

# Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program (CLPP) Guidebook: AY 2026-2027



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Cadet Candidates and Families,

On behalf of the President, Dr. Michael Shannon, and our Cadet Leadership Academy team, I congratulate you on your acceptance into the University of North Georgia and Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program! As you embark on the curated 48-month experience, know that your time on the Gainesville campus will be rigorous, challenging, and enriching. There are vast resources and committed staff and faculty to ensure you are set up for success during the first year of your collegiate journey. Please read through this guidebook and know our team is here to assist you through this important transition.

As you focus diligently on your studies, your goal is clear: complete all Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program requirements and join the Boar's Head Brigade here on the Dahlonega campus. To ensure standards and expectations are met, members of the Cadet Leadership Academy will be in continual contact with you both in and outside the classroom. Additionally, we will have opportunities for you to visit the Dahlonega campus and interact with current Cadets in the Boars Head Brigade. These engagements are meant to encourage and inspire you not only to meet but to exceed all requirements expected of you as a Cadet Candidate. We are honored that you are here. You are a valuable member of our team.

Upon arriving in Gainesville, your primary point of contact will transition from Cadet Recruiting to the Professor of Military Science and his staff. We will send out additional correspondence with their contact information. I am looking forward to meeting you on campus and let us know how we can assist you! Again, welcome, and thank you!  
Sincerely,

James L. Terry  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired)  
Senior Vice President  
Superintendent, Cadet Leadership Academy

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### CLPP Important Information

#### UNG History:

Following the Civil War, the abandoned U.S. mint property in Dahlonega was given to the State of Georgia for educational purposes and North Georgia Agricultural College was established in 1873. The university's iconic Price Memorial Hall, with its gold-covered bell tower, is a nationally registered historic site where the U.S. mint once stood and houses the senior leaders of our university. We are the state's second-oldest public institution of higher education and the first to admit women.

In 1873, North Georgia Agricultural College's first class of students, which included a woman, requested that military training be a part of the curriculum. Ever since, the University of North Georgia has had a military education program, proudly graduating cadets who commission and serve in uniform to protect and defend our nation, serve as professionals in government and non-governmental organizations, and serve in other public and private organizations for the good of American society.

The college was established for agriculture and mechanical arts, particularly mining engineering. As area gold mining resources were depleted and agricultural education was assumed by other state institutions, the mission of North Georgia Agricultural College evolved into one emphasizing arts and sciences and was renamed North Georgia College (NGC) in the summer of 1929. In 1933, NGC became a two-year college, and was reinstated as a four-year college in 1946. In 1996, due to its much wider scope of academic programs, the University System of Georgia reclassified the college as a state university and renamed it North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU). In January of 2013, NGCSU consolidated with Gainesville State College to form the University of North Georgia.

For more than 150 years, thousands of former cadets have honorably served our nation as military officers in times of peace and in times of conflict, with many paying the ultimate sacrifice. Many other graduates benefitted from the Corps of Cadets' world-class leadership development to launch professional careers in American society and around the world.

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### **The Cadet Leadership Academy:**

On 23 September 2023, the President of the University of North Georgia (UNG) laid out his vision of further strengthening our identity and mission as the Army's Senior Military College by *Delivering the Corps of the Future*. To facilitate this ambitious vision, on 2 October 2023, a single organization was created to focus on the complete development of our cadets: the Cadet Leadership Academy.

The Cadet Leadership Academy strengthens the university's mission as the premier senior military college—the Army's Senior Military College and The Military College of Georgia. The Cadet Leadership Academy (CLA) strengthens communication and collaboration among cadet program-related entities and better enables the purpose of the cadet leadership program: to develop leaders of character for the Total Army, public or private entities, other military services, and civic organizations for the good of our Nation, and the states and communities they serve.

