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About Our Guides

University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

Make the Most of Your Parent Guide

- Hang on to your Guide! Inside you'll find information that's useful all-year long, including important phone numbers, web sites and calendars.
- Store your copy in a purse or glove compartment for convenient reference.
- Pass it along to parents of prospective college students to promote the school.
- Please recycle when finished!
- Discover more content, tips and local business information by visiting us online at: www.universityparent.com/gsu



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Good financial habits are often established early in life, but for most, the first true test of money management comes in college. Credit card and needless spending temptations are ever-present, and students are now on their own when it comes to 'real life' expenses such as rent and groceries. You've done what you can to prepare them for this challenge and talked with them about saving and spending wisely, but sometimes hearing these important messages from a second voice can help as well.

i[x]ga is a financial literacy program designed specifically for young adults at this stage, and is a great place for your child to check in and get a head start on life. In addition to tips, advice, and a forum to talk openly with their peers about the critical decisions that will affect them for years to come, i[x]ga is full of fun events, prizes, scholarships, giveaways and free stuff- and what college student can resist that?

To give your child an edge that could make the difference in their financial future, encourage them to visit doyouix.com, friend us on Facebook at facebook.com/ixgeorgia, or to find out more for yourself, visit doyouix.com/parents.



Welcome!

Dear Panther Parent,

Welcome to Georgia State University! The selection of a university is a serious undertaking, and I am delighted to know that your son or daughter has chosen Georgia State as the place to pursue his or her higher education.



Mark P. Becker
President

As one of the nation's leading urban research universities, Georgia State is the perfect location for your student to receive an outstanding education. With hundreds of majors and areas of study to choose from, the opportunities for student achievement and academic success are limitless. As one of the most diverse institutions of higher education in the nation, you can be assured that your student will find a place in the Panther family.

Our Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Relations provides this Parent Guide as a resource for parents and family members of new students to learn more about the Georgia State community. The publication contains valuable information to assist you in this time of transition. Also, I encourage you to join the Georgia State University Parents Association. This will enable you to stay connected to campus throughout the years as your son or daughter progresses in their educational journey.

Please accept my warmest wishes for an exciting future as you and your student join the Georgia State University family. You both are embarking on a wonderful journey. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Becker
President ■





GSU History

Georgia State University was founded in 1913 as the Georgia Institute of Technology's Evening School of Commerce and gained full university status in 1969. It is the second largest of the 35 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia.

Today, Georgia State has a student population of over 31,500 and is the Southeast's leading urban research institution. More than 250 degree programs within 62 areas of study are offered at the bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels. Students may enroll in day or evening classes, and in part-time or full-time study. ■

GSU - ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, we are loyal to the name of Georgia State.
Love and honor we accord thee and devotion from our hearts.
In respect and veneration we shall always hold thy name.
Nurturer of light and knowledge we shall ever tell thy fame.
Happy and thy sons and daughters spread abroad throughout the land.
Knowing that we are forever part of thine own faithful band.
Where the paths of life are crowded, we have know thy pleasant bond;
And the love of Alma mater we shall never pass beyond.

Parents Association

The Parents Association is an organization that provides parents and families of GSU students with a special connection to the university. The Association provides parents and families an opportunity to remain actively involved with their student as they journey together through the college experience. The Parents Association strengthens connections to the GSU community by providing publications, programming, and a variety of opportunities for its members to become involved with university life. ■

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(www.facebook.com/gsuparents).

The Panther Battalion is one of the most prestigious organizations at Georgia State University. Our cadets participate in all academic disciplines of the university and have a visible presence on student government as well as in extracurricular activities and student organizations. GSU Army ROTC is in partnership with scholar-athlete-leaders from Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, and Clayton College and State University. Georgia State University ROTC also hosts three nursing programs at Georgia State School of Nursing, Mercer University's Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, and Clayton State School of Nursing.

The Panther Battalion has been a part of the Georgia State University community since 1951. We have commissioned countless officers into every branch of the Army and have always placed a great deal of emphasis on developing Cadets into better leaders and people. We are one of the most diverse programs on campus, with Cadets and commissionees coming from all corners of the US (to include Puerto Rico), Korea, Vietnam, China, and various countries within Europe. Through all of the different beliefs and cultures represented in our program, the one constant has always been that we will push our Cadets to new heights in order to achieve the status of an Officer within the strongest military force in the world.



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Academic Student Assistance and Services

GSU Library

www.library.gsu.edu
(404) 413-2820

The GSU Library houses over 1.5 million volumes, including books, journals, periodicals, and government documents. Many resources are electronic and are available off-campus with a Campus ID. There are 55 group study rooms and a quiet study floor. The library stays on the technological cutting edge with over 400 computer workstations. Students can also access the Internet, through our Wi-Fi network or laptop checkout. The library's online research guides (www.library.gsu.edu/research) provide subject-based resources. The library also keeps students updated through blogs, Twitter, and Facebook. Saxby's coffee shop, located on the first floor of Library North is a great place to refuel and relax. Librarians are available in every academic discipline to help students in person and via phone, email, instant message and text chat, via the Ask-a-Librarian link (www.library.gsu.edu/askalibrarian).

