A Pocket Guide to
UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA

UGA
Chartered by the state of Georgia in 1785, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of public higher education in America—launching our nation’s great tradition of world-class public education. What began as a commitment to inspire the next generation grows stronger today through global research, hands-on learning and extensive outreach. A top value in public higher education, Georgia’s flagship university thrives in a community that combines a culture-rich college town with a strong economic center.
Fall 2021 Enrollment

40,118
overall

30,166
undergraduate

9,952
graduate

94%
first-year
retention rate

87%
6-year
graduation rate

All students complete experiential learning before graduation.

Class of 2020 Career Outcomes

91%
employed or continuing education within
6 months of graduation

See full details at career.uga.edu/outcomes

$6.5 BILLION
on the state of Georgia

Every Georgian is within
40 MILES
of a UGA resource

8 consecutive years in the top 5 of
universities sending new products to market

500 Public Service and Outreach faculty
across the state

200+ companies launched based on UGA research
With its comprehensive reach, the university’s 17 colleges and schools enroll more than 37,000 students and have produced over 340,000+ alumni living worldwide. The University of Georgia’s initiatives extend globally while touching every corner of the state, realizing the university’s land- and sea-grant missions. The university’s eight Public Service and Outreach units, which are among the strongest in the nation, help create jobs, develop leaders and address critical challenges. Research, outreach and extension serve as major drivers of economic and workforce development and spark successful partnerships that create new businesses and train the workforce of tomorrow.

The university’s threefold teaching, research and service mission spans the globe with campuses in five Georgia locations, Washington, D.C., England and Italy, as well as partnerships in more than 50 countries on six continents.
The 5,800+ members of the 2021 freshman class continued the trend of impressive freshman classes at UGA. The following scores represent the middle 50% of the admitted class.

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It should come as no surprise, then, that the University of Georgia is recognized among the nation’s best public higher education institutions.

1. **#16** U.S. News & World Report Best Public Schools
2. **#11** Niche’s Top Public Universities in the U.S.
3. **#6** Open Doors, Participation in Study Abroad among doctorate-granting universities

UGA has produced an array of distinguished scholars over the years, including **25 Rhodes Scholars**—third highest among Southeastern Conference universities.

- **Gates Cambridge Scholars**: 7
- **Marshall Scholars**: 7
- **Goldwater Scholars**: 61
- **Truman Scholars**: 21
- **Udall Scholars**: 19
- **Boren Scholars**: 56
- **Fulbright Student Scholars**: 143
- **Schwarzman Scholars**: 6
- **Mitchell Scholars**: 3
- **Churchill Scholars**: 1
- **Beinecke Scholars**: 2
The UGA Alumni Association advances the academic excellence, interests and traditions of Georgia’s flagship university by inspiring engagement through relevant programming, enhanced connections and effective communications. It’s a network over 340,000+ strong with chapters around the globe and counts among its number artists, business leaders, diplomats, doctors, educators, engineers, and countless others.

- Dan Amos (BBA ’73)
  CEO/AFLAC

- Alton Brown (AB ’04)
  Chef, Food Network host

- Chip Caray (ABJ ’87)
  Sports broadcaster/Fox Sports South

- Terrell Davis (BSFCS ’95)
  Retired NFL player/Denver Broncos, Member of Pro Football Hall of Fame

- Charlayne Hunter-Gault (ABJ ’63)
  Emmy Award- and Peabody Award-winning journalist

- M. Douglas Ivester (BBA ’69)
  Former Chairman and CEO/Coca-Cola Co.

- Jianguo “Jack” Liu (PHD ’92)
  Director and sustainability scholar/Michigan State University

- Dr. Faida Mitifu (PHD ’94)
  Congolese Ambassador to the U.S.

- Dr. Lee M. Myers (DVM ’84)
  Working abroad in Rome, Italy for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

- William P. “Billy” Payne (AB ’69, JD ’73)
  President and CEO/The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games

- Deborah Roberts (ABJ ’82)
  Producer and Correspondent/ABC News

- Michael Stipe (M’82)
  Lead singer of R.E.M.

