EDUCATOR’S GUIDE

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Georgia State University
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Georgia State's unique college environment encourages students to define their own futures. Our diverse campus of more than 32,000 students is home to students from all 159 counties in Georgia, all 50 states and 160 countries. With unsurpassed connections to Atlanta and the world, Georgia State provides culture, scholarship and internship opportunities just blocks from campus.

Georgia State leads the nation in innovative programs for student success. Our commitment to guiding students to graduation shows that students from all backgrounds can succeed at high rates. Whether a student needs guidance on adapting to college or is a high achiever in search of an extra boost, Georgia State empowers students to get the most out of their college career. The New America Foundation named us a “Next Generation University,” and U.S. News and World Report ranks us sixth among the nation’s up and coming universities. We raised our graduation rate by 22 points over 10 years, a remarkable increase unmatched by any other college or university in the nation.

Your students all have different expectations of their college experience. We hope you’ll use this guide to show them the exceptional aspects of Georgia State that benefit them in college and once they graduate. Encourage them to visit Georgia State and see our campus without boundaries for themselves. We’re eager to show them what an uncommon college experience is like.
EIGHT SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

- Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Law
- Honors College
- J. Mack Robinson College of Business
- School of Public Health

100 FIELDS OF STUDY AND 250+ DEGREE OPTIONS

FRESHMAN BY THE NUMBERS

- **Number of Freshman Applicants**
  - Fall 2014: 12,538
  - Fall 2013: 13,500
  - Fall 2012: 12,349

- **Number of Freshman Admits**
  - Fall 2014: 7,144
  - Fall 2013: 7,275
  - Fall 2012: 7,087

- **Acceptance Rate for Freshman Applicants**
  - Fall 2014: 57%
  - Fall 2013: 53%
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TUITION & FEES

as of fall 2015 based on 15 credit hours per semester

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GEORGIA STATE AT-A-GLANCE

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MOST POPULAR MAJORS

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Exercise Science
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Managerial Science
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology

100 POINTS OF pride

Here are just a few of the things that make Georgia State stand out:

- **More than 50 nationally and internationally ranked programs**
- **No. 1 in the U.S. for undergraduate degrees conferred to African-Americans**
- **No. 50 in the U.S. for undergraduate degrees conferred to Asians**
- **No. 1 in Georgia in undergraduate and graduate degrees conferred to African-American, Asian and Latino students**
- **No. 6 Up and Coming University (U.S. News & World Report)**
- Division 1 NCAA athletics, including football
- Alma mater to more Georgia CEOs with advanced degrees than any school in the nation

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

as of fall 2014

Georgia State attracts a diverse student body, with students from all 159 counties in Georgia, all 50 states and 160 countries.

- White (Non-Hispanic): 10,465
- Black (Non-Hispanic): 11,329
- Hispanic: 2,723
- Asian: 4,233
- American Indian: 101
- Multiracial: 1,504
- Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian: 28
- Not reported: 2,139

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Admission to Georgia State is increasingly competitive, so it’s more important than ever that prospective students consider academic rigor in high school. But even as our admission standards rise, we maintain our commitment to recognizing not just proven accomplishment, but promising potential. This is reflected in Goal 1 of the university’s strategic plan: *Become a national model for undergraduate education by demonstrating that students from all backgrounds can achieve academic and career success at high rates.*
Freshman applicants who wish to enroll at Georgia State for fall 2016 should follow this timeline to stay on track and ensure a smooth application process:

**2015**

**SEPTEMBER:**
- Decide on a list of schools to submit applications
- Schedule a visit to Georgia State

**OCTOBER:**
- Visit campus
- Begin Early Action application

**NOVEMBER:**
- Submit Early Action application by November 16
- Start researching scholarship opportunities

**DECEMBER:**
- Apply to Georgia State (scholarship deadline January 15)
- Apply to Georgia State (final deadline for regular decision March 1)

**2016**

**JANUARY:**
- Apply to Georgia State (final deadline for regular decision March 1)
- FAFSA application available

**FEBRUARY:**
- Submit Application for housing

**MARCH:**
- Regular Decision deadline March 1

**APRIL:**
- FAFSA Priority deadline April 15
- Submit housing application and deposit

**MAY:**
- Submit intent to enroll by June 1

**ADMISSIONS continued**
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Georgia State considers two factors when admitting students: grade-point average (GPA) in the student’s College Prep Curriculum high school courses and official SAT and/or ACT scores. The average ranges for admissible freshmen are:

