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AT A GLANCE

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
An Overview

Georgia Southern University is the state’s largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With more than 120 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern has been designated a Carnegie Doctoral/Research university and provides the classic residential campus experience, as well as online learning options to more than 20,500 students from 48 states and 89 nations.

Georgia Southern’s nationally accredited academic programs prepare diverse scholars for leadership and service as world citizens. A unit of the University System of Georgia, the University boasts 200-plus student organizations, outstanding Division I athletics, and state-of-the-art residence halls and campus facilities.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state.

The historic core of campus is the quintessential college portrait—Georgian-style, red-brick buildings with white columns wrapping around a tree-lined circular drive known as Sweetheart Circle. Beyond the traditional Circle, contemporary buildings blend into the existing architecture to showcase the continuing growth and expansion of Georgia Southern facilities. Major projects recently completed include construction of the Biological Sciences Building, the renovation of Sanford Hall into a state-of-the-art home for the Department of Communication Arts, and expansion of Allen E. Paulson Stadium.
STUDENTS

Georgia Southern hosts students from nearly every state and 88 nations. The average SAT scores for freshman classes exceed both state and national averages. University students are engaged in community volunteer activities, campus theatre productions, academic organizations and recreational athletics. They can choose from more than 200 campus organizations, including social sororities and fraternities, honor societies, plus religious, political and service groups.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Georgia Southern offers more than 120 degree programs through our eight colleges: Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Health and Human Sciences, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Science and Mathematics.

The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields. Georgia Southern continues to expand graduate offerings to meet the needs of students in the region. Additionally, with an expanding focus on research, Georgia Southern has created a valuable niche, attracting a record number of the brightest students and scholars from across the state and country.

FACULTY

Students are taught by inspired and accomplished Georgia Southern faculty in an environment of academic excellence that provides hands-on learning and opportunities for research, internships and workplace readiness. Our talented faculty members earn state, regional and national honors and recognition for their research. Small class sizes allow students to get to know their professors. At Georgia Southern, professors not only teach classes, they set high academic expectations, serve as mentors and promote student growth and lifelong learning.

ALUMNI

Some things are forever—like being part of The Eagle Nation. The Georgia Southern Alumni Association fosters relationships with alumni and friends through programs that promote the growth, progress and welfare of the University. Wherever you live, chances are there is a loyal group of Eagles nearby. The Alumni Association maintains Alumni Networks and Affinity Groups to keep alumni connected and engaged. These offer support to the University by providing scholarships for qualified students, assisting in recruiting the best and brightest students and reinforcing Georgia Southern traditions.
ALLEN E. PAULSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Named in honor of aviation innovator Allen E. Paulson, the founder of Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., the College combines high-demand degree programs in engineering and IT to meet the needs of a technical workforce in the state, region and country. Undergraduates seek degrees in Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering, as well as Information Technology, Computer Science, Construction Management and the new Manufacturing Engineering program. The College also offers M.S. degrees in Computer Science and Applied Engineering as well as graduate certificates in Engineering Management.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The College’s degree programs are consistently ranked among the best in the nation and the College was named one of Newsweek’s 12 Top Business Schools of 2014. BestColleges.com has also named Georgia Southern’s Online MBA Program one of the top 30 in the nation. Our bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral programs of study are designed to prepare students to meet the challenges of the constantly changing business environment.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College prepares future educators and leaders through diverse, intensive field experiences, cutting-edge technology and research-based instruction. It is a regional leader in online graduate programs and consistently prepares the highest number of graduate students at the University. The College earned a top 75 ranking among schools offering online graduate education programs in the 2015 U.S. News & World Report “Best Online Graduate Education Programs.” The College’s new Youth-At-Risk Center, Goizueta Distinguished Chair in Hispanic/Latino Education and leadership in the University’s Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education, reinforce its commitment to these important areas of national need.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Encompassing the humanities, social sciences, languages and the arts, this is the largest college on campus and serves a central role in every student’s core of knowledge. The College promotes high academic performance and empowers students to develop their analytical, creative and communication skills, and expand their intellectual curiosity and appreciation for the power of the arts, leadership and citizenship.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

