



# GORDON COLLEGE

# FACT BOOK 2014-2015

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# About Gordon College

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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 41 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; more than 40 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, ten 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; social work professor Judith Oleson is a respected player in a movement

to promote peace and reconciliation studies. 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* and *Forbes Best Colleges* (most recently in August 2014), 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 65 percent of incoming Gordon students intend to pursue graduate studies. In recent years, within five years of graduation 59 percent of Gordon graduates either earned graduate degrees or were enrolled in graduate programs, and 86 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

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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.

## 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 139 in the **Best National Liberal Arts Colleges** category.

## TOP

*Forbes's* list of America's Top Colleges includes Gordon at number **342 of all U.S. colleges and universities**.

## BEST 379 COLLEGES

*Princeton Review* lists Gordon in its *Best 379 Colleges* and among the **Best Northeastern Colleges**.

## VERY COMPETITIVE+

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

## SAFEST

Stateuniversity.com ranked Gordon as the **safest private college in the United States**.

## COLLEGES OF DISTINCTION

Gordon College received three distinctions for the 2014–2015 year: Colleges of Massachusetts Distinction, Christian College Distinction, and a general Distinction for the year.

# Location



# Admissions and Financial Aid

## 2014 Test Scores

AVERAGE GPA **3.60**

AVERAGE ACT **26**

AVERAGE SAT **1732**

## 2014 Cost of Attendance

TUITION  
**\$32,930**

ROOM AND BOARD  
**\$9,930**

REQUIRED FEES  
**\$1,460**

TOTAL  
**\$44,320**

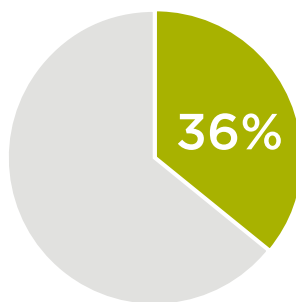
## Financial Aid

**\$23.5m**

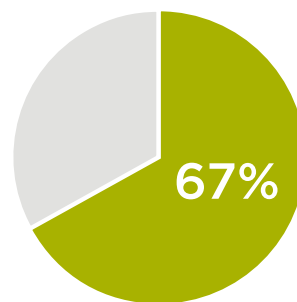
Amount Gordon is budgeting in financial aid to our students based on need and merit for fiscal year 2014-2015.

## High School Class Rank

GORDON STUDENTS FROM TOP 10% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

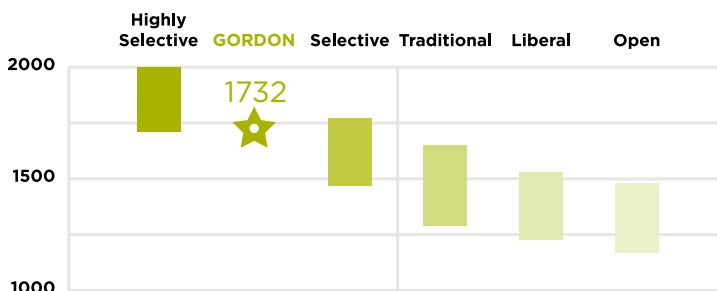


GORDON STUDENTS FROM TOP 25% OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

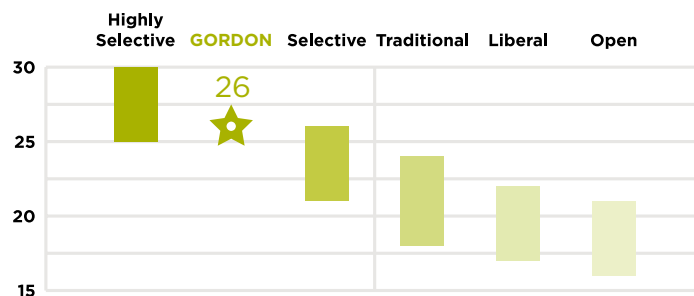


## Highly Selective

### AVERAGE SAT SCORE

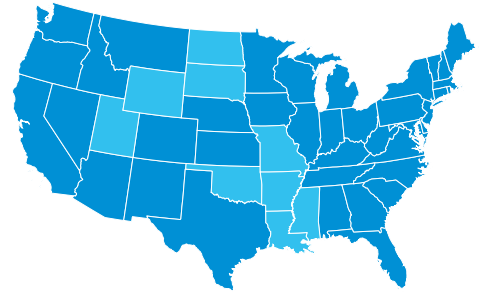
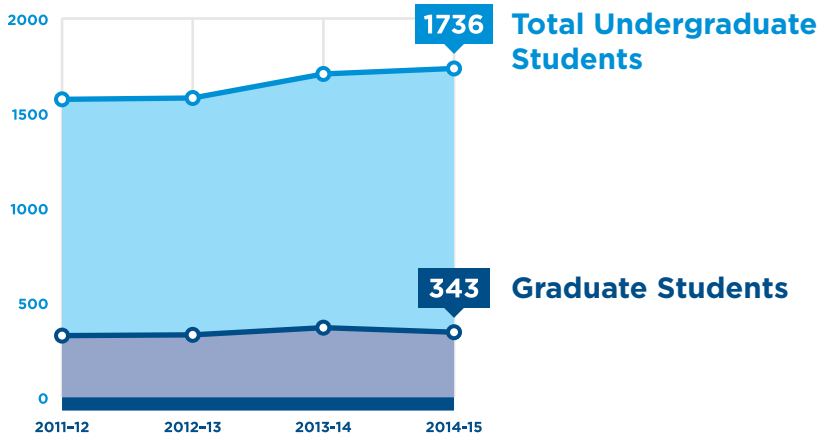