Offices of Academic Advisement

Academic advisement is an essential component of the GSU educational experience, and the university is committed to providing academic advice and assistance during each step of a student's degree program. Students receive academic advisement at different locations. Students who have completed 41 or less credit hours are advised through the Student Advisement Center. After a student achieves 42 hours, they receive advisement within their college/school.

Each academic college has an Office of Academic Advisement:

Andrew Young School of Policy (AYSPS) Studies

AYSPS Building, 1st floor, Suite G-52
<http://aysps.gsu.edu/academic-assistance.html>
(404) 413-0021

College of Arts and Sciences

General Classroom Building,
4th floor, Suite 416
www.cas.gsu.edu/41.html
(404) 413-5000

College of Education

College of Education Building,
3rd floor, Suite 300
<http://education.gsu.edu/oa>
(404) 413-8000

J. Mack Robinson College of Business

Robinson College of Business Building,
3rd floor, Suite 315
<http://robinson.gsu.edu/undergraduate/advisement.html>
(404) 413-7115

College of Health and Human Sciences

Urban Life Building, 8th floor, Room 811
<http://chhs.gsu.edu/194.html>
(404) 413-1000

Student Advisement Center

255 Sparks Hall
www.gsu.edu/success/advisement.html
(404) 413-2300

The transition from high school to college can feel pretty complicated at times. Because so much of the college experience is based on academics, this



office focuses on helping your student navigate that part of the university. They help freshman and transfer students who've earned less than 42 credit hours plan their educational curriculum and understand university policies. New freshman are required to meet with their advisor at least once during their first year, and they will assist in course selection and major exploration to ensure they are on the right track.

One Stop Shop

227 Sparks Hall or 292 Kell Hall
www.gsu.edu/onestopshop
(404) 413-2600

The One Stop Shop provides guidance on all students' enrollment related concerns including student accounts, financial

aid, and registration. The One Stop Shop is staffed with enrollment experts who can quickly assess a student's problem or situation and either help them immediately or refer them to the appropriate resource for more information or processing. The One Stop Shop aims to significantly reduce the shuffle of being routed from office-to-office by providing a one stop for all GSU students.

Study Abroad

www.gsu.edu/studyabroad
(404) 413-2529

Students who choose to study abroad almost unanimously agree that it was one of the best decisions of their lives. GSU is committed to international education and strongly encourages each student to incorporate an international experience into his or her college education. Some of the benefits of studying abroad include:

- Earning credit towards a GSU degree while studying abroad
- Building a résumé for a competitive edge in the competitive job market
- Acquiring or improving foreign language skills
- Experiencing studies firsthand
- Gaining independence, confidence, and maturity ■

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Office of Undergraduate Studies

The Office of Undergraduate Studies places special emphasis on the first year at Georgia State University. Through research and our own experience, we know that the foundation built during the first year is key to a student's success. We organize numerous programs throughout the year to help undergraduate students succeed academically, professionally, and socially. Two of the most successful and helpful programs are the Academic Coaching Experience and the Freshmen Learning Communities.

Academic Coaching Experience (ACE)

Academic Coaching Experience gives students an opportunity to **meet one-on-one** with an academic coach. In this voluntary program, the coach and student meet initially to assess the individual's academic strengths, weaknesses and factors that impede academic progress. Together, they develop a plan to improve the student's academic skills.

Freshmen Learning Communities (FLCs)

Freshmen Learning Communities (FLCs) offer first-year students an opportunity to connect with GSU and each other during the fall semester. A pre-planned schedule of courses grouping students with similar interests, each FLC is comprised of 25 students who take all their classes together the first semester. Through their involvement in an FLC, students are able to form a small, friendly community within a large university. Each FLC consists of general education Core Curriculum courses that will apply to any major. FLCs are not restricted to particular majors, nor do students have to declare a major in order to register for an FLC. Each FLC includes GSU 1010, an orientation course that provides students with essential information about the academic demands of the university, its rules, procedures, resources, and academic, social, and personal "survival skills" that contribute to academic success.

What do FLCs offer?

- smooth transition from high school to university life and culture
- immediate connection to other students, faculty, campus and Atlanta communities
- introduction to university resources and services
- higher success rates in GPA, retention and time it takes to graduate
- exposure to a wide variety of academic themes

In 2011, and for the 9th year in a row, the U.S. News & World Report listed the FLC program at Georgia State University among the "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student success." ■

For more information on services and programs offered, please go to

www.gsu.edu/success.

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Sparks Hall, Suite 200
(404) 413-2500



Student Services

Auxiliary and Support Services

University Bookstore Building, 2nd floor
www.gsu.edu/auxiliary
(404) 413-9500

The departments in Auxiliary and Support Services supplement the academic campus experience by providing services and facilitating the sale of merchandise to faculty, staff, and students. These departments include the following: ATM Banking, PantherDining, Graduation Regalia and Photography Services, Mail Services, PantherCard, Parking and Transportation Services, Rialto Center for the Arts, Safety and Risk Management, Travel Services, University Bookstore, University Printing and Copy Services, and Vending Services.

