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 142 major fields; 29 master’s degrees in 130 major fields; the specialist in education degree in 8 major fields; 4 doctoral degrees in 94 major fields; and professional degrees in Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine. During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the University awarded 7,128 bachelor’s degrees, 1,751 master’s and specialist degrees, 543 doctoral degrees, and 424 professional degrees.

Faculty: Full-time professorial faculty for the fall 2017 totaled 1,822. 94% of the full-time faculty were tenured or tenure-track, and 98% hold the doctorate or other terminal degree. Average salaries for the fiscal year 2017 were $126,400 for professors; $94,500 for associate professors; and $86,400 for assistant professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2017 enrollment totaled 37,606, which included 28,848 undergraduates, 7,158 graduate students, and 1,600 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 43% male and 30% minority. There were 123 foreign countries represented among the 1,153 undergraduate and 1,569 graduate and professional non-US citizens enrolled in fall 2017.

Admissions/Retention: 5,824 first-time freshmen enrolled for fall 2017. 45% of all admitted freshmen enrolled, and 24% of all freshman applicants enrolled. Based on the new SAT test, the average total SAT score for entering freshmen was 1281. 5,013 or 86% of new freshmen attended 462 Georgia high schools. On average, 94.6% of first-time full-time freshmen return for their sophomore year. 71% of all undergraduate transfer applicants were accepted, and 1,354 enrolled for fall 2017. 52% of accepted new graduate students enrolled in fall 2017.

Costs: Academic year 2017-18 tuition and fees totaled $11,818 for new resident undergraduates and $30,392 for new nonresident undergraduates. Academic year 2017-18 estimated cost of attendance for resident undergraduates totaled $26,404. This amount included tuition and mandatory fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other expenses.

Finance: For fiscal year 2017, total revenues exceeded $1.66 billion and included $436 million from state appropriations. 19.8% of total operating expenditures were designated for instruction and 25.3% for research. Sponsored awards for fiscal year 2017 totaled $260,650,095.

Physical Facilities: The University occupies and maintains over 22 million square feet of space. The main campus includes 475 buildings for a total of 17,733,878 square feet. Ten major building projects were completed during 2017 for a total cost of over $157 million. The University’s fall 2017 land holdings totaled 38,878 acres in 30 Georgia counties.