The College of Health and Human Sciences focuses on the health and quality of life of individuals, families and communities with degree programs in the School of Nursing, School of Human Ecology and the School of Health and Kinesiology. The Family Nurse Practitioner program is consistently ranked among the top nursing programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

The College of Science and Mathematics offers nationally recognized degree programs in biology, chemistry, geology and geography, mathematical sciences and physics. The College also provides outstanding preprofessional training, support and advisement for students planning to enter medical, dental, veterinary, optometry and pharmacy schools. Additionally, it supports one of the top Military Science programs in the country. The College ushered in a new era of research and teaching technology with the new $41 million LEED-certified Biological Sciences Building, which opened in 2013.

JIANN-PING HSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The first school of public health in the state, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health offers Bachelor of Public Health, Master of Health Administration, Master of Public Health, and Doctor of Public Health degrees. The College is one of only 51 colleges or schools of public health worldwide to receive accreditation and the College oversees three centers as part of its mission: the Center for Rural Health and Research, the Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics and Survey Research, and the Center for Addiction Recovery.

JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Averitt College of Graduate Studies provides administrative oversight for more than 50 graduate degree programs in seven colleges through both campus and online delivery. Guided by accomplished faculty mentors, graduate students earn advanced training in their discipline by engaging in scholarship, teaching and professional service activities characteristic of a challenging and vibrant curriculum in a supportive environment.
PLANETARIUM

Georgia Southern’s Planetarium, located in the Math-Physics Building, features a new Digistar 5 digital planetarium system. Visitors will enjoy the night sky display, 360-degree full-dome movies with surround sound and real-time tours of the solar system and our galaxy, while exploring the entire universe. The Planetarium also features the ability to display real-time data from satellites and a NASA feed to watch live events. During the fall and spring semesters, the Planetarium offers free educational presentations for school and public groups.

ZACH S. HENDERSON LIBRARY

The Zach S. Henderson Library serves more than 4,000 people daily with resources that support a comprehensive array of degrees, disciplines, research activity and learning objectives. With more than 400 hard-wired computer workstations, access to archives of data and information, and an innovative storage solution, the Henderson Library ranks as one of the most technologically advanced in the Southeast.

The Library was designed for both independent and collaborative learning, and includes group study rooms, presentation practice rooms and a Learning Commons equipped with stations for standard and multimedia applications. The facility houses more than one million books, periodicals and other documents. Behind the scenes, the Automated Retrieval Collection (ARC) allows for the efficient and compact storage of hundreds of thousands of current resources and future acquisitions.
ABOVE: The state-of-the-art Foy Building provides quality learning experiences for music students with a music technology lab, expanded classrooms and rehearsal halls. Various musical performances are held each year in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, located within the facility.

SYMPHONY

The Georgia Southern Symphony performs a series of free concerts comprising a wide range of classical and popular compositions for the entertainment and enlightenment of the people of Statesboro and various coastal Georgia communities.

CHORALE

Georgia Southern Chorale is a world-class choral ensemble known for its dynamic performances on local, regional and international stages. The internationally competitive Chorale performs a wide variety of literature including choral masterworks and spirituals to name a few.

CENTER FOR ART & THEATRE

The Center for Art & Theatre offers public exhibitions of visual art created by contemporary professional artists and students and a Black Box Theatre where students, faculty and the public can enjoy the performing arts. The Center for Art & Theatre houses four galleries: the Betty Foy Sanders Georgia Artists Collection, a continuously expanding gift of pieces established and curated by Betty Foy Sanders, Bulloch County native and wife of the late former Georgia Gov. Carl Sanders. The other galleries include the family-friendly Smith Banks Folk Art Collection, which features two- and three-dimensional artworks representing the folk art tradition of Georgia, and the Contemporary and University galleries filled with revolving exhibitions of works by contemporary and emerging artists.

