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 143 major fields; 33 master’s degrees in 144 major fields; the specialist in education degree in 8 major fields; 4 doctoral degrees in 99 major fields; and professional degrees in Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine. During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the University awarded 8,302 bachelor’s degrees, 2,016 master’s and specialist degrees, 469 doctoral degrees, and 443 professional degrees.

Faculty: Full-time professorial faculty in the fall of 2021 totaled 1,789. 97% of the full-time faculty were tenured or tenure-track. Average salaries for the fiscal year 2021 were $135,600 for professors; $100,800 for associate professors; and $94,700 for assistant professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2021 enrollment totaled 40,118, which included 30,166 undergraduates, 8,304 graduate students, and 1,648 first professional students. 94% of undergraduates and 78% of graduate and professional students were enrolled on a full-time basis. The undergraduate student body was 41% male and 30% minority. There were 117 foreign countries represented among the 703 undergraduate and 1,905 graduate and professional non-US citizens enrolled in fall 2021.

Admissions/Retention: 5,803 first-time freshmen enrolled for fall 2021. 37% of all admitted freshmen enrolled, and 15% of all freshman applicants enrolled. The average total SAT score for entering freshmen was 1330. On average, 94.9% of first-time full-time freshmen return for their sophomore year. 74% of all undergraduate transfer applicants were accepted, and 1,554 enrolled for fall 2021. 53% of accepted new graduate students enrolled in fall 2021.

Costs: Academic year 2021-22 tuition and fees totaled $12,080 for new resident undergraduates and $31,120 for new nonresident undergraduates. Academic year 2021-22 estimated cost of attendance for resident undergraduates totaled $27,946. This amount included tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, room, board, and other expenses.

Finance: For fiscal year 2021, total revenues exceeded $1.94 billion and included $493.8 million from state appropriations. 17.2% of total operating expenditures were designated for instruction and 24.8% for research.

Physical Facilities: The University occupies and maintains over 22 million square feet of space. The main campus includes 491 buildings for a total of 18,827,951 square feet. Six major building projects were completed during 2021 for a total cost of over $99 million. The University’s fall 2021 land holdings totaled 38,839 acres.