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CORE ACADEMIC UNITS

1. English (4 units): emphasis in grammar and usage, literature and advanced composition skills.
2. Mathematics (4 units): algebra I, algebra II, geometry and one additional mathematics course with these units as prerequisites.
3. Science (4 units): at least one laboratory course from the life sciences and one laboratory course from the physical sciences.
4. Social Science (3 units): at least one course focusing on United States studies and one course focusing on world studies.
5. Foreign language (2 units in the same language): emphasis in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit undergraduate application for admission online.
   Note: We no longer offer a paper application or a printable PDF application. Applications must be submitted online.
2. Submit non-refundable application fee of $60.
3. Submit test scores electronically.
   • Applicants must submit SAT and/or ACT scores electronically
   • Submit SAT scores through Collegeboard
   • Submit ACT scores through ACT
4. Submit official high school transcripts.
   High schools must send transcripts through official mail or electronically. A final official transcript must also be sent after graduation. Calculation of GPA is based on core academic classes only.
5. Choose between the Holistic or Merit Review for final consideration.

The Holistic Review requires a personal essay and a letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher. We encourage this option if you would like to be considered for scholarships, if you are an international applicant, or if you’d simply like to share more about yourself.

The Merit Review assesses your candidature purely on how your academic performance aligns with Georgia State’s minimum admissions requirements.

THE PANTHER PREDICTOR

Want to see if your student has what it takes to become a Panther? Use this online calculator to determine the probability of freshman admissions prior to applying.

ADMISSIONS.GSU.EDU/PANTHER-PREDICTOR
Academic advisers help students select majors and define their own paths to graduation. This process often begins with applying Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits and helping students register for classes at Incept, our new student orientation.
## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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+ These courses make up the non-major biology series and are not recommended for Biology majors.
CAMPUS VISITS

One of the best ways to get a complete picture of what Georgia State has to offer is through a campus visit. A campus visit includes an information session led by an admissions counselor and a student-led tour showcasing our facilities including the CURVE, our high-tech research environment, and Cinefest, our student-run movie theater. Students will get a look at Georgia State’s unique place in the heart of Atlanta, just blocks from the state Capitol, around the corner from venues such as Turner Field and the Georgia Dome, and connected to the rest of the city by major highways and three MARTA stops. At Georgia State, city life meets campus life to create an exciting student experience.
GROUP VISITS

Group visits include an information session led by an admissions counselor (about 30 minutes) and a student-led campus walking tour (about 60 minutes).

CRITERIA:

> High school and college-bound groups consisting of 10th – 12th graders only.
> Group size of 10 – 50 people.
> College transfer students groups may be accommodated.
> Group visits must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance of the desired date.

Groups meeting the above criteria may complete and submit an online group visit request form by visiting WELCOME.GSU.EDU.

PANTHER PREVIEW

Prospective students and their families are invited to Panther Preview, the university’s annual open house held every fall, to meet students, faculty and staff and find out more about Georgia State’s uncommon community. Highlights include a mock class, a campus tour and valuable information sessions.

THE WELCOME CENTER
100 Auburn Ave NE
1st Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Monday - Friday
PHONE: 404-413-2063
FAX: 404-413-2064
EMAIL: tourguide@gsu.edu

MAIL:
The Welcome Center
Georgia State University
P. O. Box 3999
Atlanta, GA 30302-3999

INFORMATION SESSIONS & TOURS

At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, prospective students and their parents are invited to the Welcome Center for a 30-minute information session followed by a 60-minute tour of campus.

The information session is led by an admissions counselor, and will address such topics as undergraduate admission requirements, degree programs, housing, financial aid options and student life.

During the walking tour, people will get to know the academic and administrative buildings that make up our downtown campus, as well as tour University Housing, dining halls and the Student Recreation Center.

Advanced registration is recommended. Parking is complimentary for visitors who register ahead of time.
Most Georgia State students receive some form of merit- or need-based financial aid. About 75 percent of Georgia State students receive the HOPE Scholarship and many receive federal grants and loans. We also offer a range of assistantship and work-study opportunities to help students earn money for their education. In addition, we offer a variety of competitive merit- and need-based scholarships that are made available through the Office of Undergraduate Studies, the Georgia State University Foundation, academic departments and athletics.
TOP ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS THAT REQUIRE AN APPLICATION

If you apply for the fall semester you may apply for these scholarships, which are renewable for up to four years as long as you maintain required academic standards and full-time enrollment.