The Cadet Leadership Academy is led by a Senior Vice President and Superintendent reporting directly to the president of UNG. The Academy consists of several educational, administrative, and affiliated entities. The Boar's Head Brigade is at the heart of the Academy and is served by the Office of the Commandant of Cadets, the Office of the Professor of Military Science, the Office of Cadet Recruiting, the Office of Global Military Programs, the Office of Cadet Career Success, and—through the Vice President for Advancement—the Office of the Director of Development for the Cadet Leadership Academy. Supporting entities include the Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program (CLPP), Corps Advisory Council, the North Georgia Corps of Cadets Association, and the Cadet Parent's Community. Each plays a critical role in preparing the cadets of the Boar's Head Brigade for leadership in American society and in the military. The Academy's primary purpose is to produce leaders for the Total Army; however, any qualified person with private or public service motivation who desires a world-class immersive transformational leadership development experience is welcome to participate.



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### **Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program (CLPP):**

The Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program is designed to provide support to students who do not initially qualify for admission into the Corps of Cadets as a bachelor's degree-level student on the University of North Georgia's Dahlonega campus. This program aids Cadet Candidates via academic and student success services to begin at UNG as an associate's degree-level student and eventually transfer into the Corps of Cadets upon completion of their first year of college. CLPP supports the Corps of the Future by training, mentoring, and inspiring Cadet-Candidates on the UNG Gainesville campus to successfully integrate them into the Corps of Cadets and Boar's Head Brigade at UNG-Dahlonega.

The Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program will base its satisfaction criteria off the "Scholar, Athlete, Leader" model, as it is congruent with the current admissions standards for both internal transfers and first year Corps of Cadets students, and athlete and leader criteria. The model will ensure that the following are met:

Scholar – Academic Excellence

- Cadet Candidates will begin their UNG education as an associate's degree-level student on the Gainesville campus. Cadet Candidates will take introductory (1000- and 2000-level coursework) to satisfy general education Core IMPACTS requirements and introductory-level major-specific requirements. After meeting the requirements for internal transfer degree-level change, Cadet Candidates will be able to begin taking higher-level coursework applicable to their majors.
- Cadet Candidates will aim to satisfy the requirements for internal transfer and degree-level change upon completion of their first academic year at UNG. Requirements for internal transfer and degree-level change must be satisfied in order to transfer to the Dahlonega campus and join the Corps of Cadets. Requirements for internal transfer can be found on the UNG Registrar's Office website (<https://ung.edu/registrar/major-campus-degree-level-change.php>)
- If applicable, Cadet Candidates will complete any required high school curriculum deficiencies

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- Cadet Candidates will complete two Military Science Courses and one first-year experience course while participating in CLPP, to include:
  - MILS1000 – Intro to Army Critical Thinking (Fall Semester)
  - MILS1100 – Intro into Profession of Arms (Spring)
  - UNG 1101 – First Year College Experience (Tuesday's)
  - The Military Science courses will be held in classroom 1217 in the Nesbitt Building
- Cadet Candidates with Mandatory Advising holds MUST meet with an academic advisor at least once a semester. Cadet Candidates are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor more frequently to review their academic progress and internal transfer or degree-level change requirements. Of note, some majors do not have mandatory advising holds, however, most majors do.
- Cadet Candidates must participate in monthly grade check-ins during the fall and spring semesters. These will be held with members of the Academic Coaching department.
- The CLPP class is required to complete 10 hours of study hall time per week.
  - All first and second-semester CLPP students are required to log 10 hours of study hall time regardless of GPA until further notice.
  - Students will only study in recommended study areas (Library, ACT center, and Writing/Language Labs). However, students may log study hall hours for meetings with academic advisors or professors.
  - Inspections: Class leader Ethan Starbird will make periodic check-ins on study areas to ensure the integrity of students. If students are not in their study zone or not logging the required 10 hours, they will be counseled, and higher leadership will be informed.
  - Rewards / Corrective Action: Students who maintain a GPA of 3.0 by the end of midterms will qualify to be taken off the required study hall. Students who maintain a GPA of 2.5 can be recommended for reduced study hall hours. Students who fail to maintain a 2.5-3.0 GPA will be required to meet with the class leader and academic coach to develop a plan to improve study habits.
- Upon meeting all academic requirements, Anita Prince-Corps of Cadets Academic Coordinator ([anita.prince@ung.edu](mailto:anita.prince@ung.edu); 706-864-1420) will build the advanced schedule for cadet candidates transitioning as cadets onto the Dahlonega campus. Of note, some majors do not have a professional advisor (music, foreign languages, theater, IESA, and visual arts); however, most majors do.

