinary programs—and over 200 combinations of Honors, Scholars, Fellows and Leadership programs

- Accounting ^M
- Art ^M
- Biblical Languages
- Biblical Studies ^M
- Big Data and Computational Physics
- Biochemistry
- Biology (Bachelor of Arts) ^M
- Biology (Bachelor of Science) ^M
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration ^M
- Chemistry ^M
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Christian Ministries ^M
- Classics
- Combined Languages ^M
- Communication Arts ^M
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science ^M
- Corporate Fitness
- Creative Writing
- Pre-dentistry
- Design
- Drawing/Printmaking
- Early Christian Studies
- Economics ^M
- Education, Early Childhood (PreK-2) ^M
- Education, Elementary (grade 1-6) ^M
- Education, Elementary Art (PreK-8) ^M
- Education, Middle School (5-8) ^M
- Education, Secondary (grade 8-12) ^M
- Engineering (3-2)
- Engineering Physics
- English Language and Literature ^M
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- ESL Licensure (PreK-6)
- ESL Licensure (grade 5-12)
- Finance ^M
- Francophone Studies
- French ^M
- Gender Studies
- German ^M
- Global Christianity
- History ^M
- Innovation and Social Enterprise
- International Affairs ^M
- International Business
- International Development
- Jewish Studies
- Juvenile Justice Ministries
- Kinesiology ^M
- Latin American Studies
- Pre-law
- Linguistics ^M
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics ^M
- Pre-medical
- Music (Bachelor of Arts) ^M
- Music Education (Bachelor of Music) ^M
- Music Performance (Bachelor of Music) ^M
- Neuroscience
- Pre-nursing
- Pre-occupational therapy
- Pre-optometry
- Outdoor Education
- Outdoor Education Ministries
- Painting
- Pastoral Ministries
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Pre-pharmacy
- Philosophy ^M
- Pre-physical therapy
- Pre-physician's assistant
- Physics ^M
- Political Science ^M
- Psychology ^M
- Public History and Museum Studies
- Recreation, Sport and Wellness ^M
- Sculpture
- Social Work ^M
- Sociology ^M
- Spanish ^M
- Special Education Licensure (PreK-8)
- Special Education Licensure (grade 5-12)
- Speech Pathology
- Sport Studies
- Sustainable Development
- Theatre Arts ^M
- Theology
- Urban Ministries
- Pre-veterinary
- Youth Ministries

^M Major

Campus Life

Active Faith



MINISTRIES AND MISSION GROUPS

65

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS IN 2014-15

40%

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

Student Satisfaction Rating

My academic advisor is concerned about my success as an individual.



There is a commitment to academic excellence on this campus.



There are adequate services to help me decide upon a career.



Scale 1-7

■ Gordon College ■ National Four-Year Privates

Data source: Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory 2015 administration

199

Campus student leaders attended the 28th annual LEAD Conference

8,797

Hours spent serving off-campus communities by over 380 Gordon students during the 2014-2015 academic year

232

Programs and events in 2014-2015 were coordinated by residence hall staff in an effort to enrich residence life.

Top 5

Intramural Sports: Dodgeball, flag football, indoor soccer, basketball, ultimate frisbee

120

Student groups and organizations

Athletics

MEMBER OF
**NCAA Division III and
The Commonwealth
Coast Conference**

CHAMPIONSHIPS
2013-14 Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC)
Championships in Women's Field Hockey and Men's Basketball
2015 CCC Championship in Men's Soccer



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FIGHTING SCOTS
VARSITY SPORTS

Career Services

Over 30%

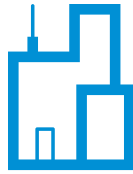
Students who participate in an internship, practicum or co-op by the time of graduation



Students and alumni can attend more than **40 events and seminars each year** on career topics.

123

Employers and graduate schools represented at 2014-15 Graduate and Professional School Fair

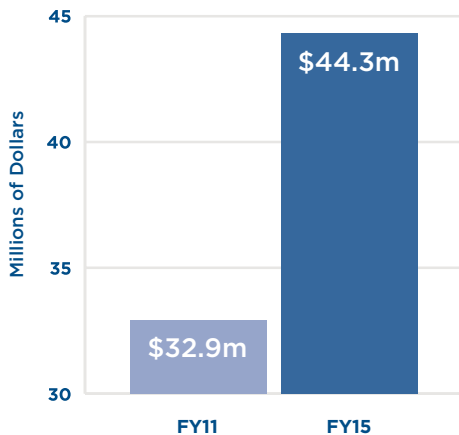


Gordon alumni serve employers including:

