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 2019-20 fiscal year, the University awarded 7,994 bachelor’s degrees, 2,062 master’s and specialist degrees, 528 doctoral degrees, and 431 professional degrees.

Faculty: Full-time professorial faculty in the fall of 2020 totaled 1,829. 95% of the full-time faculty were tenured or tenure-track, and 97% hold the doctorate or other terminal degree. Average salaries for the fiscal year 2020 were $136,600 for professors; $100,700 for associate professors; and $93,200 for assistant professors.

Enrollment: Fall 2020 enrollment totaled 39,147, which included 29,765 undergraduates, 7,779 graduate students, and 1,603 first professional students. 94% of undergraduates and 75% of graduate and professional students were enrolled on a full-time basis. The undergraduate student body was 42% male and 30% minority. There were 117 foreign countries represented among the 895 undergraduate and 1,547 graduate and professional non-US citizens enrolled in fall 2020.

Admissions/Retention: 5,603 first-time freshmen enrolled for fall 2020. 41% of all admitted freshmen enrolled, and 20% of all freshman applicants enrolled. The average total SAT score for entering freshmen was 1318. 4,764 or 85% of new freshmen attended 477 Georgia high schools. On average, 94.8% of first-time full-time freshmen return for their sophomore year. 79% of all undergraduate transfer applicants were accepted, and 1,421 enrolled for fall 2020. 49% of accepted new graduate students enrolled in fall 2020.

Costs: Academic year 2020-21 tuition and fees totaled $12,080 for new resident undergraduates and $31,120 for nonresident undergraduates. Academic year 2020-21 estimated cost of attendance for resident undergraduates totaled $27,658. This amount included tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, room, board, and other expenses.

Finance: For fiscal year 2020, total revenues exceeded $1.96 billion and included $529.9 million from state appropriations. 18.0% of total operating expenditures were designated for instruction and 24.5% for research. Research expenditures for fiscal year 2020 exceeded $495.1 million.

Physical Facilities: The University occupies and maintains over 22 million square feet of space. The main campus includes 484 buildings for a total of 18,472,117 square feet. Ten major building projects were completed during 2020 for a total cost of over $82 million. The University’s fall 2020 land holdings totaled 38,839 acres in 30 Georgia counties.