CONGRATULATIONS!
MISSION STATEMENT

The Graduate School promotes excellence in graduate education by recruiting and retaining top students to the University of Georgia. While striving to increase enrollment, the Graduate School seeks to embrace diversity and inclusion by growing the enrollment of first-generation students and students from historically underrepresented groups within their discipline. Every effort is made to facilitate a smooth transition for new graduate students from matriculation through graduation to heighten the graduate experience of all students. The Graduate School sponsors academic, professional, and social retention programs and activities, and serves as an advocate for students.
Terrell Hall, North Campus

- Graduate Student Services
  - 1st floor, room 110

- Recruitment & Diversity Initiatives
  - 2nd floor, room 214

grad.uga.edu
INCOMING STUDENTS “TO-DO” LIST

Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Verification of Lawful Presence
- Contact your Department
- Final Admissions Information
- UGA MyID
- Housing
- Disability Resource Center
- Health Center Forms
- Parking Permit

http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/incoming-students/information-for-new-students/incoming-student-to-do-list/
VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE

*Must be done in order to register for courses*

The University of Georgia must verify that you are lawfully present in the United States before allowing you to enroll.

grad.uga.edu/index.php/incoming-students/information-for-new-students/university-system-of-georgia-residency-policy

International Students

In order to register for classes, International students must check-in online once physically present in the United States.  https://istart.uga.edu

Will need access to scanned copies of your passport ID page, US visa, I-94 information sheet (from http://www.cbp.gov/i94), and any other documents that are relevant to your immigration status.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Register for International Student Orientation facilitated by UGA’s Office of International Student Life

July 30 – August 3, 2018

- Information concerning immigration issues
- Taxes for nonresidents
- Cross-cultural adjustment
- Housing assistance
- Course registration procedures
- Social security cards
- UGA payroll

For more information and registration
https://isl.uga.edu/content_page/international-student-orientation-content-page
CONTACT DEPARTMENT

- Courtesy email
- Department-specific orientation activities
- Mentors or faculty advisors
- Listservs
- Registration information
- UGA ID card
Your official acceptance letter (from the Graduate School) may have indicated that you must send additional information.

Examples

Final Transcript

Proof of Degree
UGA MyID & EITS

- MyID will be automatically assigned after applying to UGA
- Sent to the email address you provided on your Graduate School application
- WIFI: PAWS-Secure

For more information visit https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/myid/
Certificate of Immunization & TB Screening Form is due prior to registering for classes.

https://uhs.uga.edu/
Phone: 706-542-8617
UGA HOUSING

- On-campus apartments are available for graduate students and for families

- Rent includes
  - All utilities (water, power, cable, internet)
  - Laundry (either in unit or shared)
  - Access to 10’x10’ garden plot
UGA LIBRARIES

- Total of 4.6 million volumes and one of the nation’s largest map collections
- Access to over 48,000 electronic full-text journals & approximately 400,000 full-text-e-books
- The $43 million Zell B. Miller Learning Center is one of the largest & most technologically advanced facilities on an American university campus

Principal facilities (main campus)

- Main Library
- Science Library & Science Learning Center
- Special Collections Library
  - Includes University of Georgia Libraries Walter J. Brown Media Archives & the Peabody Awards Collection
- Zell B. Miller Learning Center
PARKING

- **Apply for a parking permit**
  - Go to: tps.uga.edu
  - Enter vehicle information
  - Select your top choices for assigned lots
  - Payroll deduction is available
  - $20---$30---$40 per month

- **Alternative Transportation Program**
  - Limited free parking for students using alternative transportation as primary means of transportation to campus
CAMPUS TRANSIT

- **UGA Transit**
  - 11 Bus Routes
  - Updates on Twitter (@UGATransit) and app, “UGA”
  - Be aware of schedule
    - Night Service Weekend Service
    - Intersession Service
    - Finals Service
    - Summer Service
  - Disability Van Services

- **Athens Transit**
  - Students ride for FREE!
  - Run every hour
  - 28 Routes

- **Questions**
  - [http://www.tps.uga.edu](http://www.tps.uga.edu)
  - [http://athenstransit.com/](http://athenstransit.com/)
UGA CARD

- Check with your department first - you may need a specific type of access

- **Bring**
  - $20 cash, check, or card
  - $25 for proximity card requires department approval
  - Photo ID to [309 Tate Student Center](#) (Spouses and dependents can get them, too)
HEALTH INSURANCE

Mandatory Plan

- Certain graduate students are required to have health insurance. The mandatory plan can be waived if student already has coverage.
- UGA contribution depends on qualified assistantship/fellowship

Voluntary Plan

- Non-mandated students may purchase coverage if enrolled in at least 6 credits
- Students volunteering for coverage do not qualify for UGA contribution

https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/mandatory-plan/
ASSISTANTSHIPS

Who to contact for graduate assistantships:

– Graduate Coordinator
– Graduate School
– Other areas on campus (ex. Student Affairs, administrative offices)
GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

- Brown bags/workshops-writing, teaching, portfolios
- Emerging Leaders Program and other leadership opportunities
- Poster printing
- Other things Grad School offers during the year
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Graduate School Orientation

Wednesday, August 8th

Classic Center, Grand Hall
QUESTIONS?
CONNECT WITH US!

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