

Graduate School

New Graduate Student Manual

2022-23

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General Information

New Student Information

Welcome to the Hood College Graduate School! Collected here you will find information and resources for you as a Hood College student.

Orientation Videos

Welcome to Hood College Graduate School! For more information, check out the orientation videos uploaded for you on our Blackboard orientation site. Blackboard or Bb is Hood's learning management system, which is where all your courses will be housed. For details on how to locate and login to your personal Blackboard site, see the Bb sections below (starting on p. 23). Your New Student Orientation site will be listed with your other courses once you register for classes.

Hood College ID and Library Access

Now that you are a Hood College graduate student, you need three pieces of identification: an ID card and a parking pass. You can get all three at your leisure. Simply visit campus during normal business hours, M-F, and stop by the Information Desk in Whitaker Campus Center. Someone on our security team will assist you. You will need to fill out a short form, have your picture taken, and they will print your ID with a library barcode on the back.

The Hood College Library utilizes a single sign-on system to provide you with access to online databases and resources. With a single sign on, once you have signed on to Hood (EX: Office365), you are automatically authenticated to access library resources. Single sign on also means you should not need a library barcode to access our resources whether you are on or away from campus. A library barcode will still be needed to check out print materials.

Hood College Parking Pass

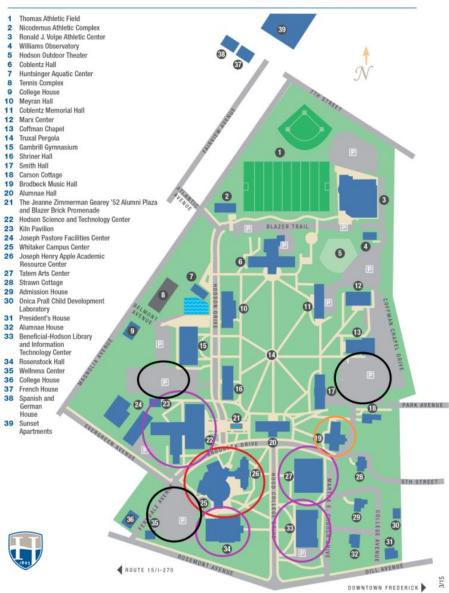
To register for your free parking pass, log in to Self Service and click on the 'student vehicle registration' link under the Reports menu. Enter the vehicle details and submit. Print the receipt and bring it to the front desk communications center at the main entrance to the Whitaker Campus Center. (If no one is at the desk, check with the security office immediately behind the communications center.) You will receive a commuter parking pass that allows you to park in any commuter spot. This can be done during orientation or at any time.

Sexual Assault Prevention Training

Per federal government mandate, all students – graduate as well as undergraduate – must take mandatory training in Sexual Assault Prevention. This training covers protecting yourself as well as knowing when others around you are at risk. Hood College takes the safety Hood College takes Sexual Assault very seriously and we appreciate your participation in the program that is meant to make our students and our campus safer.

You will receive instructions on how to enter the training via email from the Graduate School office. Failure to complete the training will result in a hold placed on your student account preventing access to grades and transcripts until you have finished the training.

Navigating Campus



HOOD COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP

Important Areas on Campus

As a graduate student, you will spend most of your time in the southern part of the campus (the bottom of the map above). Here are some of the key spots for you. Please note the Whitaker Campus Center and the Joseph Henry Apple Building are connected through the first and second floors.

Building	Map #	Map Color	What's There
Whitaker Campus Center	25	Red	Commuter Lounge, Blazer Food Court, <u>Bookstore, Post Office</u> , Whitaker Commons
Joseph Henry Apple Center	26	Red	<u>Graduate School Office, Registrar, Career</u> <u>Center, Financial Aid Office</u> , Computer Lab
Hodson Science and Technology Center	22	Purple	Science and Math Classes
Tatum Arts Center	27	Purple	Education, Counseling and Ceramics Classes
Rosenstock Hall	34	Purple	Humanities and MBA classes
Beneficial-Hodson Library	33	Purple	Library, IT support, Doctoral classes
Parking		Gray	Commuter Parking is open to graduate students with parking passes. You can also park on the streets in front of and around Hood College, but please make sure to park legally and be respectful of residents.
Brodbeck Music Hall	19	Orange	Music classes, rehearsal space, concert hall, <u>concerts & events</u> (The building is currently closed for renovation).

Important Phone Numbers

Accounting	(301) 696-3607
Alumnae and Alumnae Relations	(301) 696-3900
Bookstore	(301) 696-3480
<u>Campus Safety</u>	(301) 696-3548
Career Center	(301) 696-3583
Disability Services Coordinator	(301) 696-3421
End User Computing/IT Help Desk	(301) 696-3622
<u>Financial Aid Office</u>	(301) 696-3411
<u>Fitness Center & Pool</u>	(301) 696-3376
<u>Graduate School</u>	(301) 696-3600
Institutional Advancement	(301) 696-3712
Library	(301) 696-3909
Main College Number	(301) 6663-3131
Post Office	(301) 696-3594
Provost	(301) 696-3623
<u>Registrar</u>	(301) 696-3628
Wellness Center	(301) 698-8374
Whitaker Campus Center Information Desk	(301) 696-3964

<u> Academic Calendar – Graduate School</u>

The <u>academic calendar</u> can be found online at www.hood.edu/registrar.