### AVERAGE ACT SCORE



Data source: ACT Institutional Data Questionnaire

# Enrollment



**41**  
States  
Represented

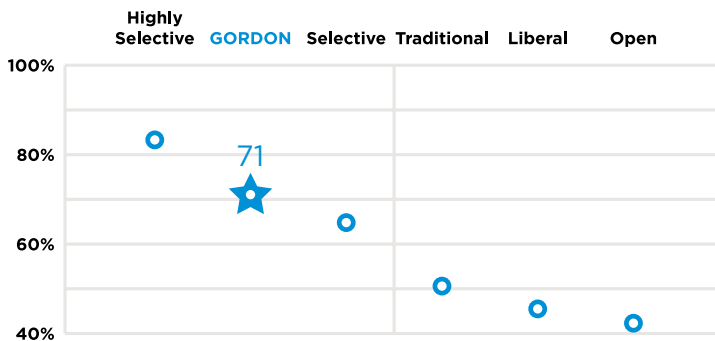
**68%**  
Out of State  
Students

## Successful Students

### FIRST TO SECOND YEAR RETENTION RATE

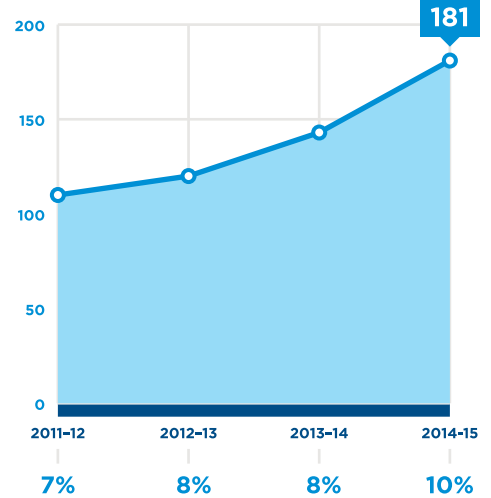


### 6 YEAR GRADUATION RATE



## International students

### OVERALL ENROLLMENT



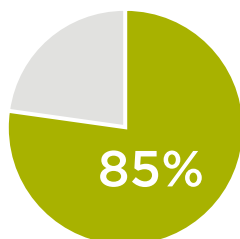
### INCOMING STUDENTS FALL 2014

**14%**  
International  
Students

**25**  
Nations  
Represented

# Undergraduate Academic Program

CLASSES WITH 30 OR FEWER STUDENTS



STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

13:1

FULL-TIME FACULTY WITH TERMINAL DEGREE

88%

FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS SINCE 2006

10

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES ON

5 continents



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

38 majors, 41 concentrations and 12 interdisciplinary and preprofessional minors

## 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

Biochemistry  
Health Professions (Premedical)  
Professional

### Christian Ministries

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

### Communication Arts

### Computer Science

Computer Information Systems  
General Concentration

### 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

Corporate Fitness  
Health Professions

### Combined Languages

### 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, Sport and Wellness

Outdoor Education  
Sport Studies

### Sociology

Gender Studies

### Social Work

### Spanish

### Theatre Arts

### Interdisciplinary and Preprofessional Minors

Classics  
Environmental Studies  
Gender Studies  
Health Professions (7 tracks including Premedical)  
Innovation and Social Enterprise  
Latin American Studies  
Mandarin (Chinese)  
Neuroscience  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Prelaw  
Public History and Museum Studies  
Speech Pathology  
Sustainable Development

### Honors Programs

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



# Campus Life

## Active Faith



MINISTRIES AND MISSION GROUPS

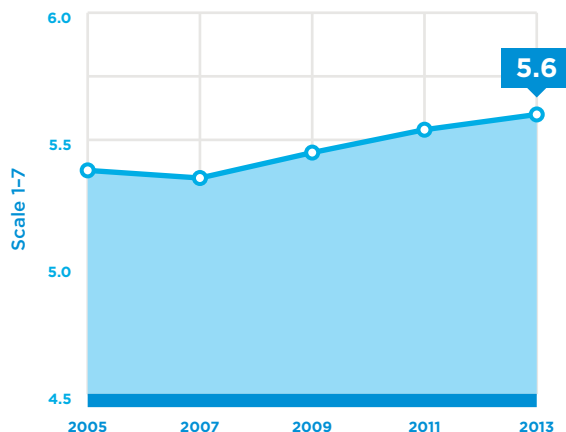
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STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS EACH SEMESTER

33%

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



The average of all 98 items in the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory.