#### Athlete – Holistic Health and Fitness

- The Cadet Candidate is strongly encouraged to participate in daily individual physical fitness activity during the academic week to prepare for the demands of cadet physical training after transitioning into the Corps of Cadets on the Dahlonega campus. For this purpose, Cadet Candidates will be required to participate in mandatory PT both Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 0630.
- The Cadet Candidate is strongly encouraged to join intramural sports, clubs, and other student organizations to promote a healthy, balanced lifestyle while participating in CLPP.

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## Leader – First Year of a Curated 48-month Experience

- Cadet Candidates are required to wear the following uniform, with a well-groomed military-professional appearance.
  - Length of hair in accordance with AR 670-1
    - Hair must be a natural color (brown, black, blonde, red, or grey) that grows from the scalp, and any artificial dye must be applied in a subtle, blended manner. Prohibited colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright red, and neon or fluorescent shades.
  - Khaki pants, black belt, UNG CLPP polo shirt, black socks, and white undershirt (CLPP Uniform).
  - CLPP Uniform is to be worn on CLPP class days for the full duty day and at CLPP-specific events.
- The Cadet Candidate is strongly encouraged to participate in community involvement and interaction both on and off the UNG Gainesville campus.
- Various opportunities are available throughout the campus from Student Government Association, Student Involvement, etc.

Successfully completing the above requirements will enable the Cadet Candidate to transfer from the UNG Gainesville campus into the Corps of Cadets on the UNG Dahlonega campus. Failure to complete these requirements will lengthen the Cadet Candidate's time within the Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program.

Additionally, each Cadet Candidate will be required to sign a participation policy letter with the Cadet Leadership Academy to abide by the required uniform, attendance, physical fitness, and overall professionalism standards of the Cadet Leadership Academy, as future Cadets in our Corps.

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### **CLPP Overall Goal:**

Upon completion of the Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program, and the six-day Freshman Recruit Orientation Group (FROG) week, one will transition from Cadet Candidate to joining the Legacy of Gold on the Dahlonega Campus by becoming a Cadet in the Boars Head Brigade. Your sophomore year will begin on campus, and you will be assigned to one of nine companies: Your sophomore year will begin on campus, and you will be assigned to one of nine companies: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, or Delta Company in First Battalion and Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, or Hotel in Second Battalion. Victory is our competition company consisting of Blue Ridge Rifle, Ranger Challenge and Combat Action Shooting Team. You will also transition to living in the cadet residence hall on campus with your assigned company. Our three residence Halls are Liberty Hall (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie), Gaillard (Victory, Delta, and Headquarters), and Patriot (Foxtrot, Golf, and Hotel).

Part of transitioning to Dahlonega and becoming a Cadet is completing the six-day Freshman Recruit Orientation Group (FROG) Week in the fall. This serves as our Cadet basic training, where you will learn more about the Corps, our place in Dahlonega, the traditions of the Boars Head Brigade, and the resources now available to you as a cadet. On the last day of FROG week, you will participate the Crown Mountain Run with your fellow FROG week cadets and officially become a Cadet at the University of North Georgia.

### **Academic Information:**

Academic Advising: <https://ung.edu/academic-advising/index.php>

Per the requirements of Academic Advising, the Cadet Candidate must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Cadet Candidates must meet academic advising requirements, according to their major and status at UNG. Most students at UNG who have earned fewer than 45 credit hours will have Mandatory Advising every fall and spring semester, in which they are required to meet with their academic advisor to review their plan of study, academic progress, and long-term goals at UNG. Although only one advising appointment is mandatory each semester, Cadet Candidates are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor more frequently to ensure they understand their program and academic requirements.
- At UNG, students will be automatically registered for their first semester courses by an academic advisor. This advisor will contact students to introduce themselves and discuss their schedules. Students are encouraged to reach out to or schedule an appointment with their advisor, even prior to the start of the fall semester, if they have questions or concerns about their schedule or academic

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plan. Students can schedule an academic advising appointment using the online advising appointment portal: <https://adviseme.ung.edu>

- While classified as a student on the Gainesville campus, Cadet Candidates will have an assigned advisor, Erin Connelly, on the Gainesville campus. Upon approval of the internal transfer and degree level change application, Cadet Candidates will be reassigned to an academic advisor on the Dahlonega campus. Academic degree requirements do not change based on campus. Most majors at UNG will have an academic advisor on both the Gainesville campus and the Dahlonega campus. Contact information for all advisors are available on the UNG Advising website: <https://ung.edu/academic-advising/contact.php>
- Academic Advising will work with Cadet Candidates to help them meet the academic requirements for internal transfer and degree level change to the Dahlonega campus.