Fall 2022

August	
Friday 5	Deadline for graduate students to upload thesis and final projects for September graduation
Monday 15	Deadline for students to apply/petition for January graduation to the registrar's office
Wednesday 17	New Graduate and New International Graduate Student Orientation, 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 21	Last day for 100% tuition refund for undergraduate students; 100% refund for graduate students continues until the first-class meeting; last day students can adjust schedule via Self-Service
Monday 22	First day of classes for undergraduate and graduate students
Monday 22	Drop/add period begins; 80% tuition refund period begins and continues through Aug. 27; 0% tuition refund thereafter. Schedule adjustments must be processed through the registrar's office
Wednesday 31	Drop/add ends at 5 p.m.; end 80% course refund for graduate and part-time undergraduate students; last day to declare/change S/U or audit option
September	
Monday 5	Labor Day; no classes; offices closed
October	
Monday 10 –Tuesday 11	Fall Break; no classes; offices open
Wednesday 12	Classes Resume
Friday 14	Midterm grades due in registrar's office by 9 a.m.
Monday 31	Advising period begins and continues through November 11

November	
Monday 14	Last day to withdraw from graduate classes
Monday 14	Begin winter and spring registration for seniors and current graduate students
Monday 21	Begin spring registration for new undergraduate, new graduate, and non-degree students
Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27	Thanksgiving recess; no classes
Monday 28	Classes resume
December	
Monday 5 - Saturday 10	Last week of graduate classes
Friday 9	Last day to submit Incomplete grade requests for graduate students
Friday 16	Final grades due by 11:59 p.m. in the registrar's office
Friday 23 - Sunday 1	Winter Break; offices closed

Winter and Spring 2023

January	
Monday 2	Winter term classes begin
Tuesday 3	Winter term drop/add ends at 5 p.m.
Monday 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no classes; offices closed
Monday 23	Last day for 100% tuition refund for graduate students enrolled in Spring classes and continues until the first class meeting. All online classes begin Monday, January 2
February	

Thursday 2	Drop/add ends at 5 p.m.; end 80% course refund for graduate and part-time undergraduate students
March	
Monday 13- Saturday 18	Spring Break; no classes; offices open
Monday 20	Classes resume
Friday 24	Midterm grades due in registrar's office
April	
Monday 3	Advising period begins and continues through April 14
Monday 17	Last day to withdraw from graduate classes
Monday 17	Begin fall and summer registration for juniors: non-graduating seniors and current graduate students
Monday 24	Begin fall and summer registration for new undergraduate: new graduate and non-degree students
Мау	
Monday 8 - Saturday 13	Last week of graduate classes
Saturday 13	Last day to submit Incomplete grade requests for graduate students
Friday 19	Final grades for graduating seniors and master's candidates are due in the registrar's office by 9 a.m.
Saturday 20	Commencement - Degree conferral will occur after confirmation of degree requirements have been met on June 15

Summer 2023

Мау	
Monday 22	Term I begins
Monday 29	HOLIDAY - No classes; College closed

June	
Monday 19	Juneteenth; no classes; offices closed
Friday 23	Last day to withdraw from Summer I classes that meet the full length of the term. For requests to withdraw from other Summer I classes outside the standard meeting dates, contact registrar@hood.edu for information
July	
Sunday 2	Term I ends
Monday 3	HOLIDAY - no classes; College closed
Tuesday 4	July 4th Holiday; no classes; offices closed
Wednesday 5	Term II begins
Thursday 6	Term I grade due by 3 p.m.
August	
Friday 4	Last day to withdraw from summer II classes that meet the full length of the term. For requests to withdraw from other Summer I classes outside the standard meeting dates, contact <u>registrar@hood.edu</u> for information
Sunday 13	Term II ends
Wednesday 16	Term II grades due by 3 p.m.

Withdrawal or tuition refund policy for summer terms

100 percent tuition refund before the first day of class for all sessions

80 percent tuition refund within the first two calendar days of one- and two-week sessions; zero percent tuition refunds thereafter

80 percent tuition refund within the first four calendar days of three- and four-week sessions; zero percent tuition refunds thereafter

80 percent tuition refund within the first seven calendar days of five- and six-week sessions; zero percent tuition refunds thereafter

Graduate Student Conduct

The Honor Code

Academic life at Hood College is guided by an honor system. The basic aims of the honor system are to encourage and promote a trustful relationship among all members of the College community; to offer students the opportunity to exercise responsibilities and shared governance on campus; and to make students more aware of their personal principles of honor.

Our Honor Code

"As a place of honor and respect, all members of the College assume the obligation to maintain the principles of honesty, responsibility, and intellectual integrity in all activities related to their Hood College experience. Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity in all coursework and related matters. It is the responsibility of each student to support these values through maturity of thought, expression, and action. Members of the faculty and staff are available to assist students in this process."

<u>Plagiarism</u>

Did you know that copying your own work can still be considered plagiarism? Everyone knows that copying an essay off the internet is plagiarism, but what are the boundaries between using your resources for support and plagiarism? Some of our graduate students created a short video to help explain the differences, when using your own work is permissible, and how to cite yourself as a reference.

<u>Plagiarism Video</u>

Bullying Policy

Hood College has developed a comprehensive anti-bullying policy and does not tolerate aggressive or violent behaviors among its student body.

Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct

Hood College affirms the principle that its faculty, staff, and students have the right to be free from discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct by any member of the Hood College community, or by others who conduct business with the College or in any other way interact with it in an educational, extra-curricular, or business context, either on or off campus. The College is committed to the creation and maintenance of an academic and work environment in which all persons who participate in college programs and activities can do so in an atmosphere free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct based on the characteristics described and defined above.

• Discrimination, harassment, and bias incidents can be reported here: <u>https://www.hood.edu/node/9221</u> Bias-related Incidents: https://www.hood.edu/node/12751

Academic Freedom

Academic Freedom is the professional judgment extended to faculty in determining the appropriate content and presentation of academic material. Hood College is committed to the principles of free inquiry and free expression. The College's policy against discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct, and retaliation is not intended to stifle this freedom, nor will it be permitted to do so. However, prohibited discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and retaliation are neither legally protected expressions nor the proper exercise of academic freedom, and such conduct is incompatible with the values of Hood College.

