

Recitation FAQ

Recitation has been formalized as a new schedule type at Georgia Tech as proposed by the Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Scheduling and confirmed by the Academic Senate in April 2019. Recitations will be part of the published Schedule of Classes beginning in Spring 2020.

Institute Definition | Recitation is typically a smaller subset of a larger lecture course, commonly led by teaching assistants, designed to provide time for application of conceptual knowledge and extension of instruction that occurs in lecture through problem-solving or discussion.

Recitations are

- optional
- non-credit earning; set to 0-credit hours
- non-billable; no tuition/fees are assessed and there are no impacts on financial aid/scholarships
- audit only; no grades assessed; no assessment rolled to academic history
- not factored into calculating full-time, part-time, or less than half-time status
- treated like co-ops for credit/billing purposes

Recitations are optional sessions that students are not required to register for unless they choose to. Recitations are non-credit and non-billable, no credit awarded and nothing that can count towards degree hours or against any financial aid/scholarship hours.

In the recitation sessions, instructors cannot teach any new content and it is not gradable. This means there is no penalty for how often or how little students choose to participate. It is expected that departments will strongly recommend students choose to register for a recitation so that academic support is available if/as needed throughout the semester.

Recitations will be scheduled separate from the main lectures with unique course numbers, mimicking the lecture it supports, designated with an "R" following the course number. For example, the recitations supporting "CS 1371" are "CS 1371R".

The unique recitation course numbers are setup with a co-requisite requirement to ensure that students registering for recitation are also registered for a section of the lecture the recitation supports. The lecture does not carry the same co-requisite requirement, allowing students to register for the lecture only if they choose.

Some departments may choose to utilize section-level co-requisites to ensure students registered for specific lecture sections choose from specific recitation sections. For example, if a lecture has sections A, B, and C to choose from, a department may create a series of recitations labeled A01-Axx, B01-Bxx, and C01-Cxx. Students in the A lecture would only be able to choose an Axx recitation.

To summarize, recitations are separate entities from the lecture courses they support. The lecture courses have not changed in overall credit hour value. Recitations are completely optional, do not count towards degree progression or against financial aid/scholarships, are non-credit, are non-billable, and non-gradable.