209

Campus student leaders attended the 27<sup>th</sup> annual LEAD Conference.

17,576

Hours spent serving off-campus communities by over 574 Gordon students during the 2013-2014 academic year

172

Programs and events in 2013-2014 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

115 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



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**FIGHTING SCOTS VARSITY SPORTS**

# Career Services

Over 30%

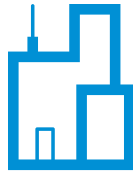
Students who participate in an internship, practicum or co-op by the time of graduation



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

35%

Increase in employers represented at recent Job and Internships Fair

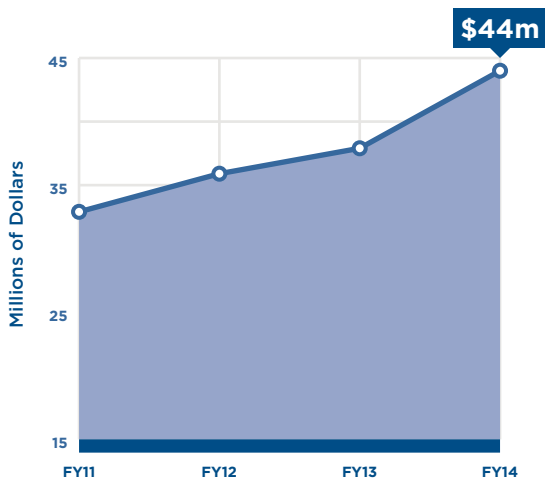


## Gordon alumni serve employers including:

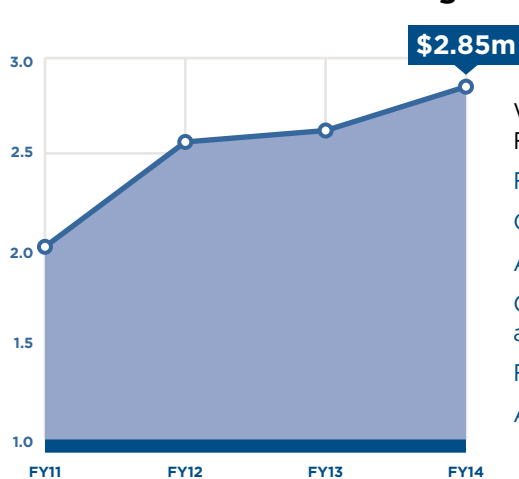
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| Apple, Inc.                             | Houghton Mifflin                     |
| Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center    | IBM Corporation                      |
| Deloitte                                | Putnam Investments                   |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

# Institutional Advancement

Endowment Value



Gordon Fund Annual Giving



### WHERE THE GORDON FUND GOES

- Financial Aid - **29%**
- Core Programs - **23%**
- Academics - **21%**
- Campus Programs and Resources - **13%**
- Facilities - **11%**
- Athletics - **3%**

# Alumni and Outcomes

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**95%** of the Class of 2013 are employed (PT/FT/Self-) or pursuing an advanced degree.

## Alumni Satisfaction and Outcomes

### 10 YEARS FOLLOWING GRADUATION

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**67%** have completed an advanced degree or some form of industry-specific certification.

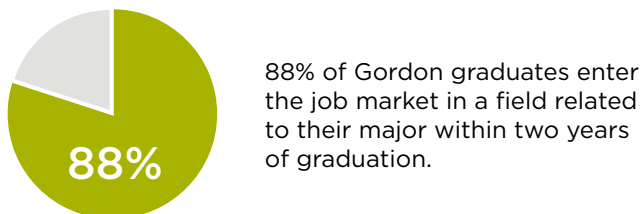
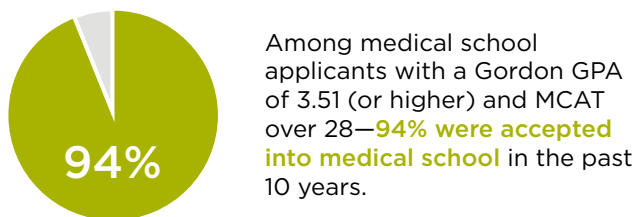
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**60%** hold an advanced degree.

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**80%** of alumni surveyed are satisfied or very satisfied with leadership preparation.

### GORDON ALUMNI GO PLACES



**55** 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

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