Dismissal Policy

A student whose cumulative grade point average is 3.0 or higher is in good academic standing, which is required for graduation. At the end of a semester, if a student's G.P.A. drops below 3.0, they will be placed on academic warning. The G.P.A. must be restored to 3.0 within the next 9 credits completed from the term in which the G.P.A. fell below 3.0. The 3.0 average may be restored by repeating courses or by taking additional courses. A student on academic warning who does not restore the G.P.A. to 3.0 as required may be dismissed from the College. To view the full policy on graduate academic conduct, please refer to the College catalog. Students will receive electronic (email) notice from professors if they are not making satisfactory academic progress. Students should work with their advisors to discuss options and to learn if they may be eligible to retake courses.

A student who has been dismissed for academic reasons may appeal to the Graduate Council Student Petitions Committee for reinstatement. Information about this process will be explained in letters of dismissal.

Registering For and Dropping Classes

For your first semester, you will start by consulting with your advisor about what classes to take. Once you have decided on your classes, you can register for them on the <u>Graduate School</u> <u>Registration Form</u>. For subsequent semesters, you will register through Self Service (see the 'online resources' section for instructions and screenshots). Doctoral students are registered by their program, as they progress as a cohort.

If you want to drop or withdraw from a class, how to do it depends on when it is. Before the semester starts, you can drop the class yourself using self-service and will not owe any of the tuition. After the semester starts, there is a brief period called the 'drop/add period,' during which you can drop a class and get 80% of your tuition refunded (check the academic calendar to see the dates). After the drop/add period is over, you can withdraw from the class up to the withdrawal deadline established in the Academic Calendar and receive a 'W' grade on your transcripts, no tuition will be refunded/reversed. To withdraw from a class any time after the semester starts, you must fill out the course withdrawal form (in the forms below).

Grading System

Instructors in graduate programs are required to use uniform criteria in assigning grades to students. Please be sure to review Hood College's graduate grading system and grade point averages here in the <u>Academic Catalogue</u>.

Important Forms

These are forms that many students may need to use. Depending on the form, they can either be submitted electronically or downloaded. All graduate forms can be found online at www.hood.edu/gradforms.

General Forms

<u>Share Scholarly and Professional Accomplishments</u> (Share your triumphs with us so we can share them)

Graduate School Registration Form (To register for classes for your first semester)

Dual Enrollment (For students wishing to enroll in two programs simultaneously)

<u>Certificate Declaration Form</u> (For students enrolled in a master's degree who would like to earn a certificate as well)

<u>Degree Change</u> (For students wishing to change from one program to another)

Graduate Readmission Request (For students who have withdrawn and wish to re-enroll)

Leave of Absence (For students who will not be taking classes for one or two consecutive semesters)

Graduate Withdrawal From the College (For students who wish to withdraw from the college)

<u>Course Withdrawal</u> (For students who want to withdraw from a class after the semester starts)

Final Projects, Special Courses and Graduation Forms

Permission to Enroll (For registration for independent studies, practicums, theses, capstones, etc.)

Petition to Graduate (Must be filled out by all students intending to graduate by the due dates listed)

MD-SOAR Submission (For submitting theses and final work)

International Student Forms

Curricular Practical Training Form (For F-1 students interested in internships)

OTP Anticipated Graduation Form (For verifying enrollment for F-1 students)

Program Specific Forms

Ceramic Arts Comprehensive Exam Intent Form

Human Sciences/Human Behavior Comprehensive Exam Intent Form

Accounting Information

By registering for classes, a student acknowledges responsibility for payment of tuition and fees generated by the registration. Failure to make payment by the specified due date will result in late fees.

Transcripts, grades, and registration for future semesters will be held until all financial obligations have been paid in full.

If the student fails to officially drop coursework before the first-class meeting, they are responsible for any tuition and fees associated with that coursework in accordance with the drop/add deadlines on the academic calendar. Students may withdraw from coursework after the drop/add deadline and up until the withdrawal deadline for the term, which will result in a grade of "W." A course withdrawal has no impact on the GPA, but there are no refunds or credit on tuition and/or fees. Students can drop or withdraw from coursework by completing the Graduate Course Withdrawal form (www.hood.edu/gradforms). Failure to attend classes or to pay a billing statement by the due date does not constitute an official withdrawal. This withdrawal policy applies to all students who have registered for classes, including financial aid applicants. Please contact the accounting office at 301-696-3607 or <u>accounting@hood.edu</u> with any questions or concerns.

Hood College offers the option of paying tuition bills over a four- or five-month period covering one semester. Paying your tuition over a period of months allows you to avoid paying in one lump sum and prevents late fees from being applied to your student account. This monthly payment plan is administered by Nelnet Business Solutions and there is a nonrefundable application fee of \$35 to participate in the plan. Payments will be made by debiting your checking or savings account or by credit card. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a payment plan option for the summer sessions.

Get more information and sign up for a payment plan at My College Payment Plan.

Tips from Former Students

To get an overview of advice from former students, here is an article interviewing graduated students: *Passing The Torch*

Connecting with Other Graduate Students

One of the best ways to flourish in graduate school is to connect with other graduate students. Make connections with peers in your classes, exchange contact information to ask questions and give support. If you have a question about an assignment or just need to vent, being able to e-mail, text, or call one (or more) of your classmates is invaluable. Many graduate students set up a Yammer account for their classes and for study and project groups. You can also set up teams within PowerPoint, Microsoft Teams, and Skype for study and projects.