- **Presidential Scholarship**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Top academic incoming freshmen who have been accepted into the Honors College.
  **AWARD:** Benefits for eight semesters: tuition and fees,* housing and a $2,000 living expense stipend. In addition, a one-time $2,500 stipend for study abroad and eligibility for a university assistantship.
  **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:** JANUARY 15, 2016
  (Must have a complete application on file for Admission no later than January 3.)
  
  *Note for Georgia residents:* This scholarship covers tuition and fees not covered by the HOPE scholarship

- **Berner Scholarship and Loan**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Incoming freshmen from rural Georgia.
  **REQUIREMENTS:** High school GPA 3.0.
  **AWARD:** Scholarship is half award and half interest-free loan. Currently, $10,000 per year for four years, $5,000 as scholarship, $5,000 as loan.
  **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** FEBRUARY 15, 2016

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS YOU MAY AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE

For best consideration, apply to the university by the Early Action deadline (**NOVEMBER 16, 2015**) to be automatically considered for the following scholarships.

- **Second Century Scholarship**
  **AWARD:** $3,000 per year ($1,500 per semester), renewable each year for four years.

- **1913 Founders Scholarship**
  **AWARD:** $2,000 per year ($1,000 per semester), renewable each year for four years.

- **Excellence Scholarship**
  **AWARD:** $1,000 per year ($500 per semester), renewable each year for four years.

- **Achievement Award**
  **AWARD:** One-time award of $1,000 ($500 per semester).

- **Foundation Award**
  **AWARD:** One-time award of $500 ($250 per semester).
• **Campus Atlanta**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Academically distinguished incoming out-of-state students.
  **REQUIREMENTS:** Freshmen: Freshman Index of 2800 or higher, or a 3.5 high school GPA (as evaluated by the Georgia State Office of Admissions).
  **Transfers:** at least 30 credit hours, with a 3.2 GPA.
  **AWARD:** Covers the out-of-state portion of tuition for non-Georgia residents.

• **Atlanta Hawks Foundation Scholarship Program**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Georgia residents who were involved in community service during high school. Preference is given to students with an interest in studying education.
  **AWARD:** $2,500, renewable for up to four years provided student maintains full-time enrollment and at least a 2.8 GPA.
  Online applications are accepted starting: **DECEMBER 14, 2015**
  **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** MARCH 7, 2016

• **Marcia Baker Carroll and Almand “Bo” Carroll Scholarship**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Students who held jobs during high school.
  **REQUIREMENTS:** High school GPA of 3.0, SAT 1150* or ACT 27 and financial need. To remain eligible, students must maintain full-time enrollment, a 3.0 GPA during their freshman and sophomore years and a 3.2 GPA during their junior and senior years.
  Online applications are accepted starting: **DECEMBER 14, 2015**

• **Fredrick V. Sherwood and Daniel T. Sims Memorial Scholarship**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Students with outstanding academic achievements.
  **REQUIREMENTS:** At least a 3.0 GPA for current students, or an overall high school GPA of 3.2 or higher.
  Online applications are accepted starting: **DECEMBER 14, 2015**

• **Georgia State University Minority Scholarship**
  **WHO’S ELIGIBLE:** Students with outstanding academic achievement.
  **REQUIREMENTS:** 3.0 GPA for current students; 2.8 GPA for transfer students; high school GPA of 2.8 for incoming freshmen.
  **AWARD:** Funds for textbooks only.
  Online applications are accepted starting: **DECEMBER 14, 2015**

*Based on critical reading and math only*
Please tell your students to:

1. **Apply early and completely.**
   - Most financial aid begins with the 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Apply at **WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV**.
   - To apply for the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships, students must complete either a FAFSA or the Georgia Student Finance Applications (GSFAPP), available at **GAFUTURES.ORG**.
   - The FAFSA requires the student’s*:  
     > Social Security number  
     > Alien Registration Number (if applicable)  
     > Most recent federal tax return, W-2s, and other records of income (including child support and disability if applicable)
   - Students and parents can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer information from your federal tax return directly into your FAFSA.
   - Students must obtain a Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN) at **WWW.PIN.ED.GOV**, and use it to sign their application. Students should use the same PIN to submit their Renewal FAFSA each year they apply for financial aid. Note: The Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) will soon replace the PIN.
   - Students should select Georgia State University as their college. Georgia State’s school code is **001574**.
   - Students should review their answers carefully.