PantherCard

www.gsu.edu/panthercard
(404) 413-9508

PantherDining Services

www.gsu.edu/pantherdining
(404) 413-9500

Counseling and Testing Center

75 Piedmont Ave, Suite 200
Citizen's Trust Building
www.gsu.edu/counseling
(404) 413-1640

The Counseling and Testing Center (CTC) is staffed with licensed psychologists and counselors who assist students to achieve their educational and personal goals by providing confidential free counseling services for a wide range of concerns as well as crisis intervention services when students need immediate ►

assistance. Additionally, the CTC is staffed with a number of psychiatrists (MDs) who are able to provide students with comprehensive medical assessment for psychiatric needs as well as medication monitoring as needed. This service is free of charge to enrolled GSU students. The Counseling Center also provides a number of educational programs and workshops for students and the entire campus community.

For a complete list of services please visit www.gsu.edu/counseling

Disability Services

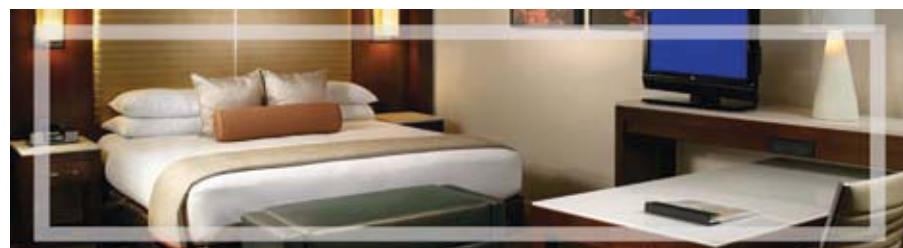
Student Center, 2nd floor, Suite 230
www.gsu.edu/disability
 (404) 413-1560

The Margaret A. Staton Office of Disability Services exists to provide individuals with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in

and benefit from the programs and services offered through Georgia State. The office encourages students to be independent and autonomous individuals who know their learning strengths and develop appropriate coping strategies for academic success.

Services Provided:

- Determine eligibility for services by reviewing documentation to verify the existence of a disability and to define the functional limitations of said disability.
- Establish appropriate accommodations by identifying modifications, which mitigate the functional limitations without undermining the essential functions of the job, class, program or service.
- Empower individuals with a disability to communicate these accommodations to their professor/



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supervisor if working on campus in an appropriate manner.

- When necessary, advocate that such accommodations are made in a timely and effective manner.
- Teach and encourage students to use strategies and adaptive equipment, which mitigate the functional limitations of their disability.

Greek Life

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 330
www.gsu.edu/greeklife
 (404) 413-1580

The Greek community at Georgia State University has a long, rich tradition of fostering student involvement and development. Since 1954, students have chosen to become members of fraternities and sororities at GSU because of the advantages these organizations provide. Social Greek organizations were founded on the principles of leadership, scholarship, service and friendship.

Intercultural Relations

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 330
www2.gsu.edu/~wwwicr
 (404) 413-1580

Intercultural Relations (IR) is committed to planning programs and activities that provide students an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues around cultural and diversity issues. IR creates meaningful experiences which enhance the understanding of and appreciation for the multitude of identities and cultures present at Georgia State University.

Office of African American Student Services and Programs

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 315
www.gsu.edu/oaassp
 (404) 413-1530

The Office of African American Student Services and Programs promotes quality services and programs related to the retention, progression and graduation of African Americans attending GSU by providing resources and advocating ▶



for their academic success, degree attainment, co-curricular involvement, cultural heritage, and international and educational diversity.

Office of Civic Engagement

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 320
www.gsu.edu/service
 (404) 413-1550

The Office of Civic Engagement supports volunteer projects and leadership experiences, and provides students and staff the opportunity to become involved with Georgia State's service community.

Office of the Dean of Students

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 300
www.gsu.edu/deanofstudents
 (404) 413-1515

The Office of the Dean of Students provides quality, comprehensive programs and services for a diverse student

population that promote achievement, empowerment, engagement/ involvement and effective citizenship. The Office of the Dean of Students provides the following services:

Emergency Assistance

Family or Personal: In the event of a verified family emergency, the Office of the Dean of Students can locate students in class or on campus. The Office of the Dean of Students can also notify students' professors on their behalf if a personal or family emergency situation arises that prevents students attendance in class over a period of time. (Please note: It is the student's responsibility to contact their instructors as soon as they are able to arrange make-up work.)

Illness or Injury: In cases where the Office of the Dean of Students is notified of a student's illness, injury or hospitalization, the Dean of Students Office will coordinate

with other campus offices to support the student's successful return. If a student is hospitalized, the Office of the Dean of Students will also alert their professors so that upon the student's return the student may arrange their make-up work.

Victim Assistance: This component of the Office of the Dean of Students provides services to students who have experienced a traumatic event or have been the victim of sexual assault or other crimes. The student-centered support services include direct crisis intervention, making appropriate referrals (Counseling and Testing Center, Student Health Clinic, GSU Police, etc.), providing advocacy and support during all phases of legal/criminal proceedings, supplying information (victim rights, typical responses to trauma and victimization, safety planning), providing consultation and education to students and faculty and staff, and providing on-going follow-up and support as needed.

Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct outlines the types of actions that infringe upon the campus' climate of civility and the academic integrity of the university. A copy of the Student Code of Conduct and Policies may be obtained on the web at www.gsu.edu/deanofstudents/codeofconduct.html. Students are obligated to be knowledgeable of and to comply with the university's rules, policies and procedures.

In addition to the above services, the Office of the Dean of Students can assist students with: off-campus living, voluntary health insurance, and hardship withdrawals.

Rialto Center for the Arts

80 Forsyth Street, NW
www.rialtocenter.org
 (404) 413-9TIX

The Rialto was transformed into a world class performing arts center in 1996 by

GSU and has been both an anchor for the revitalization of downtown Atlanta and a cultural asset for the city. Encompassing live performance, cutting-edge visual arts, comprehensive education programs, and a sense of community awareness, the Rialto is truly a crossroads of cultures- where Atlanta meets the world!

GSU students receive 15% off in advance and half price tickets the day of the show for all Rialto Series performances. Monthly free events include Feed Your Senses, a monthly arts program that provides free lunch on select months and an in-depth look into a culture or artform; First Thursdays Downtown ArtsWalk, a free self-guided tour of downtown art galleries; and other events such as Georgia State Idol and events during Rialto Week.

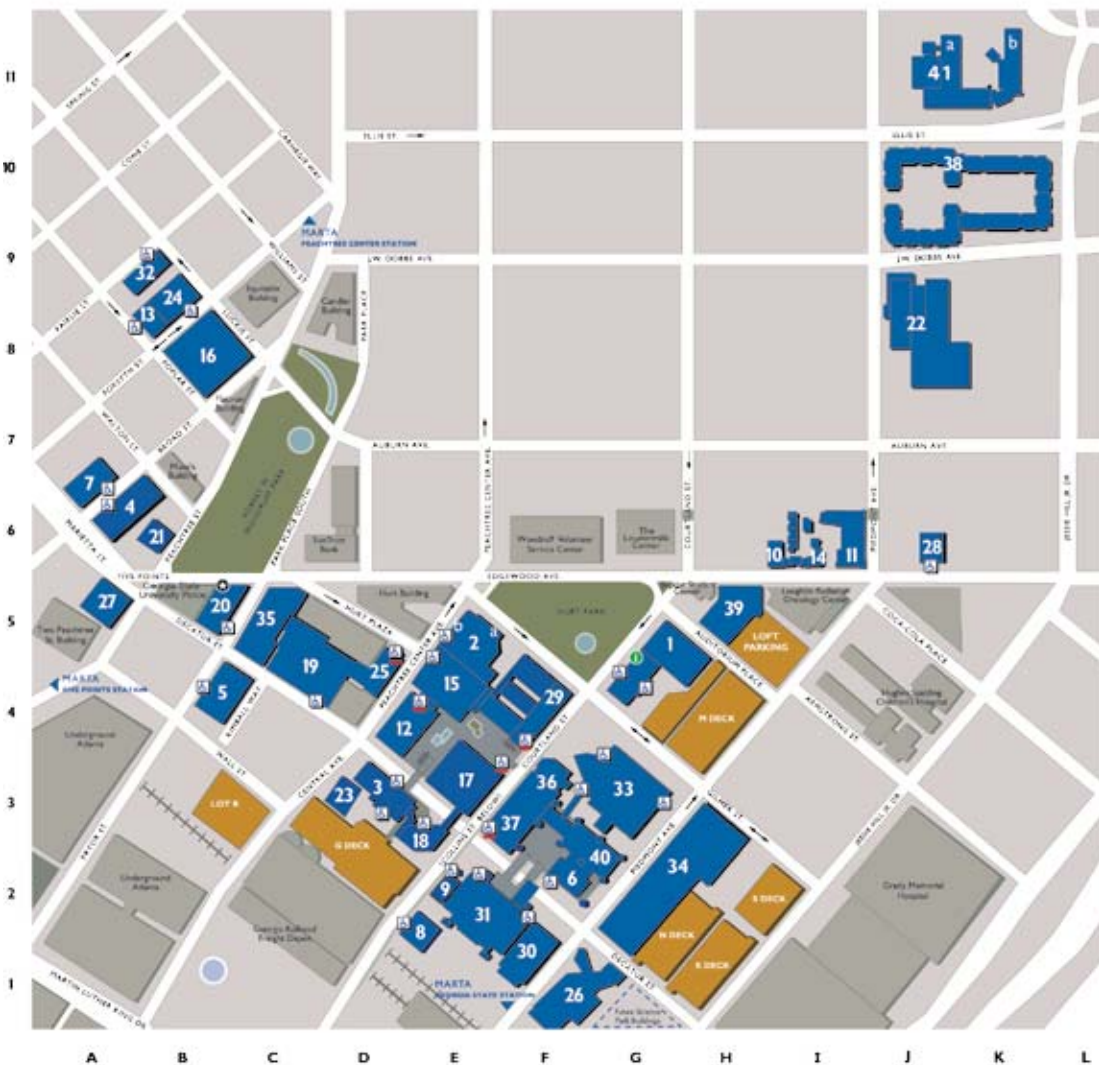
Student Health Clinic

141 Piedmont Ave, Ste D
www.gsu.edu/health
 (404) 413-1930

The Student Health Clinic is staffed with physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and medical assistants who offer high quality urgent care and primary care health services to enrolled GSU students. The Clinic office visit itself is free. However, there are additional nominal charges for laboratory tests, pharmacy, medical procedures, and immunizations.