You can also participate in our <u>Graduate Student Association (GSA)</u> and follow us on social media for articles and information about events and opportunities

- <u>Graduate School Facebook</u>
- <u>Graduate School Twitter</u>
- <u>Graduate School LinkedIn</u>
- Graduate School Instagram

<u>GSA on Facebook</u>

Things to Think About

- Make sure that you check your Hood College e-mail, as professors and staff will often email you, even before classes start. If you do not want to check several different e-mails, you can set up forwarding through Outlook (see the 'Online Resources' section for directions).
- Start in advance, particularly for research. You may need to request things through interlibrary loan, which can take up to ten days.
- Use your resources. Through the library, you have access to multiple databases. Do not just use one, if you need more texts or are not finding ones exactly on point, try another database. Also, you can use references from articles you have found to lead you to more sources. Try looking for other research from the same authors. You can also search the articles that they cite in their references.
- For doctoral students: there is a reference librarian who specifically assists doctoral students in their classwork and their dissertation research. This librarian can help with databases, search terms, and other specialized information.
- Also, for doctoral students, there is shelf space reserved for you in the office opposite the Reference Desk of the Library. Please speak to a librarian to have a shelf assigned to you.
- In your graduate program, most, if not all, of your classes will be focused directly on your area of interest. Do not just try to get through your classes, engage with them. The more you do the readings, participate in discussions, and make connections with your peers, the better your experience will be. It will also help you in your career by giving you more information and people to rely on.
- Unlike many traditional undergraduate students, most graduate students have many other things going on outside of school. Whether that is a job, a family, or something else, you will need to balance that with your graduate studies. Try to set aside designated time for graduate schoolwork. Find out what works for you; some graduate students prefer to set aside a whole afternoon to get work done weekly, while others find it easier to do an hour at a time several days a week. However, it works for you, having a set time where you can do your work without being interrupted by other plans or people. It may be helpful to do this outside of your home, such as at your local library or at the Hood College campus. Remember that, during the regular semesters, the Whitaker Campus Center is open 24 hours a day!
- Professors want you to succeed. They all have gone through years of school and understand the struggles of being a graduate student. If you are having a tough time with the content, an assignment, or with the time, talk to them about it. Most will tell you on their syllabus or in first class the best way to reach them, whether it is through e-mail, phone, or office hours. They may be able to help you, have some ideas for how to organize things, or be able to connect you with someone else who can help. Your professor is an

expert in that field, so making those connections will also improve your academic experience and help you later.

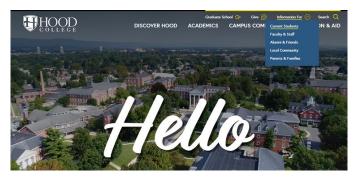
• Also available to you is our Graduate Student Success Coordinator who is available to assist you in solving problems, to facilitate contact with appropriate departments, and to listen should you need to talk.

Online Resources

Where to Find Them

All the online resources you need are linked on the Hood College webpage.

First, click on 'information for' and select 'current students'



This will lead to a list of useful resources, including Aplinks in the left-hand column. Three resources you will use commonly, which are explained below, are Self Service, Blackboard, and Chalk & Wire (circled in red).



Self Service

To access self-service, click on self-service and login using your Hood College account. This is where you can register for classes, check your schedule, pay your tuition online, look at your grades/unofficial transcript, review your academic plan, and request a transcript.



Scheduling Your Classes

Your first semester, you will receive an e-mail with special instructions for registering. In subsequent semesters, you can register online using the self-service. * Once you have decided on what classes you will be taking with the help of your advisor, you can go online to find the classes and register.

*Doctoral students cannot self-register; the registrar's office will continue to automatically register coursework each term.

You can view the registration instructions in the Student User Guide under the Quick Links menu.

Blackboard

Blackboard is an academic program which hosts online resources for your class. Depending on exactly how your professor utilizes it, there may be course documents, assignments, discussion boards, and resources and tools for you. You can access it through the ApLinks list shown above.

Once you log in with your Hood College account, you will see a welcome page which includes any classes for the current semester, plus classes from previous semesters. You will also see some recent announcements.

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Activity Stream	Hood Links
Courses	Hood
웟 Organizations	Office 365
Calendar	Self-Service
Messages	Panopto Video
Grades	Browser Check
Tools	Course Evaluation
⊖ Sign Out	Take your Course Evaluation here

If you select a class, you will see more information on any announcements that the professor sent out, as well as tools in the left navigation bar. Depending on how your professor chooses to organize Blackboard, there may be icons on the left.

Literacy Leadership 🛛 💿	Announcements	
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Faculty Information Course Documents Assignments Tools Email Discussion Board	Testing Schedule April 4 Posted on: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 5:44:41 PM EDT Please check this document periodically throughout the week for any updates. TESTING APRIL 4	Posted by: ' . Posted to: Literacy Leadership
Library Notifications Course Evaluation	Quick Schedule Update and Review Posted on: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 5:31:27 PM EDT Here is a quick summary of the remaining classes.	Posted by: Posted to: Literacy Leadership

Chalk & Wire

Chalk & Wire is an online portfolio which is used to track progress in most programs. Important assignments and papers may be uploaded to this portfolio for assessment. Professors will tell you, usually in the syllabus and through the assignment links, which assignments should be uploaded to Chalk & Wire. Not only does it connect to the grading rubric for your professors, it creates an e-portfolio that is easily accessible to you for your later reference and use. There are two ways to access the program, through the Aplinks on the main website (as shown above), or through an upload link from your professor. After submission, Chalk & Wire compares your work with thousands of sources to check for plagiarism, and then forwards it on to your professor for assessment.

For more information on how to upload (including screenshots) go to <u>Submitting an</u> <u>Assignment in Chalk & Wire</u> or the <u>Chalk & Wire User Guide</u>

Microsoft Office 365 and Outlook

As a Hood College student, you automatically have an account with Office 365. This includes the Microsoft family of products, OneDrive, and e-mail. You will need to use your Hood e-mail (@hood.edu), and the others will give you some extra resources. All of these can be accessed through the ApLink lists by clicking on 'Office 365'.

Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

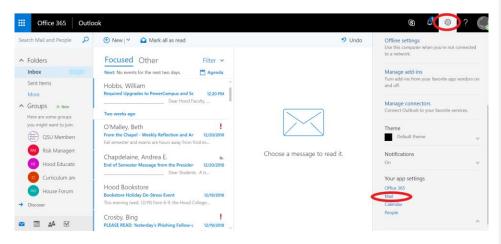
This gives you access to an online version of these programs. If your computer does not have a subscription, you can also use your Hood College login to use these programs on your personal computer free of charge.