Learning Support: <https://ung.edu/learning-support/>

CLPP cadet-candidates may be required to complete a Learning Support requirement during their time on the Gainesville campus. At UNG, Learning Support may be required for introductory-level English or math coursework. If required to complete Learning Support, Cadet Candidates will be registered for the appropriate introductory-level English or math class (e.g. ENGL 1101 or MATH 1111), as well as a corequisite support course that is paired with their English or math course. The support course is a second class to provide students additional instruction time with their professor. Students will receive a grade in both their academic class and their support class.

- If Cadet Candidates have Learning Support requirements, they will take a Learning Support course each semester until their requirements are satisfied.
- If Cadet Candidates have Learning Support requirements for both English and math, they will register for only one course pairing (Math or English) per semester.
- Advisors in the Academic Advising Center are trained to identify and register students with Learning Support requirements. While registering Cadet Candidates for their first semester courses, advisors will register Cadet Candidates for the class pairing that is best for their major and placement.
- Cadet Candidates have the opportunity to exempt their placement in Learning Support by submitting SAT scores, ACT scores, or taking a placement exam. Questions about exempting Learning Support can be directed to the Cadet Candidate's academic advisor or the Learning Support department ([learning.support@ung.edu](mailto:learning.support@ung.edu)).
- In order to satisfy their Learning Support requirement, Cadet Candidates must receive a passing grade in their credit bearing English or math course (e.g. ENGL 1101 or MATH 1111). For English courses, a C is considered a passing grade to satisfy Learning Support. For math courses, a D is considered a passing grade to satisfy Learning Support. However, while a D will satisfy math Learning Support, students may be required to earn a C or higher in their math course to satisfy requirements for their major.

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- Additional Learning Support requirements or questions will be discussed during Mandatory Advising.

### Internal Transfer & Degree Level Change

Cadet Candidates must successfully meet the requirements for internal transfer and degree level change in order to be eligible to transfer to the Dahlonega campus and join the Corps of Cadets. Requirements for internal transfer can be found on the UNG Registrar's Office website (<https://ung.edu/registrar/major-campus-degree-level-change.php>). Requirements for internal transfer and degree level change include:

- Completion of minimum GPA and credit hour requirements. Students must meet one of the three following GPA and credit hour criteria:
  - 24-29 completed GPA credit hours and 2.5 GPA
  - 30+ completed GPA credit hours and 2.0 GPA
  - Completed UNG associate's degree and 2.0 GPA
- Completed GPA credit hours include all college-level coursework, including dual enrollment, that is factored into a student's GPA. Completed GPA credit hours do *not* include Learning Support courses (e.g. MATH 0999) or credit earned through exam (e.g. AP, IB, or CLEP credit) or prior military training.
- Completed GPA credit hours may be pending at the time of internal transfer and degree level change application. For example, a student may submit their internal transfer application during their spring semester, provided that upon completion of their in-progress courses, they will meet the minimum credit hour requirement.
- GPA requirements must be met at the time of application for internal transfer and degree level change. For example, a student may submit their internal transfer application during the spring semester, but in-progress course grades will not be factored into their GPA requirement.
- Completion of all Learning Support requirements (English and/or math), if applicable
  - While grades earned in a credit-bearing Learning Support pairing course (e.g. MATH 1111) will be factored into GPA, grades earned in the corresponding support course (e.g. MATH 0999) will not be included in a student's GPA. Credit hours from the support course (e.g. MATH 0999) will also not be factored into completed GPA credit hours.
- Completion of all pending Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) requirements, if applicable
  - Students may have outstanding Required High School Curriculum requirements in English, math, science, social science, or foreign language. These RHSC deficiencies can be satisfied through taking a course at UNG.
- Cadet Candidates are encouraged to meet the internal transfer and degree level change requirements by the priority deadlines listed on the UNG website, typically prior to when registration begins for the semester during which Cadet

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Candidates wish to begin in Dahlonega. For example, registration for the fall semester typically begins in the March prior. Cadet Candidates must be approved for internal transfer and degree level change before being permitted to register for courses on the Dahlonega campus.