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Campus Map



- 1 DAHLBERG HALL (DBERG) G5
- 2 ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARTS) E5
2a Florence Kooleff Recital Hall
2b Ernest G. Welch Gallery
- 3 CLASSROOM SOUTH (CLSD) D3
J. MACK ROBINSON
- 4 COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (RCB) A6
- 5 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (COE) B4
- 6 COLLEGE OF LAW (LAW) F2
BENNETT A. BROWN
- 7 COMMERCE BUILDING (BBCOM) A7
- 8 COURTLAND BUILDING (COURTB) E2
- 9 COURTLAND NORTH (COURTN) E2
- 10 148 EDGEWOOD (148EDG) I6
- 11 FRESHMAN HALL (FRHALL) I6
- 12 GENERAL CLASSROOM (GCB) D4
- 13 HASS-HOWELL BUILDING (HASS) B8
- 14 INTEREST HOUSING (INTHO) I6
- 15 KELL HALL (KELL) E4
HELEN M. ADERHOLD
- 16 LEARNING CENTER (ADHOLD) B8
- 17 LIBRARY NORTH (LIBNO) E3
- 18 LIBRARY SOUTH (LIBSO) E3
- 19 NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER (NSC) C5
- 20 ONE PARK PLACE (1PP) B5
- 21 34 PEACHTREE ST. BUILDING (34PTRE) B6
- 22 75 PIEDMONT (75PIED) J9
- 23 RESEARCH SUPPORT BUILDING (RSB) D3
- 24 RIALTO CENTER FOR THE ARTS (RIALTO) B5
- 25 SCIENCE ANNEX (SCIANNX) D4
PARKER H. PETIT
- 26 SCIENCE CENTER (PETIT) F1
ANDREW YOUNG
- 27 SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES (AYSPTS) A5
- 28 SCULPTURE STUDIO (SCULP) J6
- 29 SPARKS HALL (SPARKS) F4
- 30 SPORTS ANNEX (SPTANX) F1
- 31 SPORTS ARENA (ARENA) E2
- 32 STANDARD BUILDING (STAND) B9
- 33 STUDENT CENTER (STUCTR) G3
- 34 STUDENT RECREATION CENTER (REC) G2
- 35 TEN PARK PLACE (10PP) C5
- 36 UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE (BOOK) F3
- 37 UNIVERSITY CENTER (UCTR) F3
- 38 UNIVERSITY COMMONS (COMMON) K10
- 39 UNIVERSITY LOFTS (LOFTS) H5
- 40 URBAN LIFE BUILDING (URBAN) G2
- 41 PIEDMONT NORTH K11
41a Piedmont North Bldg A (PIEDNA)
41b Piedmont North Bldg B (PIEDNB)

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 ■ GEORGIA STATE PARKING
 STREET LEVEL ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE
 STREET LEVEL ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE (ON COLLIN STREET BELOW COURTLAND)
 INFORMATION & WELCOME CENTER

Parent Relations Fall Events:

SEND OFF SOCIAL
July 31, 2011

FRESHMAN CONVOCATION
August 22, 2011

FAMILY WEEKEND
September 9-11, 2011

HOMECOMING
October 22, 2011



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Student Organizations

Student Center, 3rd floor, Suite 330
<http://gsu.orgsync.com>
 (404) 413-1580

To make the most of the Georgia State experience, we encourage students to look for opportunities to get involved on campus. Whether students choose to join one of our 300 student organizations, Student Government Association, Spotlight Programs Board, or one of our media groups, they will make connections to the campus community and learn valuable leadership skills. Research shows that students who get involved have higher GPAs and are more likely to persist to graduation than their uninvolved peers. Students are encouraged to get involved and create an account on OrgSync, the official student organizations site. Check OrgSync frequently for information on upcoming events and involvement opportunities.

Student Recreation Center

101 Piedmont Ave SE
www.gsu.edu/recreation
 (404) 413-1750

All current students are members of the Student Recreation Center and have access to 161,000 square feet filled with opportunities for fun, fitness and activity. Work out on state-of-the-art cardio and strength equipment; take a dip in the pool, learn to swim or scuba; sign up for personal training or nutrition consults; join an intramural or sport club team; experience the Touch the Earth outdoor program offering everything from day hikes to horseback riding, camping, whitewater and flat water paddling.

The Student•University Center

www.gsu.edu/studentcenter

The Student•University Center is a convenient spot for students to study, socialize and enjoy performances/



events in an attractive, relaxed setting. It's also the perfect place to connect with your student throughout the year by meeting for one of many activities offered, such as lunch in a food court, a movie at Cinefest Theatre, a Courtyard concert, shopping at the Bookstore or an exhibit in Gallery Lounge. The Center offers numerous facilities and services to help students with the practicalities of university life, including information centers, ATMs, lockers, e-mail stations, a multimedia laboratory and such Student Affairs offices as Housing, Career Services and the Office of the Dean of Students. Social gatherings, concerts and other fun events are hosted regularly for students, and growth opportunities include leadership workshops, a Distinguished Speaker Series, involvement in student organizations and Greek life, and jobs in Center offices or student media. Funded by student activity fees, most Student•University Center programs and events are free to students and many are open to the public. Family members are especially encouraged to attend such events as Homecoming and GSU nights at the Georgia Aquarium and Six Flags.