OneDrive

OneDrive is like your Google drive. It allows you to upload and/or edit word, excel, and PowerPoint online as well as easily share your documents with others. This makes it easier to work on multiple devices as well as with others, as you can all access and edit.

Hood College E-mail (and E-mail Forwarding)

As a graduate student, you will need to check your Hood College e-mail on a regular basis. Professors, administrators, and peers will e-mail you often, before class starts. *If you do not check your Hood College e-mail, you will miss valuable information and announcements about the Graduate school and class information.* You have two options: you can either check your Hood College e-mail regularly, or you can set up forwarding to your regular e-mail. If you want to set up forwarding, instructions are below. If you select to use forwarding, all your e-mails from Hood College will be sent to your primary e-mail, but when you reply, it will come from your primary e-mail. First, log in to your outlook through the Office 365 link or through this <u>direct link</u>. Then select the settings wheel (circled in red in the upper right corner). At the bottom of the settings, choose Mail.



On the left menu, choose 'Forwarding.' Select for it to start forwarding and enter the e-mail which you want to use. You can choose to keep a copy of the forwarded e-mail in your Outlook inbox just in case, or have the program automatically delete them after forwarding.

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Accessibility

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More information can also be found on the Accessibility Services webpage.

Beneficial-Hodson Library and Learning Commons

The Beneficial-Hodson Library and Learning Commons has an extensive collection of books including both those you would read for your classes and those you would read for your own entertainment. There are also collections of other texts, such as magazines, journals, and microfilm/microfiche. You can also borrow DVDs and board games. All of these are available for you to borrow using the barcode on the back of your student ID.

A computer lab, computer stations, printers, copiers, and many workspaces are available for your use in the library.

For doctoral students: there is a reference librarian who specifically assists doctoral students in their classwork and their dissertation research. This librarian can help with databases, search terms, and other specialized information.

Also, for doctoral students, there is shelf space reserved for you in the office opposite the Reference Desk of the Library. Please speak to a librarian to have a shelf assigned to you.

Study Rooms

There are a variety of workspaces in the library, and these include designated study rooms. They range in size, from those designed for 2 people to those which can fit 10 people. If you need to do some work with other students, you can reserve the room in advance through the <u>reservation</u> <u>website</u> at least 24 hours in advance. Rooms which were not reserved can be checked out through the circulation desk on a first come, first-serve basis.

Online Databases

Hood College pays for access to multiple databases. As a Hood College student, you have access to these both on and off campus. To access the databases, go to the *library website*, and select 'Databases A to Z' towards the bottom of the page. If you are looking for a certain journal, you can

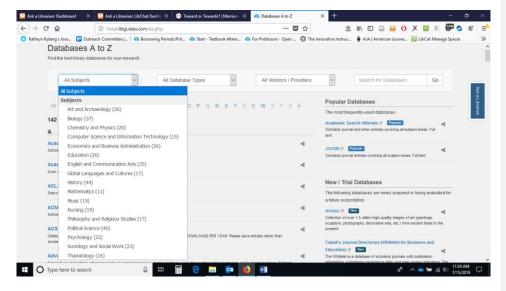
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Once you select your subject, you will see the recommended and most popular databases with articles on that topic, as well as any research guides available listed on the right.



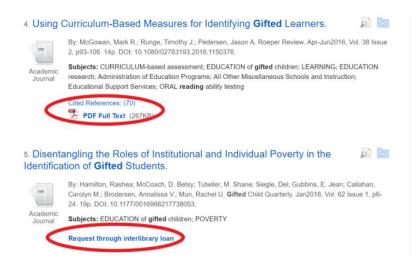
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You can select any databases (for larger assignments, such as action research, you may need to search several databases). If you are researching from home, you will be asked to enter your library barcode to access library databases. Once you find an article you want, if it is in the database, you will be able to view the full text in either HTML or PDF. If that database does not include the full text, you can request a copy through <u>interlibrary loan</u> (Also try searching the other databases to see if they have it in full text). The article will be e-mailed to you, usually within 3-10 days.

For more research help, <u>contact a librarian</u> via phone, email, chat, text or in person at the 1st floor Reference desk.

For more information, check out the <u>library website</u> and the library's <u>Graduate Student</u> <u>Toolkit</u>



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Career Center

The Catherine Filene house Center for Career Development & Experiential Education is a resource for all Hood College graduates for life. They hold events to help you make yourself more marketable and connect you with employers. They also offer a resume critique service, opportunities to meet with a career counselor, and access to a variety of job and internship search resources.

For more information, check out the <u>Career Center website</u> and their <u>Resources for Graduate</u> <u>Students</u>.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center houses resources for student support including accessibility services, tutoring, and student success.

Graduate students are encouraged to reach out to their faculty and advisors for tutoring. However, Student Success may be able to provide tutoring support depending on the subject area. For more information on tutoring and how to use Tutor Trac check out <u>tutoring on our website</u>. Graduate students are also encouraged to make an appointment with the student success office (<u>studentsuccess@hood.edu</u>) for individual coaching appointments for support with time management, study skills, goal setting, motivation, and to create a personal success plan.

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More information can also be found on the Accessibility Services webpage:

https://www.hood.edu/academics/josephine-steiner-center-academic-achievementretention/accessibility-services/about-services-accommodations

Military Students – Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veterans

At Hood College we applaud your service to our country and your dedication. We also applaud your desire to further your education, your career, and your dreams here at Hood College and we are prepared to assist you in any way we can.

We welcome all active-duty military personnel, National Guard Reserve personnel, veterans, and all dependents to our campus. We hope that as the military has been your family, that you will also come to view Hood College as a special place in your life where your gifts and service are valued, and you are a member of our campus life and family.