BETTY FOY SANDERS DEPARTMENT OF ART

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art offers excellent undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students to become professional artists, designers, art historians and industry executives. Each spring, the Department transforms Sweetheart Circle into the community ArtsFest. The event features music, interactive exhibits, local artists, vendors and crafts for all ages. “Ascend,” a sculpture symbolic of artistry, nature and pride, welcomes visitors to Georgia Southern’s Center for Art & Theatre. University art professor Marc Moulton designed and created the piece.
GOLF COURSE

The Georgia Southern University Golf Course at University Park is an 18-hole championship course that was named to Golf Digest’s prestigious 2014 Best New Golf Courses list. The course has a driving range, practice putting and chipping greens, along with a renovated clubhouse, which includes a pro shop, café and meeting space. The 167-acre tract of land is located six miles south of Georgia Southern’s main campus in a residential area of Bulloch County. The course measures 6,900 yards from the back tees and has five sets of tees at each hole to accommodate a variety of player skill levels. The University purchased the golf course through funds from student recreation fees to expand recreational opportunities for the growing student body. The public course is open for students, faculty, staff and people living in surrounding communities.

RECREATION ACTIVITY CENTER

The state-of-the-art Recreation Activity Center (RAC) has everything you need to stay active including a fitness center, basketball courts, climbing wall and more! The RAC is located within M.C. Anderson Park with 74 acres of lighted playing fields, Olympic-size swimming pools, a band shell and a pavilion for all of campus to enjoy.

The RAC is also home to Campus Recreation & Intramurals, which offers unique ways to be active and involved through seven program areas including Aquatics, Club Sports, Fitness, Intramural Sports, Southern Adventures, University Wellness, and Informal Recreation.
EAGLE ATHLETICS

Georgia Southern fields 16 NCAA teams with a storied program that has achieved national accolades both on and off the field. In addition to six FCS national football championship flags flying at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Georgia Southern teams and individuals regularly compete for conference and national honors.

In 2014, Georgia Southern left the Southern Conference and moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision’s Sun Belt Conference. The Eagle Football team claimed the Sun Belt crown in its first season by going a perfect 8-0 in Conference play. Only two other football programs in history have accomplished the same feat.

The University’s athletics teams include football, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, volleyball, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s tennis, track and field, cross country, swimming and diving, softball, men’s and women’s soccer and women’s rifle.
 CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION & THE LAMAR Q BALL, JR. RAPTOR CENTER

Located in the heart of the Georgia Southern campus, the Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center is a living laboratory of forest and wetland creatures and the habitat in which they live. The Center has become a top destination for families and tourists, drawing thousands each year. The diverse native habitats are home to three American bald eagles, one golden eagle and several birds of prey including hawks, owls and falcons.

The Wetland Preserve is a 12-acre oasis within the Wildlife Center that includes a beaver lodge, cypress pond and a waterfowl pond that provides a home for herons, egrets and ducks.

DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Division of Continuing Education is the educational liaison between the University’s academic colleges and the surrounding region. They offer industry, groups, and individuals a wide range of opportunities for lifelong learning, with many of our programs awarding Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or Professional Learning Units (PLUs). Companies and organizations may enroll individual employees in their standard Professional Development courses or choose a Customized Training option, in which courses are specifically tailored to meet objectives. They provide conference coordination services to assist the University’s Academic Colleges as well as external organizations. Personal Development courses, from photography to creative writing, and Youth Programs, from Lego Robotics to SAT Exam Prep, are community favorites. Online courses are increasingly popular. Rounding out the Division are two technologically advanced conference centers: the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center in Statesboro and the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.
MUSEUM
For more than three decades, the University Museum has showcased artifacts of the natural and cultural history of the region. Changing exhibits interpret the research and work of University faculty and present traveling exhibits from U.S. and international museums. The only accredited museum of its kind in the coastal region, its exhibits and educational programs appeal to a wide range of interests and ages and include interactive and hands-on programs for children, adults, families, teachers and University students.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
The Performing Arts Center is home to world-class touring shows, renowned lecturers and programs for cultural outreach. The 825-seat theatre features an orchestra pit and shell, a full-size proscenium stage, and state-of-the-art technology for lighting, sound and production.