University Bookstore

University Bookstore Building, 3rd floor
www.gsu.edu/bookstore
 (404) 413-9700

The University Bookstore is the official bookstore of Georgia State University and offers a complete selection of new and used textbooks with a guaranteed lowest price, in comparison with competing downtown bookstore textbook prices. The lowest textbook price guarantee assures that the University Bookstore will match lower textbook pricing, for customers who present lower pricing among competing downtown bookstores to authorized University Bookstore personnel. The rent-a-text program provides students with the option of renting a new or used textbook for an academic term rather than purchasing it. At the end of the term, students bring or ship the textbook back to the University Bookstore. Sign up and save time in the bookstore by going to www.rent-a-text.com. The University Bookstore also buys used textbooks with a guaranteed 50% buyback on selected textbook titles. Officially licensed Georgia State apparel and gifts are sold in the University Bookstore. The University Bookstore offers a variety of name brand computer products including, Acer Computers, HP Computers, and Dell computers, educational discounted computer software, supplies, and related class needs.



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University Career Services

University Center, 2nd floor, Suite 260
www.gsu.edu/career
 (404) 413-1820

University Career Services (UCS) is GSU's full service, comprehensive career center. The office serves all GSU students and alumni spanning all majors and colleges. Career Services helps students and alumni explore academic majors, find internships and jobs, launch careers, explore graduate/professional school options, and pursue their professional goals. We offer workshops to help students be competitive candidates, including résumé writing, interview skills, networking skills, and social media issues.

Career Services assists employment recruiters, from large corporations to small agencies, discover, recruit, and hire GSU students and alumni. We help with both internship hiring and entry-level career position hiring. Additionally, University Career Services manages Panther Career Net, GSU's online 24/7 job board for students, alumni, and employers (with over 22,000 GSU students registered).

University Housing

Student Center, 2nd floor, Suite 250
www.gsu.edu/housing
 (404) 413-1800

GSU's housing accommodations for students have rapidly expanded in the past five years, and will continue to grow into the future. Currently, University Housing offers safe, academically supportive, and convenient on-campus communities for just under 4000 graduate and undergraduate students in several residence halls: University Commons, University Lofts, Freshman Hall, Greek Housing, and Piedmont North B. The 2011-2012 academic year will see the addition of Piedmont North A, a second suite-style facility directly adjacent to its sister residence hall. ►

The Residence Life experience in University Housing is dedicated to providing a supportive, living-learning environment for students to grow and develop. Our facilities are staffed by a talented group of Hall Directors, Graduate Assistants and Resident Assistants, all of whom aim to build engaged communities of young adults where life skills are cultivated in a collaborative, community environment. In addition to keeping the safety and well-being of residents as a priority, these professionals and para-professionals host programs actively engage and involve students in their college experience, provide information on academic opportunities and resources around campus at the students' disposal, and remain available to provide guidance and support in the exciting transition to full-time student life.

University Printing and Copy Services

www.gsu.edu/auxiliary/printcopyservices.html
(404) 413-9586

University Printing offers a full range of printing services. For your quick copy and printing needs, Copy Corner is located in Kell Hall adjacent to Mail Services. Copy Corner offers a full range of black and white copying, color copying, poster printing, faxing, folding, cutting, binding, laminating, and more. Most projects handled by Copy Corner can be completed within 24 hours or less of submission.

All copy machines on campus are self-operated, with the majority of machines accepting PantherCash, the university's debit card. Select machines also accept dollars and change. The price of photocopying is \$0.08 each with PantherCash and \$0.10 with cash. ■

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. With few exceptions, this law requires the student's consent for disclosure of the student's records. For more information about FERPA, please visit the Georgia State University FERPA Records Access Policy at www.gsu.edu/es/22022.html. ■

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Safety, Security and Parking

University Police

www.gsu.edu/police
(404) 413-2100

The men and women of the GSU Police Department are committed to promoting a safe, secure community and to protecting the academic environment from crime and disruption. The GSU Police department provides a variety of services ranging from safety escorts to crime prevention programs to investigations. It is composed of more than 67 state certified police officers, 50 full-time security guards, 15 part-time security guards, 10 communications dispatchers and eight supporting staff members. Below are some tips on how to stay safe while on campus:

- Always lock your door when you leave.
- Avoid isolated or dark areas.
- Before exiting a building or car, look around the area for anything suspicious. At all times, notice who is around you and what they are doing.
- Do not prop open exterior doors or allow strangers into the dorm. Remember, you may be putting others at risk.
- Do not wear earphones while walking or jogging.
- If someone is behind you, look to see how close he or she is.
- If you are being followed, cross the street, walk in the opposite direction, and/ or go to the nearest light and populated place.
- Use the campus safety escort service on campus no matter how short the distance.
- Keep your car locked.
- Stay alert, and trust your instincts.