Veteran and Active Military student support is coordinated on campus through the following staff members:

Graduate Veteran and Active Military support coordinator, Tanith Fowler Corsi <u>fowlercorsi@hood.edu</u>

Fort Detrick Personnel

This link provides information for Hood College Graduate Students from Fort Detrick. This link may also provide information for Army personnel not connected with Fort Detrick.

Active Duty/Fort Detrick Personnel

Veterans' Educational Benefits

Hood College serves as a liaison/informational resource to veterans by providing Veterans Administration forms and certifying military students for benefits. Hood College Office of Financial Aid provides services to veterans and dependents of veterans eligible for education benefits. To initiate or continue benefits, veterans must contact the Office of Financial Aid, 301696-3411, at the beginning of each semester to complete the required paperwork, in compliance with the policies and procedures established by the Office of Financial Aid and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid or via the Hood College Financial Aid web page, under forms. Educational benefit programs include:

- Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill [Forever GI Bill]
- Chapter 35, Survivors', and Dependents' Educational Assistance
- Chapter 1606, Selected Reserve

For information on each of these programs, current payment rates, availability of benefits or approvals call the local Regional VA Office at 1-888-442-4551.

Hood College participates in the Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon GI Educational Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Participating students remain in the Yellow Ribbon program throughout their enrollment at Hood College and remain eligible or Yellow Ribbon program scholarship if each of the following applies: Hood College continues to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, the students remain in good academic standing, and the students have remaining VA Educational Benefits entitlement.

Resources:

24/7 Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255

The 24/7 Vet Center: 866-644-5371 or www.va.gov

GI Bill: www.gibill.va.gov

Educational inquiries: 888-442-4551

Enrollment Verification: 877-823-2378

Address/Direct Deposit Change: 877-838-2778

Debt Management Center: 800-827-0648

Other Benefits: 800-827-1000

E-benefits: www.ebenefits.va.gov or www.vets.gov

People to know:

Amanda Dymek, Wellness Services rzepkowski@hood.edu 301-696-3439

Tanith Fowler Corsi, Director Graduate Admission

Military Liaison <u>fowlercorsi@hood.edu</u> 301-696-3603

Vanessa Solis, Assistant Director Graduate Admission Diversity & Inclusion Liaison <u>solis@hood.edu</u> 301-696-3604

Nick Masucci, Assistant Director Graduate Admission 4PLUS and ALTY Liaison masucci@hood.edu 301-696-3601

Kate Gmuer, Coordinator of Accessibility Services <u>gmuer@hood.edu</u> 301-696-3319

Gordon Nero, Educational Services Officer, Fort Detrick, and Walter Reed Gordon.d.nero.civ@mail.mil 301-619-4537

Susan Erb, Certifying Official for Graduate Students rood@hood.com 301-696-3319

Commuter Lounge

The commuter lounge is located on the second floor of the Whitaker Campus Center. It is open to both undergraduate and graduate commuters. During regular semesters, it is open 24 hours a day and includes a kitchen for your use, as well as comfortable seating and study areas. There are also lockers available at no charge, on a first come, first-serve basis.

Hood College Health Services: 301-698-8374

Access to health and wellness services is one of the most important things we can provide for you.

Hood College Health Services at Frederick Health's Toll House 501 West 7th Street Phone: <u>301-698-8374</u> Fax: <u>301-698-0182</u>

Our partnership with Frederick Regional Health System provides the following services for all Hood College students:

- Primary Care -- including routine healthcare and referrals, as needed
- Urgent Care -- including treatment for illness and minor injuries
- Sports Physicals
- Women's Health -- including routine pelvis and breast exams, birth control, pregnancy testing, supportive education, and STD testing/treatment
- Men's Health -- including physical exams, contraception, supportive education, and STD testing/treatment
- Health and Wellness -- including immunization and referrals, as needed

- Mental Health -- including support for anxiety and depression. Counseling with a licensed counselor is available for all Hood students. It is mostly by appointment, but there are some drop-in times available. *For more information and hours, check out the <u>Counseling</u> <u>Center website</u>*
- There is a free fall yoga class open to staff, faculty, and students on Tuesdays from 12pm to 12:45pm in Gambrill Gym (yoga studio). RSVP to Tanith Fowler Corsi at fowlercorsi@hood.edu.

International Student Resources

For more information, check out the international student resources website

Photocopying & Printing

There are printers everywhere at Hood College. Do not use up all your ink and paper at home, as a current student you can print from any Hood College printer using your account (500 black and white pages/semester for a part-time student or 1000 for full-time). There are computer labs with printers in the Apple building as well as the library, and all the academic buildings have at least one classroom with a printer. There is also a color printer in the Apple building computer lab. In that lab, you can select to use that print, but be aware that a color page counts as 5 black and white pages.

Hood College provides each student with the ability to print at various locations throughout the campus. Printing is available through Hood's wired and wireless networks. Both black-and-white and color printing are available, either through single or dual sided documents. Every Hood student account has a dollar-based print quota for printing. A student must be currently enrolled in classes each semester (including summer sessions) to have printing capabilities. NOTE: charge examples reflect black and white printing only, although color printing is available:

By default, all Hood students are provided the initial printing setup below:

- Full time students (minimum of 12 credits for undergraduate or 9 credits for graduate) are authorized to print up to \$50.00 (1000 black and white pages) per semester on Hood printers without charge.
- Part time students (less than 12 credits either undergraduate or graduate) are authorized to print up to \$25.00 (500 black and white pages) per semester on Hood printers without charge.
- Doctoral students are authorized to print up to \$25.00 (500 black and white pages) per semester on Hood printers without charge.

NOTE: To print from a Hood lab/dorm computer, you must login to the provided Hood computer with your Hood ID and Password. A pre-installed printer will then be available.