   * Depending on their circumstances, students may need some of their parents’ information as well.

2. **Submit corrected or additional information if necessary.**
   - Instruct students to check the status of their FAFSA.
     > If students submit their FAFSA online, the application’s status becomes available immediately.
     > If students mail a paper application, the application’s status becomes available online within 10 days of its receipt.
   - Students will receive a confirmation page with a confirmation number. They can print the confirmation page for their records and also choose to have the confirmation page emailed to them.
   - If needed, students can use their PIN or FSA ID to correct information on their FAFSA.
   - Student should check with us if they need to make changes to their FAFSA after they receive your award.

We encourage all students to submit their FAFSA and required information by the **APRIL 1 priority** deadline.
3 Expect to hear from Georgia State University.

- Georgia State begins the awarding process once students are admitted and their FAFSA is received. Students will receive an email or letter about their award. Students should check their Georgia State University email regularly and have their Panther ID number on hand.

- Students should check their PAWS account at PAWS.GSU.EDU for any additional requirements (such as federal tax transcripts and citizenship documents), and submit them to Financial Aid within 10 business days.

- Once Georgia State offers an award, which may include student employment, loans or both, students need to log into PAWS to accept or decline their offers.

- Remind your students that they must complete either the FAFSA, the GSFAPP or both to apply for the HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships.

4 Wrap up the details.

- If students are offered a Federal Student Loan, they will need to:
  > Accept or decline the loan on PAWS
  > Make sure the loan covers two semesters; the loan amount is always divided into two disbursements.
  > Complete their Entrance Counseling and sign their Master Promissory Note at STUDENTLOANS.GOV if they are borrowing for the first time at Georgia State University

- Georgia State offers students the opportunity to use their financial aid refund in advance to purchase books and supplies from the Georgia State Bookstore. The advancement is deducted from their grants and loans along with tuition and fees, and students can only use it if their total amount of financial aid exceeds their account balance. It is not a separate or additional type of financial aid. Students will receive an email notice if and when it becomes available.

- Students should determine if their financial aid award covers all of their charges (including tuition, fees, housing, meal plans, parking and more). Students must use another approved payment method to pay any amount not covered by their financial aid award by the deadline.

- Students should visit the Enrollment Service Center in Sparks Hall room 227 for assistance. For important information and forms, visit SFS.GSU.EDU.
Georgia State offers more than 250 degree programs within more than 100 fields of study. Georgia State has seven degree-granting schools and colleges, plus an Honors College that recognizes and supports high-achieving students from all disciplines. Our goal across the curriculum and at all levels of study is to promote clear expression, critical thinking and experiential learning. For example, our Critical Thinking Through Writing (CTW) program requires that all undergraduates take at least two CTW courses in their major, ensuring they’ll be challenged to develop and express critical thinking and analytical reasoning in their area of study. Our Undergraduate Research Conference encourages and rewards undergraduates’ research efforts and sponsors winners at a national research conference.
ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES*

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, founded in 1996, enrolls about 400 students a year and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in public policy, urban studies and economics. Graduates go on to serve as top government officials in the international arena as well as in local, state and national agencies.

- No. 4 Best Program in Public Finance and Budgeting.
- Undergraduates can research economics in the school’s Experimental Economics Center.
- The school’s Georgia Health Policy Center is in more than 220 communities in 50 states, working on issues such as the development of rural and urban health systems.

MAJORS
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- Public Policy
- Social Work

AYSPS.GSU.EDU

* Undergraduate and graduate programs

BYRDINE F. LEWIS SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS*

The Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions creates opportunities for interdisciplinary education to better prepare students for today’s health care challenges in the areas of nursing, nutrition, physical therapy and respiratory therapy.

- Credential and licensing pass rates of 97 – 100 percent for nutrition, physical therapy and respiratory therapy.
- Home of the largest respiratory therapy program and the first physical therapy program in Georgia.