- Travel with confidence and purpose.
- Walk, jog, or bike in groups of three or more, in well-lit, well-traveled areas without overgrown foliage, whether traveling between buildings or to and from your car.
- Do not use ATMs (automated bank teller machines) alone, at night, or when someone suspicious is nearby.
- If you receive obscene or harassing telephone calls, hang up immediately, do not give out any information.
- Know where emergency phones are located and how they operate.
- Pay attention to Campus Alerts regarding nearby crime.

Get involved. If you see something or someone you consider suspicious place,

CALL THE GSU POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY AT 404-413-2100. ►



Parking

www.gsu.edu/auxiliary/parking.html
www.twitter.com/gsuparking

Parking Permits are required to park at university designated parking areas on campus. Permit pick-up is located at the parking and transportation customer service windows at the Auxiliary and Support Services. A valid PantherCard is required for identification.

Resident Parking (Overnight)

Students living in the University Commons have access to the University Commons Parking Deck. Residents can register for a University Commons parking deck online at www.gsu.edu/housing.

Students living at either the University Lofts, Freshman Hall, Greek Housing, or Piedmont North can register for a parking permit at www.gsu.edu/parking.

Commuter Parking and Lot

Options (No Overnight)
 Students commuting to campus should register their vehicle at www.gsu.edu/parking.

M Deck semester pass: will be sold online on a first-come, first-served basis for Fall 2011 for \$215. A limited number of passes are available. Permits are required to be returned at the end of the semester. **S,K,N** as well as **G Deck** (after 4:00 p.m.) are available to GSU students for non-overnight parking.

Turner Field's Blue lot is available for free parking, but is subject to availability based on the Atlanta Braves Home game schedule.

Budget Card is a green hangtag that saves you \$1 on the \$4.50 daily entry fee into the commuter parking decks and lots. Discounted **MARTA** and **GRTA** passes are available through Auxiliary and Support Services. ■



Panther Athletics

ABOUT GSU ATHLETICS:

Georgia State competes in intercollegiate athletics as a member of NCAA Division I and the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

GSU sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports, including football, basketball, baseball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and track and field (indoor and outdoor) for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field (indoor and outdoor) and volleyball for women. Additional opportunities for women will be added in the near future.

Current GSU students are admitted free to all home athletics events with their valid PantherCard identification. ■

GSU Fight Song

Fight Panthers

*Fight Panthers to victory
 Our voices yell
 You'll hear us mighty and strong
 We're from the ATL
 We're gonna give them hell
 Fight Panthers to victory
 Drive on for the score
 Blue – White
 Georgia State is in the fight
 G-S-U*

2011 GEORGIA STATE HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Home Games at Georgia Dome	
Thursday, Sept. 1	CLARK ATLANTA
Saturday, Sept. 10	OLD DOMINION (Family Weekend)
Saturday, Oct. 8	MURRAY STATE
Saturday, Oct. 22	SOUTH ALABAMA (Homecoming)
Saturday, Nov. 5	LAMBUTH
Saturday, Nov. 19	CAMPBELL

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Immerse your inner-gourmand at critically-acclaimed restaurants featuring new Southern cuisine or take in the city's eclectic nightlife, offering a vibe for every taste.

Indulge in the city's boutique shopping with original designers, antique shops, or funky thrift stores.

Downtown is also the center of higher education in Atlanta. More than 60,000 students fill Downtown universities and colleges. Georgia State University brings 30,000 students Downtown daily with nationally-recognized graduate programs including business, real estate, law, education, and an emerging immunology program. Georgia Institute of Technology, with more than 19,000 students, is the Southeast's center of emerging technologies. The Atlanta University Center is the nation's largest consortium of historically African-American private colleges. More than 13,000 students are enrolled annually in its six campuses that include Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, and Spelman College.

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...find out why the greatest American novel was written in “The Dump.”

Atlanta is home to the Margaret Mitchell House, featuring the furnished apartment nicknamed “The Dump” by Mitchell and where she wrote “Gone with the Wind.” The book is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year as one of the best-selling novels in the world, second only to the Bible.

...be a weatherman and news anchor, all in the same day.

Ride the world's longest freestanding escalator to go behind-the-scenes of the first global news network at the Inside CNN Studio Tour. Learn how to report the weather using a green screen, watch the newsroom floor as stories from around the world unfold and keep your eyes peeled for a Robin Meade or Sanjay Gupta sighting!

...find out what it takes to earn a Nobel Peace Prize, or two.

Atlanta is one of the only two cities in the world to lay claim to two Nobel Peace Prize winners -- Martin Luther King, Jr. and former President Jimmy Carter. See the medals on display and learn about their legacies at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and the Carter Library and Museum. Atlanta's history in the Civil Rights Movement will be punctuated in 2013 when the National Center for Civil and Human Rights opens, giving visitors a place to explore struggles for equality throughout history and engage in conversations about the future.

...order a F.O. and a naked dog walking.

Only the folks at the world's largest drive-in will know that you're really asking for a frosted orange drink and a plain hot dog to-go. The Varsity was established in Atlanta in 1928.

...get lost on Peachtree Street and end up on Peachtree Street.