UNG Success Hub: <https://ung.edu/tutoring-services/success-hub.php>

Cadet Candidates are highly encouraged to utilize the UNG Success Hub where Tutoring Services, Academic Success Coaching, and Supplemental Instruction are all offered to better your experience while on the Gainesville campus. This can be done via the UNG Success Hub, conveniently located both online and in person.

- Professional and Peer Academic Coaches are available both in person and virtually to support you throughout your college journey. Academic coaching is a personalized, strengths-based service designed to help you build effective habits and develop key skills such as goal setting, time management, study strategies, and test preparation. Whether you're just getting started or looking to improve in a specific area, working with a coach can give you the tools and confidence to succeed. Reaching out early allows you to take full advantage of this resource and start your college experience with a strong foundation.
- "Professional and peer tutors are available virtually on the UNG Success Hub. They can give suggestions, ask questions, and tailor their tutoring techniques to help you put everything together and succeed in your scholastic journey. We offer help in accounting, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, physics, and writing
- All online sessions are appointment-based. **Both online and in-person** run on the same platform, so you can book in-person drop-in sessions (by subject) or appointments (for writing and some subjects) using the same instructions.
- Supplemental Instruction (SI) provides structured, regularly scheduled weekly study sessions for some of UNG's historically difficult courses. Sessions are led by a peer SI facilitator who has successfully completed the class in a past semester and is trained to promote student collaboration and active engagement with the course material. Sessions are free for all students enrolled in SI-supported courses to attend. Weekly session schedules can be found on UNG Success Hub under SI Sessions and more information can be found on our website at <https://ung.edu/si>.

Orientation: <https://ung.edu/nest/checklists/new-student-checklist.php#acord-collapse-1-4>

- On July 30, Student Orientation and Success (SOS) will host a New Student Orientation and Meet-and-Greet with Cadet Leadership Preparatory Participants. Orientation will allow you to meet your academic advisor and several faculty members in your field of study. Additionally, SOS also provides tutorials on how to use your academic resources, such as D2L, the learning platform which is crucial for all of your classes at UNG. SOS will also show you how you fit as a student and as a Cadet Candidate so you can get involved on Campus! On 31 July, both the CLA and leaders from UNG Gainesville will host an academic prep day to ensure you are ready for the first day of classes.

- Upon successful completion of all standards outlined above, both the ROTC department and Cadet Recruiting will ensure cadet candidates are postured and given all resources to be prepared for FROG Week
- Please refer to the Cadet Admissions Manual for all appropriate steps for transferring into the Corps. That information can be found here: <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/cam/index.php>.
- Upon successful completion of FROG week, CLPP students will not be required to be on quarters since coming into the Corps as transfer students. The Corps quarters policy will take effect if a cadet's GPA falls below 2.5. Information on quarters can be found on page 35 of the Corps bluebook: <https://ung.edu/cadet-leadership-academy/uploads/ilss/files/bluebook.pdf>. An overall typical day in the Corps can be found here: <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/learn-more/boars-head-brigade/daily-life-for-cadet-freshmen.php>.
- Finally, cadet candidates who complete FROG week will not be given the same rank as their peers (cadet recruits). Instead, at the Commandant's discretion, cadet candidates will be offered both a rank and a leadership position.



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### Housing:

The Deryn, conveniently, located a half mile from the UNG Gainesville campus, offers discounted rates for cadet candidates. This is a co-living environment, meaning it is rented by room instead of a full unit, with the opportunity to live with Cadet Candidates across a three-room unit. We highly recommend Cadet Candidates in the Cadet Leadership Preparatory Program to register and live at The Deryn together as it will help them adjust to living in a cadet residence hall upon arrival to the Dahlonega campus the following year. These costs are approximate, and subject to change, please contact The Deryn for more details.