MAJORS
- Health Informatics
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Respiratory Therapy

SNHP.GSU.EDU

* Undergraduate and graduate programs
The College of Arts and Sciences offers more than 80 graduate and undergraduate degree programs in the fine arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural and computational sciences. The college also provides core courses for all undergraduates. Students work in state-of-the-art facilities with renowned faculty scholars and artists and go beyond the classroom to learn and serve locally and globally.

- David Bottoms, the former poet laureate of Georgia, is a faculty member in the Department of English.
- Students and faculty members do behavioral—not medical—research with primates and humans in the Language Research Center.
- The Digital Arts Entertainment Laboratory gives students access to the latest media technology.
- Many film and video graduates work on movie crews in Atlanta.

**MAJORS**

- African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics
- Art
- Art Education
- Asian Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- English
- Environmental Science
- Film & Video
- French
- Geosciences
- German
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Journalism
- Law and Society
- Mathematics
- Middle East Studies
- Music
- Music Management
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech
- Theatre
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

The College of Education emphasizes innovative teaching and applied research. With six departments, more than 50 degree programs and faculty devoted to urban outreach in diverse communities, the college prepares educators to work and partner with high-need schools.

- 95 percent pass rate on required state licensure exams.
- Houses three of America’s first research centers in the following fields:
  - The Center for Literacy and Deafness
  - The Center for the Study of Adult Literacy
  - A National Learning Disabilities Innovation Hub

**MAJORS**

- Birth Through Five
- Early Childhood Education
- Exercise Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Human Learning and Development
- Middle Level Education

The College of Law, founded in 1982, offers full- and part-time programs that promote service as well as scholarship. The college features nationally acclaimed clinics and centers, regional externships, study abroad programs in Europe and South America and nationally recognized mock trial and moot court programs.

- Top 10 Best Value Law School for seven consecutive years.
- Along with the Honors College, the College of Law offers an Accelerated Bachelor’s/J.D. program wherein students can complete their bachelor’s degree and earn a law degree in six years.
J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS*

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business has programs on five continents and students from 88 countries. Robinson College has produced more of Georgia’s top executives with graduate degrees than any other school in the nation.

- Three of Robinson’s undergraduate programs are in the top 10:
  > No. 5 Risk Management and Insurance
  > No. 8 Computer Information Systems
  > No. 11 Real Estate
- The hospitality administration program is ranked No. 16 in the U.S. (graduate).

MAJORS
- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business Economics
- Computer Information System
- Finance
- Hospitality Administration
- Managerial Sciences
- Marketing
- Real Estate
- Risk Management and Insurance

HONORS COLLEGE

Undergraduate students who meet high academic standards are eligible for the Honors College. The Honors College offers talented and motivated undergraduate students the experience of smaller classes, competitive scholarships, faculty mentoring, priority registration, specialized advising and more.

- Average student GPA of 3.8.
- Average SAT of 1320.
- More than $4 million in scholarships provided annually.

HONORS.GSU.EDU

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The School of Public Health is dedicated to advancing the health of the public through academic endeavors, training and community service. The institute focuses on finding solutions to pressing urban health issues including understanding and eliminating disparities in health, as well as developing interventions that make a real and sustained difference in urban settings.

- One of the largest accredited public health programs in the Southeast.
- Received more than $25.5 million in research grants in the past three years.

PUBLICHEALTH.GSU.EDU

* Undergraduate and graduate programs
** Graduate programs only
STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad allows students to begin the journey of becoming global citizens. Georgia State’s Study Abroad Programs Office provides support and direction for more than 50 programs and helps students navigate the process of taking part in an international academic experience.

MYSTUDYABROAD.GSU.EDU

GEORGIA STATE PROGRAMS

Georgia State sponsors a variety of study abroad programs, including Maymester and summer programs, semester and academic year programs, and short-term programs during fall and spring semesters.

Many summer and Maymester programs are led and taught by Georgia State professors. These programs usually run from two to six weeks, tend to focus on a particular topic or theme and accommodate from 10 to 20 participants, though some are larger. Programs typically include a combination of lectures, site visits, excursions and tours. Students find these programs a great way to get to know their professors and other Georgia State students while earning Georgia State credits and grades. Programs do not necessarily have to be related to a student’s major. Financial aid and scholarships are available.

