



When the residents of Bulloch County first decided to bring a college to South Georgia early in the last century, the battle for the educational institution was fierce. First District Agricultural & Mechanical was founded in 1906 after the citizens pledged land and money, determined to secure the winning bid for the location in Statesboro.

Through six name changes in nine decades, the institution has stayed true to one purpose: to advance the educational and economic aspirations of Georgians – with the southern region of the state a full participant in the progress and prosperity. Today, the state’s largest university south of Atlanta and the fourth-largest in the University System of Georgia, Georgia Southern is one of the top choices for new freshmen and HOPE scholars. In fall 2007, the University enrolled a record 16,841 students.

Located just an hour from historic Savannah, Hilton Head Island and the beaches, Georgia Southern’s campus covers 690 acres in Statesboro, a main street community of 23,000. Featuring a “historic district” that includes the original Administration Building, Georgia Southern’s campus blends traditional red brick and white column Georgian architecture with contemporary academic buildings. The University has completed or undertaken more than \$200 million of construction and renovation projects in recent years.

Students

Georgia Southern draws students from every part of Georgia, 48 states and territories and more than 86 nations. One of the top two choices of new freshmen and HOPE scholars, Georgia Southern’s fall 2007 freshman class recorded an average SAT of 1108, higher than state and national averages.

A vital part of the University and Statesboro community, Georgia Southern students are engaged in activities of all types including performing in campus theatre productions, volunteering for local programs, participating in academic organizations and recreational athletics. More than 200 campus organizations, including 29 sororities and fraternities, offer a spectrum of opportunities for academic achievement, leadership and campus life enrichment.

Faculty

Georgia Southern’s faculty is committed to a student-centered learning environment where students are engaged in academic, social and community activities.

At Georgia Southern, professors – not graduate students – teach classes, advise majors, and involve students in research. In a personal learning environment, undergraduate students regularly co-present papers and research at national conferences with their faculty mentors. The average class size within majors is 19.

Programs

Providing a variety of academic majors, Georgia Southern offers more than 120 degree programs in eight colleges: Business Administration, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Information Technology, Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Public Health, Science & Technology and Graduate Studies and Research. Georgia Southern 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's two-tiered Honors Program annually attracts the best and brightest students to participate in reserved classes, seminars and programs. The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement encourages students to make leadership a part of their college resumé and a learned skill for their lifetimes.

Library

Completing a massive transformation in 2008, the Zach S. Henderson Library more than doubled its previous size to a total 237,000 square feet. Henderson Library has a catalog of more than 560,000 volumes and more than a million items in its collection. Access to thousands of resources is also available through the benchmark GALILEO library cooperative system and other online tools.

Outreach Centers

Georgia Southern provides the region with a bounty of educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, families and visitors. The Museum features special exhibits and permanent exhibits of regional and natural interest showcasing the Mosasaur, a 78-million-year-old fossil skeleton and the Vogtle Whale, the oldest whale fossil found in North America. The Bland Farmstead and native plants co-exist in the Botanical Garden, an ideal marriage of cultural heritage and natural history. One of the most impressive venues in the state, the Performing Arts Center is a state-of-the-art theater that presents world-class concerts, Broadway shows, dance troupes and other touring events. The Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center and The Center for Wildlife Education, a 13-acre nature preserve in the heart of campus, provides educational venues featuring various birds of prey, snakes, lizards, mammals, insects and four American bald eagles.

Athletics

Georgia Southern's 15 Division I sports teams have achieved national recognition on and off the athletic field. From the six football national championship flags flying over Paulson Stadium to the most recent Southern Conference crown in track and field, the Eagles maintain a tradition of academic and athletic excellence. Georgia Southern's championship history extends back to a baseball national title in 1962 and the Eagles have been well represented with national award honorees and All-Americans for academic and athletic distinction ever since.

Alumni

Georgia Southern living alumni – more than 60,000 strong – are proud of their alma mater and its progress. With Eagle Clubs throughout the state, as well as clubs in Florida, South Carolina and Washington, D.C., the alumni stay connected through the alumni magazine, online community and special campus events. Established leaders and standouts among our alumni ranks include Hala Moddelmog, president and CEO of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Chick-fil-A President and CEO Dan Cathy, former Kennedy Space Center Director James Kennedy and Tony Arata, Grammy Award-winning songwriter.

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