The table below details current print prices for Hood IT-maintained printers. Print prices apply only to students, not faculty or staff:

Print Service	Cost / Page
Black and White - Single Sided	\$0.05
Black and White - Double Sided	\$0.10
Color - Single Sided	\$0.25
Color - Double Sided	\$0.50

How Student Print Quotas work

Every student account is given either \$50.00 (full-time) or \$25.00 (part-time) at the beginning of each semester. For each black and white page that is printed, $.05 \notin$ is deducted from that amount and $.25 \notin$ is deducted for color printing. For example, if a student's current balance is \$35.50, that means \$14.50 has been used towards the allocated \$50.00 with the remaining 710 black and white pages that can be printed.

A student's print quota will be reset to \$50.00 (full-time) and \$25.00 (part-time) at the beginning of each semester including summer sessions. If you exceed this quota, you can purchase additional increases in increments of \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20. For information on purchasing additional printing quota, click <u>here</u>. Please note that a student's remaining quota, at the end of any semester, will not carry over to the next semester.

Finding Student Print Quota Information

Hood manages student printing using a commercial software program called PaperCut. This product allows the student to view and manage their print use by logging onto a website using their Hood ID (i.e., "abc1") and password. To check/manage your printing account, click <u>here</u>.

Study Areas

There are many different areas and environments to study and do work in. Whether you want to get a little bit of work done before class or want to avoid distractions by not studying at home, you have plenty of places to choose from. Most have been mentioned earlier, but here are some options:

- Whitaker Campus Center: Open 24 hours during regular semesters, there are multiple study areas on the first, second, and third floors. The first floor is a little livelier, with food options and lots of people. The second and third floors are quieter. There are several types of tables and chairs. There is also a computer lab with printers in the Apple Building.
- Beneficial-Hodson Library: Like Whitaker, the library has a variety of seating. On the first floor there are some computers as well as regular seating. On the second floor, there are large tables, as well as smaller tables and armchairs on the reading porch (to the left after you reach the second floor). These areas are sometimes used for events or classes (particularly on Saturdays for the Doctoral Program), but otherwise are open for use. There are also smaller tables and chairs around the perimeter of the building on the 2nd

and 3rd floors as well as the study rooms. (Please check with the library staff for availability as the library will be under renovation beginning with Spring semester 2020.

• Academic Buildings: The academic buildings (Hodson, Tatem, and Rosenstock) all have plenty of classrooms. If there is not a class in there, you are always welcome to use them. Tatem and Hodson also have a little bit of seating inside the front entrance.

Where to Find Food

Graduate Students have the option to enroll in a meal plan or pay a la carte for meals. For more information on meal plans, visit the *Dining Website*

The Blazer

The Blazer, located in the Whitaker Campus Center, strives to meet the needs of students on the has food served "food court" style. There is a grill that includes things like burgers, fries, and other cooked items. The cafe includes sandwiches, muffins, and cookies, as well as coffee and sodas. There are also drinks, snacks, ready-made options, and frozen treats.

Sandwich Shack

Monday – Thursday 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday 11 am – 4:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

Grillworks Monday – Friday 8:00am – 11:00pm Saturday Closed Sunday 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Peet's Coffee & Tea - Open when Sandwich Shack and Grillworks is open

Summer Blazer Hours Grillworks Only Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm / Closed Saturday & Sunday

Coblentz

The Coblentz dining hall is on the ground floor of the Coblentz residence hall. It is a traditional dining hall, with many options including pizza, salad bar, soup, grill options, and daily made-to-order items, as well as special events and a soft serve machine, all of this is offered buffet-style for a reasonable fee for students, staff, and faculty with Hood College IDs. There are vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options and there is a True Balance allergen free station as well. Currently there are no Kosher or Halal certifications.

Service Hours for Coblentz Dining Hall:

Monday - Thursday

Full Breakfast 7 am - 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast 9:30 am - 10:30 am Closed 10:30am - 11:00 am Full Lunch 11am - 2:00 pm Soup, Salad & Deli 2pm - 4:00 pm Closed 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Dinner 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday: Same as above, but closes at 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday

Continental Breakfast 10 am – 11 am Full Brunch 11am - 1:30 pm Closed 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Dinner 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Off Campus

There are also many options off campus to go to before or after class. For quick options, right behind the school (off 7th street), are a Subway, a Chinese restaurant, Starbucks, and the 7th St. Sandwich Shop. If you want to get a more extensive meal with your classmates, there are many great restaurants in the nearby historic district of downtown Frederick.

Visit: www.visitfrederick.org/eat-and-drink/downtown-dining/

Food Insecurity/Hunger Assistance

Sometimes finances do not stretch far enough, but at Hood College, we believe that no one should have to choose between paying bills and eating. We believe that as a community, we are here to support each other. To that end, we have a Food Pantry available to graduate students. To access this service, which includes food and hygiene items, please contact <u>HoodPantry@hood.edu</u>. All requests and inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

Here are some other resources that may help:

The Soup Kitchen Program Located at the Frederick Community Action Agency 100 south Market Street Frederick MD 21701 provides an evening meal, seven nights a week from 5:30 to 6:30 pm to anyone in need of a hot, nutritious meal. 301-600-1506 <u>http://www.cityoffrederick.com/183/Frederick-Community-Action-Agency</u>

Bread of Life Community Kitchen - The Mission serves breakfast and lunch 365 days a year to anyone in need of a meal, Breakfast Every day: 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. Lunch Monday – Saturday: 12 -1:30 p.m. Sunday: 1-2 p.m. 301-695-6633 https://www.therescuemission.org

Food Banks:

Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) food bank Program provides a 3-5-day supply of food to individuals/families that are experiencing an economic crisis and cannot afford their groceries. 100 South Market Street Frederick MD 21701 301-600-1506 Hours of operation: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 2-4 p.m. and Wed 7-9 p.m. Thursday: 5-7 pm

Food Distribution Center

The Frederick Rescue Mission's Food Distribution Center offers families and individuals free donated perishable goods, which they can take home with them to help provide food for themselves and their families. <u>https://www.therescuemission.org</u> 301-695-6633 West South Street Frederick, MD 21701 Tues-Weds 1:30 -3:30 pm and Fri-Sat: 1:30 -3:30 pm.

