A Pocket Guide to 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 2022 Enrollment

- **40,607** overall
  - **30,714** undergraduate
  - **8,244** graduate

- **94%** first-year retention rate
- **88%** 6-year graduation rate

All students complete experiential learning before graduation.

Class of 2022 Career Outcomes

- **96%** employed or continuing education within 6 months of graduation

See full details at career.uga.edu/outcomes

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$7.6 BILLION on the state of Georgia

Every Georgian is within **40 MILES** of a UGA resource

- **9** 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 18 colleges and schools enroll more than 40,000 students and have produced over 350,000 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.

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- School of Law
- College of Pharmacy
- Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
- Mary Frances Early College of Education
- Graduate School
- C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business
- Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- School of Social Work
- College of Environment and Design
- School of Public and International Affairs
- College of Public Health
- Eugene P. Odum School of Ecology
- College of Engineering
- Jere W. Morehead Honors College

The university is also home to the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership.
The 6,200+ members of the 2022 freshman class continued the trend of impressive freshman classes at UGA. They arrived with the following average scores:

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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.

- **#16** U.S. News & World Report Best Public Schools
- **#10** Niche’s Top Public Universities in the U.S.
- **#10** Princeton Review, best public university alumni networks

UGA has produced an array of distinguished scholars over the years, including **26 Rhodes Scholars**.

- **9** Gates Cambridge Scholars
- **9** Marshall Scholars
- **64** Goldwater Scholars
- **21** Truman Scholars
- **25** Udall Scholars
- **3** Knight-Hennessy Scholars
- **4** Carnegie Junior Research Fellows
- **7** Schwarzman Scholars
- **3** Mitchell Scholars
- **2** Churchill Scholars
- **2** Beinecke Scholars
ALUMNI DATA & NOTABLE ALUMNI

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 350,000 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’s investment in research is at an all-time high.

$546 MILLION in FY22 R&D expenditures, a 56% INCREASE since FY13.

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

To date, more than 900 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.

Jenna Jambeck, Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Environmental Engineering, was named a MacArthur Fellow in Oct. 2022 for investigating the scale of plastic pollution and galvanizing efforts to address plastic waste.

Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Robin Buell and her team received a $15.8 million award from the Department of Energy to modify poplar trees for use as a sustainable energy source.

The Center for Brain Science and Neurodegenerative Diseases secured $5 million in federal funding with the help of Isakson Chair and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Parkinson’s Research, Anumantha Kanthasamy.

UGA’s Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach, led by professor David Okech, works with the United Nations and U.S. State Department to study and drive action on human trafficking around the world.

The Interdisciplinary STEM Research Complex added 200,000 square feet of research space, a new Poultry Science Building is being constructed, and UGA is engaged in a decades-long plan to renovate “Science and Ag Hill.”
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

Number of UGA students from underrepresented groups*

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Number of first-generation college students enrolled

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Of Georgia’s 120 rural counties, UGA students come from

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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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% of first-generation UGA students in Fall 2022

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% of rural UGA students in Fall 2022

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

Rural Georgians account for nearly 21% of the state’s population

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

National championships in

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

Founding member of the Southeastern Conference

9 National Championships

12 Women's varsity sports

9 Men's varsity sports

10 Top-Ten Directors' Cup finishes

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.

alumni.uga.edu
The UGA Alumni Association advances the academic excellence, interests and traditions of UGA through relevant programming, enhanced connections and effective communications.

give.uga.edu
Find out exactly how much impact private giving has at UGA and become part of the university’s mission to improve communities all over the world.