Atlanta may have more than 100 streets named “Peachtree,” but don't let those tricky trees confuse you: Peachtree Street runs through the heart of the city and will be the only guide you'll need during your visit. From trendy Buckhead through artsy Midtown to the convention and entertainment district Downtown, simply step off Peachtree Street's sidewalks to visit the must-sees.

...take bird watching to a whole new level.

Atlanta is home not only the NFL Falcons, NBA Hawks and NHL Thrashers, but also the MLB Braves, USL Silverbacks and WNBA Dream. Atlanta's sports teams play year-round in the heart of the city, so business travelers can walk out of a meeting in to a game virtually any day of the year.

...hike the world's largest exposed mass of granite.

Stone Mountain Park is Georgia's most visited attraction. Get your adventure on by making the 1.3-mile hike to the top of the mountain, complete with panoramic views of the entire city. ■



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Academic Calendar

Summer 2011 Semester Calendar	
June 14	Tuition/fees due by 5 p.m.
July 1	Last day to withdraw from classes
July 4	University holiday (Independence Day)
July 18	Classes end (6 week classes)
July 19-23	Final exams (6 week classes)
July 25	Classes end (7 week classes)
July 26-30	Final exams (7 week classes)
August 3	Grades available on PAWS after 5 p.m.
Fall 2011 Semester Calendar	
March 28-August 19	Registration is open
August 19	Tuition and fees due by 5 p.m.
August 22	Classes begin
August 26	Last day to drop/add classes
September 5	University holiday (Labor Day)
October 7	Last day to withdraw from classes
November 21-26	Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 5	Classes end
December 6-13	Final exams
December 17	Grades available on PAWS after 5 p.m.

To see more dates or to download a PDF of the Academic Calendars, please visit www.gsu.edu/ed/27724.html

Great Reads for Parents

You're on Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years by Majorie Savage

When Your Kid Goes to College: A Parent's Survival Guide by Carol Barkin

Let the Journey Begin: A Parent's Monthly Guide to the College Experience by Jaqueline Kiernan MacKay and Wanda Ingram

The Praeger Handbook for College Parents by Helen W. Akinc

Sending Your Child to College: The Prepared Parent's Operational Manual by Marie Pinak Carr and Katharine Carr

Don't Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money by Helen E. Johnson

Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years by Karen Levin Coburn

The Happiest Kid On Campus: A Parent's Guide to the Very Best College Experience (for You and Your Child) by Harlan Cohen

Terms to Know

Academic Advisor – A faculty/staff member trained to help students select courses and plan programs of study for degree or program completion.

Aderhold – Helen M. Aderhold Learning Center located at 30 Luckie Street.

ALD – Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman National Honor Society.

Digital Aquarium – Multimedia computer lab for students located in the Student Center.

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

FLC – Freshmen Learning Communities.

Freshman Convocation – Annual fall ceremony which inducts new freshman students into the GSU community of scholars.

GCB – General Classroom Building, an academic building on campus.

GoSolar – Georgia State Online Access to Records, an online comprehensive enrollment management center for students.

Hold – A restraint placed on student's ability to register for courses as a result of an unfulfilled obligation to the university.

HOPE – Scholarship given to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement.

Incept – Official new student orientation program for all new undergraduate students.

Library Plaza – Popular student gathering and performance area on campus.

LLC – Living Learning Communities.

Lofts – Residence hall with 231 loft style apartments for primarily undergraduate students.

MARTA – Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta's public transportation system.

Maymester – Three week summer semester classes during May.

myRobinson – J. Mack Robinson College of Business website for students within the college.

OAASSP – Office of African American Student Services & Programs.

One-Stop-Shop – Enrollment services center where students can receive assistance with financial aid, registration, and student accounts.

Pounce – GSU's mascot.

PantherCard – Student identification card.

PAWS – Panther Access to Web Services – a web portal for access to student enrollment information and records.

Piedmont North – Newest residence hall.

Prerequisite – A requirement which must be met before a student may register for a course.

Rialto – Rialto Center for the Arts.

Safety Net – Annual report distributed by the University Police department.

Semester – Name for academic terms in the spring, summer, and fall. ▶



SGA – Student Government Association – student governing body on campus.

The Signal – Official student-run newspaper.

Sparks Hall – Academic building on the corner of Gilmer St. and Courtland Ave named for the first GSU President.

Speakers Auditorium – Auditorium located in the Student Center.

Sports Arena – Location for Panther Athletics and other events.

Student Center – Gathering place for students that includes the courtyard, speaker’s auditorium and many student support offices.

Tau Sigma – Academic honor society that recognizes academic excellence of transfer students.

uLearn – Online course management system utilized by faculty to offer online courses and/or support in-classroom teaching and learning.

Unity Plaza – Outdoor area in the front of the Student Center.

University Center – Campus building where student organizations, meeting rooms, Panther Club, and university offices are located.

University Commons – A 4.2-acre university residence hall of four apartment buildings that houses approximately 2000 students.

Villager – Georgia State’s official faculty and staff newsletter.

Withdrawal – The act of removing a course from a class schedule after the first week of classes – visit www.gsu.edu/es/withdrawals.html for more information.

WRAS – GSU student-run radio station. ■

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