Community Food Banks:

Brunswick: 601 East Potomac Street Brunswick, MD 21710 301-834-9718

Emmitsburg: 502 E. Main Street Emmetsburg, MD 21727 717-642-6963

Frederick City: Frederick Community Action Agency 100 S. Market Street, Frederick, MD 301-600-1506

Jefferson: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3866 Jefferson Pike Jefferson, MD 21755 301-371-5721

Middletown: Old Municipal Building 301 W. Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769 301-371-9429

Thurmont: 10 Frederick Rd Thurmont, MD 21788 240-288-1865

Walkersville/Glade Valley: 21 W. Frederick Street Walkersville, MD 21793 301-845-4229

Knoxville: Mt. Zion AME 202 Jefferson Pike Knoxville, MD 21758 301-834-7221

Urbana: Please Call for Location 240-529-4815 allsodifferent@yahoo.com

More ways to find help:

Catholic Charities: A sustainable, social enterprise of that helps EVERYONE save money on nutritious, healthy food. SHARE is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to offering healthy, nutritious groceries at a 50 percent discount. https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/share/

Second Street & Hope Inc.: 8 W 2nd St Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 639-5962 Website: http://www.secondstreetandhope.org/ Salvation Army: 223 W 5th St Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 662-2311 http://www.tsamwy.org

Second Harvest: You do not have to choose between paying bills or buying food. Respectful and confidential help is available. Contact us today! Learn more at: shfb.org/food Call (Weekdays 8 a.m.–5 p.m.): 1-800-984-3663 Text "food" to: 1-408-455-5181 food@shfb.org

Religious Services/Chapel

In addition to Coffman Chapel, which holds weekly worship as well as events such as meditation, there is the McHenry Interfaith Prayer Room/Meditation Room open to all students and available for daily prayer located on the lower level of Coffman Chapel. Students of the Muslim faith are welcome to pray here at any time. Weekly lunch-time meditation circles are open to students, faculty, and staff.

Rev. Beth O'Malley, McHenry Dean of the Chapel, omalley@hood.edu, 301-696-3436

Campus Bookstore

The campus bookstore is in the Whitaker Campus Center, offers textbooks, school supplies, school spirit wear – including t-shirts and sweatshirts, gifts, snacks, and sells many small necessities. The bookstore also rents texts, be sure to check availability and the dates for return of your rented texts.

The current hours are: Mon 9am-5:30pm Tue 9am-5:30pm Wed 9am-4pm Thu 9am-4pm Fri 9am-4pm Sat CLOSED Sun CLOSED

Athletic Facilities

Hodson Fitness Center

Located in the Ronald Volpe Athletic Center—the two-level Hodson Fitness Center is open to all full-time or part-time students enrolled at Hood for the current semester as well as current Hood staff and faculty. All fitness center patrons must present their Hood ID and sign in at the fitness center welcome desk (Ext. 3501). All fitness center patrons must sign a written waiver of liability prior to using the facility. We house a two-level fitness center and cardio room.

- Monday Thursday (8am 9pm)
- Friday (8am 8pm)
- Sat & Sun (11am-3pm)

<u>Note</u>: The Hodson Fitness Center will be <u>closed</u> for weight training classes at the following times: *Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:20 a.m. AND 2-2:50 p.m.*

www.hoodathletics.com/athletics-about/facilities/facilities-main

Huntsinger Aquatic Center

The Huntsinger Aquatic Center houses an eight-lane, 25-yard, heated pool with an extended shallow end area. This is a year-round indoor pool used for lap swim, rec swim, lessons, and swim team. The water temperature is kept between 81 and 82 degrees.

Free Entry to the pool with valid Hood College ID.

www.hoodathletics.com/aquatics/aqu-Pool Schedule

Other Conveniences

On campus, there is also a post office and an ATM, both located in the Whitaker Campus Center.

The nearest Grocery Store is the <u>Giant Eagle</u> in the Frederick Shopping Center at 1305 West 7th St., Frederick, MD. In the same center, you will find <u>Staples</u> office supply.

The nearest pharmacy is the <u>CVS</u> pharmacy/drugstore in the College Plaza Shopping Center. Also in this center is the closest <u>Starbucks</u>.

The closest gas/fuel/petrol is available at the <u>Sheetz</u> on Rosemont, which also carries snacks and beverages, as well as made to order breakfast and sandwiches; and the <u>Get Go</u> on 7^{th} St, which carries snacks and beverages as well as gas/fuel/petrol.

Hood Graduate Programs

- Accounting (Certificate)
- Bioinformatics (<u>M.S.</u>, <u>Certificate</u>)
- Biomedical Science (M.S.)
- <u>Business Administration (MBA)</u>
- <u>Business Administration (DBA)</u>
- Ceramics (<u>M.A., MFA, Certificate</u>)
- <u>Computer Science (M.S.)</u>
- Counseling, Clinical Mental Health (M.S.)
- <u>Counseling, School Counseling (M.S.)</u>
- <u>Curriculum and Instruction (M.S.)</u>
- Cybersecurity (M.S., Certificate)
- Educational Leadership (M.S., C)
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- Environmental Biology (M.S.)
- <u>Financial Management (Certificate)</u>
- <u>Geographic Information Systems (Certificate)</u>
- Humanities (M.A.)
- Informational Technology (M.S.)
- <u>Management Informational Systems (M.S.)</u>
- <u>Mathematics Education (M.S.)</u>
- Mathematics Instructional Leadership (M.S.)
- <u>Nutrition Science (M.S.)</u>
- Organizational Leadership (DOL)
- Organizational Management (Certificate)
- <u>Reading Specialization (M.S.)</u>
- <u>Thanatology (Certificate)</u>

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