Georgia State-sponsored exchange programs are formal exchange agreements with foreign universities. These exchanges offer semester or full academic year study opportunities around the world, and classes may be taught in either the host language or English. Exchange programs are among the most affordable study abroad options, with costs similar to spending a semester on campus in Atlanta. Some Georgia State exchanges offer Georgia State credit, while others offer transfer credit. Another type of semester-long program offers cultural experiences and outings in addition to academic work. These programs carry an additional program fee. Financial aid and scholarships are available.
For one night, Panthers get the park to themselves at Six Flags.

Every Tuesday and Thursday in The Plaza, students gather for music and dance.

Homecoming’s Golf Cart Parade takes over downtown.

PantherPalooza draws big names like Kendrick Lamar to campus for concerts.

Students celebrate Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, in Hurt Park.

Georgia State’s dynamic campus culture has it all — Division I NCAA athletics, sports and recreation, arts and culture, events and activities — plus a location within a vibrant metropolitan area with even more to see, do and experience. This environment provides especially rich opportunities for leadership, service, enrichment, adventure and fun. They’re all part of student life at Georgia State.

STUDENT LIFE
Students can unleash their Panther pride and cheer on Georgia State in one of 16 NCAA Division 1 sports. Football games are played at the Georgia Dome where the Atlanta Falcons play, and students can cheer for any of the other sports such as basketball or sand volleyball played on campus. For athletic students who want to be a part of the action, we offer 23 club sports teams and 22 intramurals.

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

LEADERSHIP AT GEORGIA STATE

We believe in developing leaders who know they can create positive change in the world. Georgia State provides a variety of leadership development programs to help students grow as leaders, whether they have experience leading groups or not. Once they leave Georgia State, students are ready to lead in their everyday lives. For more information about the various leadership development programs such as Leadership Conclave, the Student Leadership Series, Leadership in the City and more, visit LEADERSHIP.GSU.EDU.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students can get involved in many ways. Spotlight, the student-run programming board, coordinates concerts, Homecoming activities and many more events to celebrate Panther Pride, and students can join a spirit organization or the marching band.

With more than 400 student organizations to choose from, ranging from leadership and sports to the arts and academics, students have many opportunities to define their collegiate life. On-campus groups are centered on common interests so students are bound to find a group of like-minded individuals. And if they don’t find an organization they love, they’re encouraged to create one.

70 ACADEMIC GROUPS, INCLUDING
Geoscience Club / Pre-law Club / Honors societies / And more

22 SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING
Big Brother Big Sister at Georgia State / Hands on Atlanta / Circle K International / And more

22 ARTS CLUBS INCLUDING
Dance Ensemble / Edgewood Sculpture Forum / Graphic Design Club / Step teams / And more

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
Weight room / Pool / Game room / Running track / Climbing wall
More than 4,100 students drawn by modern, comfortable campus living that supports their academic success, extracurricular involvement and personal growth now call Georgia State home. All students enjoy a vast array of dining options — from traditional dining halls to popular franchises to ethnic eateries on nearby Atlanta streets. In addition to walking around our pedestrian campus, students have three flexible options for parking and transportation: personal vehicle, public transportation and Panther Express shuttles.
University Housing includes amenities such as laundry facilities, study lounges, community spaces, meeting rooms and parking. Housing rates include electricity, gas, water, internet, basic cable and furniture.

Housing rates differ according to shared or private bedroom and/or bathroom and number of roommates. Here are a few estimates students can use to make housing choices. Estimates are based on an average room rate, and the actual room prices may vary.

**University Commons**
Two- and four-bedroom apartment units with kitchen and living area
> Single and shared bedrooms
> Four apartment buildings surrounding a large courtyard
> Student Health Center on the premises
> $4,136 – $4,952 per semester
> About 2,000 residents

**The Lofts**
Studio-size to four-bedroom apartment units with kitchen and living area
> Loft-style with open floor plans, sealed concrete flooring and exposed ductwork.
> Single and shared bedrooms
> $2,934 – $5,644 per semester
> 550 residents

**Piedmont North**
Traditional-style residential rooms with a bathroom inside unit and shared bedrooms
> Mandatory meal plan included
> $1,998 – $2,430 per semester
> About 1,100 residents

**Patton Hall**
Traditional suite-style living with two shared bedrooms joined by a bathroom
> For freshman students only
> Mandatory meal plan included
> $2,266 – $3,348 per semester
> 325 residents

**Greek Village**
Three-story townhome units with kitchens and living area on first level
> Single or shared bedrooms
> $2,774 – $3,450 per semester

**MYHOUSING.GSU.EDU**
Panther Dining Services offers convenient, affordable and delicious meal options for the Georgia State community. Georgia State features dining halls in Patton Hall and Piedmont North, retail food courts in the University Center and Student Center, Panther Pizza in the University Bookstore Building and Panther Corner Cafe at the bottom of Kell Hall.