- Co-Living Unfurnished \$659 + \$133 for utilities
- Co-Living Furnished \$759-\$789 + \$133 for utilities
- Full Unit Unfurnished \$1,735 + \$237 for utilities
- Full Unit Furnished \$2,101-\$2,302 + \$237 for utilities
- UNG provides a shuttle to campus from The Deryn, as well as a walking path. Of note, the UNG shuttle runs every 15 minutes from 7:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Thurs) and 7:30am-2pm on Fridays.
- The application and administrative fees are \$99 (half will be reimbursed to you), but please ensure to **apply by 1 July** to aid in seeking to arrange rooms, roommates, etc.
- A deposit will be required upon move in, currently \$200.
- To view amenities, please visit their website at: <https://www.liveatthederyn.com/>
- Point of contact: (470) 876-7661.

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### **CLPP Costs (per semester):**

- Please visit our website for more information located here: <https://ung.edu/cost-aid/tuition/tuition-and-fee-charts.php>, These costs are subject to change.
- In-State Tuition and Fees (taking 15 credits): Total tuition and fees are approximately \$3,125.00.
- Out-of State Tuition and Fees (taking 15 credits): \$10,235.00.
- Tuition and Fee estimator can be found here: <https://ung.edu/cost-aid/tuition/tuition-and-fee-estimator.php>.
- Out-of-State Tuition Waivers:
  - Students who live in an eligible border county can apply for a [Border County Waiver](#). Eligible counties include:
    - NC: Cherokee/Clay/Graham/Jackson/Macon/Swain
    - TN: Bradley/Hamilton/Polk
  - Students who live in a state bordering Georgia can apply for the [Border State Waiver](#).
  - Military and Military-connected students can apply for the following [Military Waivers](#):
    - Active Duty Military Personnel- Dependent children of Military personnel stationed in Georgia and on active duty.
    - Georgia National Guard and US Military Reservist- Dependent children of active members of the Georgia National Guard stationed or assigned to Georgia, or a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia.
    - Separated Military Personnel- Dependents of a separated service member or any student utilizing transferred VA educational benefits and physically residing in the state who enrolls within 36 months of service member's separation.
  - Presidential Academic Tuition Waivers (PTW) are competitively awarded to out-of-state students based on previous academic performance and/or test scores. Students can apply for consideration [here](#).

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- Please note the estimated cost for some courses may include lab and/or other miscellaneous fees.
- If you need assistance with financial aid, please send an email to [finaid@ung.edu](mailto:finaid@ung.edu) or call 706-864-1412.
- For specific scholarship inquiries, opportunities please contact Mr. Wyatt Campbell at [wyatt.campbell@ung.edu](mailto:wyatt.campbell@ung.edu).

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### **Key Fall 2026 CLPP Dates:**

**30 July** – CLPP In-Person Orientation @ UNG Gainesville, CLPP Social hosted by Cadet Recruiting for students and parents

**31 July** – Academic Prep session @ UNG Gainesville

**Early August**– Inprocessing/team-building event

**10 August** – Classes Begin, Flight Demonstration for CLPP

**Early October** – Diagnostic Army Fitness Test (Optional during Military Science class period)

**End of October** – Spring 2027 Academic Registration Begins

**23-27 November** – Fall Break (no classes)

**1-4 December** – Finals

### **Key Points of Contact:**

#### **UNG Cadet Recruiting Office:**

- <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/index.php>
- [cadetrecruiting@ung.edu](mailto:cadetrecruiting@ung.edu)
- 706-867-2918

#### **UNG Commandant's Office:**

- <https://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/index.php>
- 706-864-1793

#### **UNG Academic Advising:**

- <https://ung.edu/academic-advising/index.php>
- [advising-gvl@ung.edu](mailto:advising-gvl@ung.edu)
- 678-717-3791

#### **The Deryn Apartments:**

- <https://www.liveatthederyn.com/>
- 470-260-0514

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**UNG Gainesville Shuttle Service Info:**

- <https://ung.edu/parking-transportation/shuttle-services.php>