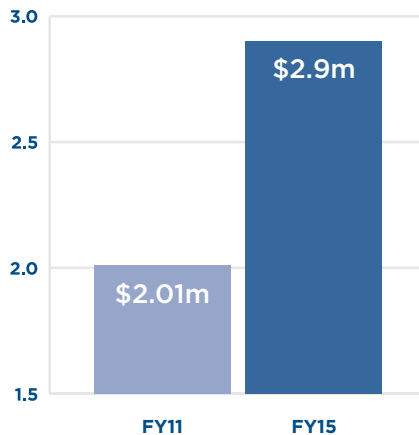
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| Apple, Inc. | Hewlett-Packard |
| Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center | Houghton Mifflin |
| Deloitte | IBM Corporation |
| Department of Health and Human Services | Putnam Investments |
| Ernst & Young, L.L.P. | Raytheon |
| ESPN | State Street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

Institutional Advancement

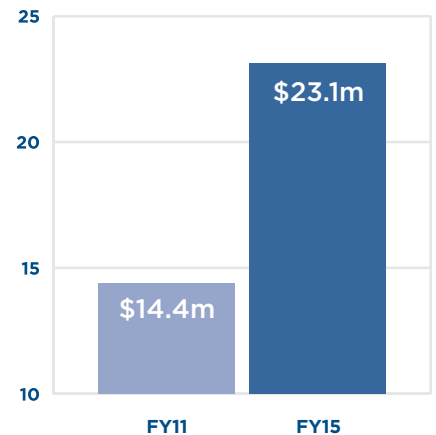
Endowment Value



Gordon Fund Annual Giving



Institutional Scholarships Awarded



Alumni and Outcomes

93% of the Class of 2014 are employed (PT/FT/Self-) or pursuing an advanced degree.

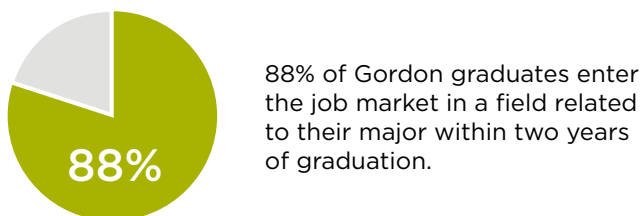
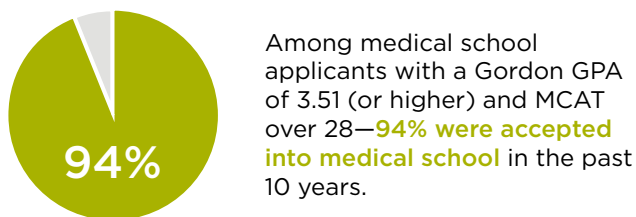
Alumni Satisfaction and Outcomes

10 YEARS FOLLOWING GRADUATION

93% are very satisfied or satisfied with their overall experience at Gordon.

93% are very satisfied or satisfied with their academic experience at Gordon.

56% hold an advanced degree.



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



Gordon alumni have earned advanced degrees at these prestigious institutions:

Boston University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
New York University
Oxford University
Princeton University
Suffolk University
Tufts University
University of Chicago
University of Edinburgh
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Toronto
Vanderbilt University
Yale University

Leading Engaged Lives

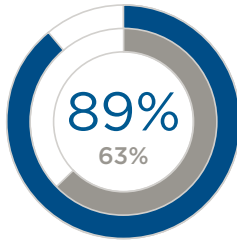
A recent Gallup study* identifies six key factors of the college experience most strongly correlated with living engaged lives post-college. Our surveys of Gordon alumni** (using questions identical to the questions Gallup asked) indicate that Gordon alumni

experienced “the Big Six” far more frequently than the national averages measured by the Gallup study. In fact, compared to Gallup’s averages, three times as many Gordon alumni reported “strong agreement” with all six statements below.

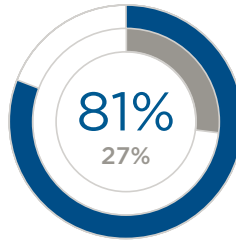
Support (“strongly agree”)

■ Gordon alumni

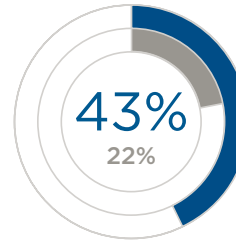
■ Gallup/Purdue average



I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning.

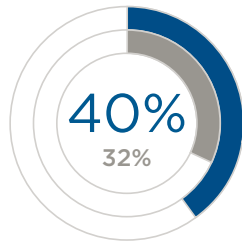


My professors cared about me as a person.

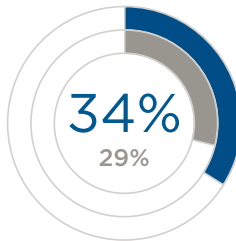


I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue my goals and dreams.

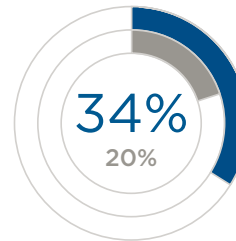
Experience (“strongly agree”)



I worked on a project that took a semester or more to complete.



I had an internship or job that allowed me to apply what I was learning in the classroom.



I was extremely active in extracurricular activities and organizations.

*The Gallup/Purdue Index. Gallup Inc. is an American management consulting and polling organization.

**Classes of 2014, 2010, 2005; alumni outcomes survey administered June/July 2015

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