- **Meal Plans for Patton and Piedmont North Dining Halls**
  
  **SEVEN-DAY MEAL PLAN**
  
  > Unlimited breakfast, lunch and dinner options Monday through Friday.
  > Brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday.
  > $3,796 annually (two equal installments of $1,898 per semester).

- **FIVE-DAY MEAL PLAN**

  > Unlimited breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday.
  > $3,594 annually (two equal installments of $1,797 per semester).

**TRANSPORTATION**

- **Public Transportation**
  Georgia State is near three MARTA stops, and we provide discounted monthly MARTA Transcards for students, faculty and staff.

- **Shuttle Service**
  Panther Express Shuttle Service gets students to and from off-campus parking, as well as around campus. Shuttle stops feature signs that display anticipated arrival times. Six separate routes operating throughout the day and evening originate from various locations, including the Aderhold Learning Center, the Student Center, Turner Field and University Commons.

**PARKING**

- **On-Campus Parking**
  On-campus parking is available at 10 student parking lots on campus, including parking decks for University Commons and the Lofts.

- **Off-Campus Parking**
  Off-campus parking is available at Turner Field. A PantherExpress shuttle bus runs to campus about every 10-15 minutes between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except during semester breaks and holidays.

**HOUSING, DINING & TRANSPORTATION continued**

**SPECIAL COMMUNITIES**

Georgia State Housing offers its residents a number of distinctive, themed living options featuring programs, conversations and faculty interactions based on members’ needs and interests.

- **Living-Learning Communities** foster community through activities that are carefully planned and supported by University Housing staff and the members themselves. Because all members share interest in their community’s theme — ranging from academic focus to lifestyle to leadership — students often build genuine relationships and life-long friends.

- **First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE)** partners with various university departments to bring academic, career development and student success workshops to residence halls. The program also fosters faculty-student interaction outside the classroom. FYRE mentors provide an academic peer resource to help first-year students manage stressful times.

- **PantherDining** provides nutrition guidance for students hungry for information on a healthy diet.

- **Dining halls** can accommodate a variety of diets, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free.

- **There’s an omelet station** available for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

- **The dining halls** serve healthy options, but also comfort food favorites like fried chicken and meatloaf.
Every student has his or her own definition of success. For many students, the challenge of college coursework, the adjustment to more independent living and the cost of living, tuition and fees can be overwhelming, and they may need a little extra guidance on their road to graduation.

With groundbreaking and award-winning techniques such as our new Graduation Progression Success advising technology, we digitally track every student’s academic progress from the moment he or she steps on campus. Our University Advisement Center is staffed with more advisers than ever before, and they’re ready to help students reach their highest potential. These are just a few of the reasons we’ve been named a “Next Generation University” the New America Foundation and were able to raise graduation rates 22 points over 10 years.

We graduate more minority students than any other college in Georgia, and Diverse Issues in Higher Education ranked Georgia State number one in the nation among not-for-profit universities in conferring undergraduate degrees to African-Americans.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
In addition to Supplemental Instruction, Georgia State has a number of centers and programs that offer out-of-class assistance and resources to help students meet their educational goals:

- **Success at State** offers regular and ongoing workshops on everything from study skills to time management to interacting with professors
- **Mathematics Assistance Complex** provides tutoring for first- and second-year students
- **Writing Studio** pairs writers with experienced readers to discuss writing assignments
- **Language Acquisition and Resource Center** offers free tutoring and resources for foreign language students
- **Digital Aquarium** provides tools for developing music, movies, interactive media, websites and more
- **Office of Disability Services** provides services for students with permanent disabilities

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI)
Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program that uses peer-assisted study sessions. SI leaders are students who have previously done well in the course and can share relevant information, course content and study skills with other students. They act as model students by attending all class lectures and taking notes and then holding regularly scheduled, informal SI review sessions during which students compare notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and predict test items. Supplemental Instruction outcomes typically include:

