ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

History and Location: Chartered by the Georgia General Assembly on January 27, 1785, The University of Georgia is the nation’s first state-chartered university. In 1872, the University of Georgia was designated the state’s land-grant institution and in 1980 was accorded sea-grant college status. The University’s main campus is located in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, approximately 60 miles northeast of the state capital of Atlanta.


Academic Programs and Degrees Conferred: The University of Georgia is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as well as a variety of discipline-specific accrediting agencies. Academic offerings include 24 bachelor’s degrees in 144 major fields; 33 master’s degrees in 142 major fields; the specialist in education degree in 8 major fields; 4 doctoral degrees in 100 major fields; and professional degrees in Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine. During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the University awarded 7,459 bachelor’s degrees, 1,949 master’s and specialist degrees, 488 doctoral degrees, and 429 professional degrees.

Faculty: Full-time professorial faculty in the fall of 2019 totaled 1,851. 95% of the full-time faculty were tenured or tenure-track, and 96% hold the doctorate or other terminal degree. Average salaries for the fiscal year 2019 were $130,000 for professors; $96,100 for associate professors; and $90,100 for assistant professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2019 enrollment totaled 38,920, which included 29,848 undergraduates, 7,476 graduate students, and 1,596 first professional students. 94% of undergraduates and 77% of graduate and professional students were enrolled on a full-time basis. The undergraduate student body was 43% male and 30% minority. There were 122 foreign countries represented among the 1,106 undergraduate and 1,687 graduate and professional non-US citizens enrolled in fall 2019.

Admissions/Retention: 5,489 first-time freshmen enrolled for fall 2019. 41% of all admitted freshmen enrolled, and 20% of all freshman applicants enrolled. The average total SAT score for entering freshmen was 1334. 4,458 or 81% of new freshmen attended 469 Georgia high schools. On average, 94.8% of first-time full-time freshmen return for their sophomore year. 70% of all undergraduate transfer applicants were accepted, and 1,239 enrolled for fall 2019. 52% of accepted new graduate students enrolled in fall 2019.

Costs: Academic year 2019-20 tuition and fees totaled $12,080 for new resident undergraduates and $31,120 for new nonresident undergraduates. Academic year 2019-20 estimated cost of attendance for resident undergraduates totaled $27,450. This amount included tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, room, board, and other expenses.

Finance: For fiscal year 2019, total revenues exceeded $1.94 billion and included $507 million from state appropriations. 18.1% of total operating expenditures were designated for instruction and 24.0% for research. Sponsored awards for fiscal year 2019 totaled $298,167,285.

Physical Facilities: The University occupies and maintains over 22 million square feet of space. The main campus includes 478 buildings for a total of 18,086,588 square feet. Twelve major building projects were completed during 2019 for a total cost of over $90 million. The University’s fall 2019 land holdings totaled 38,866 acres in 29 Georgia counties.