- Maria Taylor (ABJ ’09, MBA ’13)
  Sportscaster/NBC Sports

- Natasha Trethewey (AB ’89)
  United States Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winner

- Bubba Watson (BSFCS ’08)
  Winner of the Masters tournament in 2012 and 2014
As Georgia’s most comprehensive research institution, the University of Georgia is a research leader in a variety of fields, from plant sciences to infectious diseases to behavioral science and beyond. UGA’s research enterprise is committed to creating healthier people, a more secure future and stronger communities.

UGA is America’s top university in bringing new products to market annually.

To date, more than 850 products based on UGA research.

And UGA research helps entrepreneurs achieve their dreams.

More than 200 companies launched based on UGA research.

Athens is home to preeminent researchers and innovative programs from across the spectrum.

A project to create a network that will allow researchers across the globe to access UGA’s expertise in nuclear magnetic resonance, co-led by Professor Art Edison, earned a $40 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The Department of Energy renewed its cooperative agreement with the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory at a projected total contract value of $34 million. The lab studies environmental consequences of DOE activities on the Savannah River Site.

Assistant professor Kaixiong Ye received a nearly $2 million award from the National Institutes for Health to support efforts to better understand how genetic variations interact with environmental factors to produce different effects on a disease.

Associate professor Michael Cacciatore received a $2.5 million grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation’s National Science Foundation to produce STEM-related, short-form videos for PBS and study their impact.

A grant of $1.25 million from the Truist Foundation and Suntrust Trusteed Foundations established the Truist Community Innovation Initiative, an effort to increase support for aspiring entrepreneurs in the Athens community.
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The University of Georgia is building a better tomorrow for everyone. Although UGA is the birthplace of public higher education in America, education wasn’t always available for everyone in this country. In recent history, we have made great progress in throwing open our doors and truly bringing higher education to the public, but there is still more work to be done.

Recently, UGA has employed a number of tactics as part of a comprehensive strategy to create a more inclusive campus, including the formation of the Presidential Task Force on Race, Ethnicity and Community. Formed in 2020, this task force—a multi-cultural, multi-generational group representing alumni, faculty, staff and students across campus—is responsible for a number of new positions, initiatives, programs and more, after the President’s acceptance of their recommendations.

We make efforts like these to enhance the university’s inclusivity because we know that by doing so, we enrich our campus with new viewpoints, provide opportunity for historically disadvantaged students and shape a new generation of leaders, thereby empowering the businesses and organizations who will employ these leaders.

By making a more diverse and inclusive UGA, we ensure that UGA’s tomorrow is a better tomorrow for all.

### THE PROGRESS MADE

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<th>Number of UGA students from underrepresented groups*</th>
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### THE WORK TO BE DONE

Georgia high school graduates from underrepresented groups (top) have grown over time, but their representation has not translated to the corresponding UGA freshman class (bottom).

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60% of Georgians over 25 do not have a college degree

*Students from underrepresented groups report a race/ethnicity of Asian, Black, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Latinx, or Native American.
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT & HISTORY

- 45 National Championships
- 9 Men’s varsity sports
- 12 Women’s varsity sports
- Founding member of the Southeastern Conference
- 10 Top-Ten Directors’ Cup finishes

Top achievements in varsity sports include:

- Football
- Baseball
- Track and Field
  - (Men’s Outdoor and Women’s Indoor)
- Tennis
  - (Men’s and Women’s)
- Golf
  - (Men’s and Women’s)
- Equestrian
- Gymnastics
  - (NCAA record 10 championships)
- Swimming & Diving
  - (Women’s)

Additional accolades:

- National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics award for colleges and universities with the most athletic success.
UGA app

The UGA app is a helpful tool for anyone visiting campus, with a campus map, real-time parking availability info, campus event listings and more.

UGA.edu

Whether you’re a student, parent, alum, donor, or just curious about the university, UGA.edu is your first stop for information on the University of Georgia.

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