GARDEN OF THE COASTAL PLAIN
Centered on the early 20th-century farmstead of Dan and Catharine Bland, the Garden of the Coastal Plain offers visitors a unique view of the heritage of the southeastern coastal plain. Established to promote knowledge and appreciation of native plants and animals, the 11-acre Garden connects people of all ages to the natural and cultural richness of the region and inspires environmentally responsible behavior.

HERTY ADVANCED MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
In 2012, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal transferred management of Herty to Georgia Southern University to enhance economic and business development in the State of Georgia. The alignment with the University creates a powerful partnership, which links academic research with applied research activities at Herty. As a result, Herty can now provide expertise and support for the full gamut of technical readiness levels—from bench-scale to full production and from concept to commercialization. Located in Savannah, Herty is a global leader in traditional and advanced materials innovation.
CITY CAMPUS

The City of Statesboro and Georgia Southern enjoy a long-standing cooperative relationship that includes the City Campus, a site-enhancing entrepreneurial activity in the community with classrooms and meeting space for business professionals. The University’s Business Innovation Group coordinates City Campus programs to spur business and economic development. City Campus is adding a full-service Innovation Incubator and Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab), which is a joint venture between Georgia Southern, the city of Statesboro and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority. Funds from a recent OneGeorgia Authority $500,000 grant will help City Campus purchase computers, 3-D printers and other prototyping equipment for the FabLab, which will serve as a place for entrepreneurs to design, develop and test products.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Georgia Southern’s diverse student population stands at more than 20,500 students from 48 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 88 countries.

Georgia Southern University’s online Master of Education in Higher Education Administration has been ranked No. 10 on the list of the “25 Best Online Master in Higher Education Degree Programs” by TheBestSchools.org.

For the fourth consecutive year, Georgia Southern has been named a Military-Friendly School by G.I. Jobs magazine for its efforts to provide educational opportunities to America’s veterans, active-duty troops and their families.

Georgia Southern celebrated the renovation of Sanford Hall into a technologically advanced facility for the Department of Communication Arts. The $8.65 million former residence hall was transformed into a space that offers multiple classrooms and faculty offices, broadcast and film studios, a radio station, media lab and lecture hall.

Georgia Southern was granted the first undergraduate Manufacturing Engineering program in the state of Georgia. There are only 20 accredited manufacturing engineering programs in the United States and no others in the Southeast.

The School of Nursing received more than $2.2 million in grants to help establish a Center for Nursing Scholarship and Research, introduce a new graduate level Chronic Illness Certificate program and provide scholarships for students seeking the Family Nurse Practitioner degree.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Princeton Review’s “Guide to 322 Green Colleges” selected Georgia Southern as one of the nation’s most environmentally responsible “green colleges.”
FAST FACTS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 20,517
   Undergraduate: 18,004
   Graduate: 2,513
   Men/Women: 9,801/10,716
   Minorities: 36.0%
   Georgia Residents: 93.5%
   International Residents: 2.7%
   Countries Represented: 88

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 21:1

SAT AVERAGE: 1113
FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATE: 81%

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FY14: $1,192,096

COUNTIES WITH LARGEST ENROLLMENT
1. Gwinnett
2. Bulloch
3. Fulton
4. Cobb
5. Chatham

COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST ENROLLMENT OUTSIDE THE U.S.
1. Nigeria
2. India
3. China
4. Honduras
5. Canada

MOST POPULAR MAJORS FY13/14
1. Business/Marketing
2. Parks and Recreation
3. Liberal Arts/General Studies
4. Education
5. Health Professions and Related Programs

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE
   College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences: 4,599
   College of Business Administration: 3,479
   College of Health & Human Sciences: 3,435
   Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Information Technology: 2,939
   College of Education: 2,169
   College of Science & Mathematics: 1,938
   Jiaan-Ping Hsu College of Public Health: 372

Balance enrolled under College of Graduate Studies, Academic Affairs or Student Affairs

FACULTY AND STAFF
   Full-time Faculty: 837
   Part-time Faculty: 106
   Full-time Staff: 1,719
   Temporary Staff: 222
   Student Employees: 3,100

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