- Increased retention within targeted historically difficult courses
- Improved student grades in targeted historically difficult courses
- Increased graduation rates

UNIVERSITY ADVISEMENT CENTER
The University Advisement Center provides advising services for students with fewer than 90 earned credit hours. This includes all new and current students, as well as students in the Academic Improvement Program (undergraduate students with an academic standing of warning, supervision or probation). The center helps students stay on track to meet degree requirements, explore new majors and become familiar with Georgia State academic policies and campus resources. Advisers are also available to address other general academic concerns.
Some high school students may be ready to start their college career early. We have programs that give academically outstanding high school juniors and seniors who meet the application requirements the opportunity to enroll in undergraduate courses. Students can earn college credit only, or they can earn college credit while satisfying their high school requirements.

ADMISSIONS.GSU.EDU/DUAL-ENROLLMENT

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<td>Any rising high school junior or senior attending a public or private high school in Georgia or home study program operated in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-690(c)</td>
<td>Full-time or part-time</td>
<td>The Georgia Student Finance Commission coordinates payment to eligible post-secondary institution using state-approved funding.</td>
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<td><strong>Joint Enrollment</strong></td>
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FIRST-YEAR PROGRAMS

ATLANTA-BASED LEARNING

Atlanta-Based Learning promotes academic and civic engagement within the greater Atlanta community. While engaged in “Campus Atlanta,” students obtain the comparative advantage of attending an institution directly linked to its urban community. Engaging in Atlanta-Based Learning activities gives students an opportunity to make connections between the academic curriculum and the Atlanta environment.

GSU 1010

GSU 1010 gives students the opportunity to learn what Georgia State has to offer in the classroom and beyond. Through this course, students are more likely to establish supportive relationships with peers and faculty and make a successful transition to university life. GSU 1010 provides essential information about the academic demands of the university, its rules, procedures and resources. It also stresses the academic, social and personal skills that will contribute to their academic success and help them become an integral part of the academic community.

GEORGIA STATE SUCCESS PROGRAMS

The Success Academy consists of programs, activities and services that work together — and with students — to put them on the path of college success. Students are selected for these programs from the fall applicant pool based on GPA, test scores, FI and their essay.

• Success Academy

PROGRAM BENEFITS: Increase the student’s likelihood of attaining or maintaining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: The summer semester of the Success Academy consists of seven credit hours for participants. Credit hours for fall semester will be determined by GPA:

> Students earning a GPA of 2.5 or higher in summer will take a full course load of 13 hours in the fall and spring.
> Students earning lower than a 2.5 GPA will receive additional academic support, but must take fewer than 12 credit hours in the fall.

• Panther Excellence Program

PROGRAM BENEFITS: Gives students the opportunity to quickly establish themselves at Georgia State and set themselves up for academic and interpersonal success.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: The fall semester of the Panther Excellence Program consists of 12 to 13 credit hours for all participants. Credit hours for spring semester will be determined by GPA:

> Students earning a GPA of 2.5 or higher in fall will take a full course load of 13 hours in the fall and spring.
> Students earning a GPA lower than 2.5 will receive additional academic support but must take fewer than 12 credit hours in the spring.

FRESHMAN LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Freshman Learning Communities (FLCs) group together first-year students with similar academic interests and equip them with the support and resources they’ll need to excel. Students in FLCs form friendships and attend classes together as they drive one another to succeed. Statistics show that freshmen who participate in FLCs have higher grades and graduate in less time than those who don’t.

• What are FLCs?
  > 25 students enrolled together in the same courses
  > Five courses centered around an academic theme
  > Introduction to the university and its resources
  > Four core curriculum courses that fulfill degree requirements

• Why should students consider an FLC?
  > Smooth transition from high school to university life and culture
  > Immediate connection to other students, faculty, the campus and Atlanta communities
  > Better grades and faster graduation
  > Wide variety of academic themes to choose from

FIRST-YEAR PROGRAMS
STAYING CONNECTED

You are an integral source of guidance and support for your students and their families in the college search and recruitment process. You help them find universities that match their wants, needs and abilities, and you help us find students who best match our opportunities and requirements. Thank you for your role in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about Georgia State.
ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS

Our admissions counselors are dedicated to providing you and your students with the most current admissions requirements and information available for a smooth admissions process. We are here to assist you anytime, and you can easily find the admissions counselor assigned to your region below.

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