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# Navigating Your Way Through Bulldog Country

**Detours. Dead ends. The Open Road. Sometimes the highway of life can be overwhelming with its twists and turns. This “Road Map to Success” is full of advice on how to navigate your way as a parent through Bulldog Country. With tips on making the trip easier and more enjoyable, this guide highlights areas of interest, areas of caution, and places to visit for further information.**

## Welcome to the UGA Family!

### Dear Parents,

I am honored and delighted that you and your student have chosen the University of Georgia, the nation's oldest state chartered institution. As a parent, I know that this can be an exciting and challenging time for both you and your student. Our hope is that this book will be a resource for you the entire time your student is at UGA. The purpose of Orientation is to prepare your student for a successful beginning to the UGA experience. You are an important part of this process, and we appreciate your participation in the Orientation experience.

UGA is a place full of rich tradition dating back more than 225 years. Our students, faculty and staff are among the best and the brightest in the state of Georgia, and also in the nation. From the classroom to the concert hall, the athletic field to the computer lab, University of Georgia



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Again, welcome to your new family and community. I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments and successes of your student, and I wish you and your student the best throughout your experience here at the University of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams  
President ■

### CHANGE

Change is a natural, inevitable part of anyone's growth. Your student will change in many different ways. With exposure to new, different, exciting and challenging experiences, this change can be inspiring and beautiful. It can also be challenging to you as a parent. The key to your success as the parent of a new college student is an open mind and a sense of humor. Your student may call you on Tuesday night and bristle at the idea of relaying specifics of their day-to-day life, then call you Wednesday and tell you how much they need your advice about some situation. As long as you remain flexible and provide strong, enduring support, you will be doing all you can to help your student be successful.

*“My parents would call me once or twice a week, but they realized that a huge part of the adjustment process was giving me space. Most of the time, they left it up to me to initiate communication.”*

— Tim Anderson, Class of 2008

One of the toughest adjustments a parent must make is redefining the boundaries surrounding your parent-child relationship. Though they continue to desire the security of knowing someone loves them, first-year students tend to resist interference with their new ►



lifestyle. Honest inquiries, communication and conversation tend to help foster healthy parent-student relationships.

### CHALLENGE FOR PARENTS

As much as you would like to take a more active role in helping your son or daughter navigate the bureaucracy of the University, they will become more self-reliant if you let them take ownership of issues affecting their life as a student. As much as you think that you can do a better job of resolving the challenges they will face, encourage your student to take the appropriate steps themselves. Please know there are many people on campus whose life's work is to help your student succeed. Try to give your student a chance to explore the appropriate solutions independently. Instead of making a telephone call yourself, suggest that your son or daughter take the necessary steps to resolve the problem. They still need your support, but you will help them most by teaching them to help themselves.

### PARENTS & FAMILIES PROGRAMS

The University of Georgia greatly values our UGA parent and family members and the role they play in the lives of their students. The Parent programs at UGA offer ways for parents and family members to stay informed and connected to the University community and their students. The UGA Parents and Families Association is one way to be involved and serves undergraduate parents and families by organizing parents' weekends, monthly email newsletters, and web updates to keep parents informed. The Parents and Families Leadership Council serves as the leadership group representing undergraduate parents in meetings with UGA leadership and administration. The council also administers the Parents and Families grants program which has awarded over \$800,000 in grant support to various programs and organizations across campus that impact undergraduate students every day.



The UGA Parents and Families Association enhances communication between families and the University; enriches the college experience for both parents, families, and their students; involves parents and their families in activities to promote UGA; and financially supports UGA and its academic programs.

More information on both the UGA Parents and Families Association and the Leadership Council is on our website at [alumni.uga.edu/pfassociation](http://alumni.uga.edu/pfassociation)

Should you ever have a question or a concern, please email the UGA Parent Program Office at [parents@uga.edu](mailto:parents@uga.edu) or call toll free (888) 268-5442. Thank you for your involvement and for supporting your students at our great university!

### HOMESICKNESS AND ADJUSTMENT

Most students face a relatively easy transition from home to college. However, first-year students often have an idealized view of the college experience. If UGA does not immediately fit this idealized image, some students may jump to the conclusion that they made the wrong college decision. This is a normal reaction. Most students will adjust and grow to love UGA and all that it offers.

The adjustment process may take longer for some than others. Be patient and encourage your student. Sometimes just showing that you believe in your student will be all it takes to start down the path toward success. Encourage your child to be proactive and remind him or her that every first-year at UGA is in the same boat.

*“This may sound a bit strange, but we told our children NOT to come home for at least three weeks. Time away from mom and dad is needed in order to make friends, feel at ease, and figure out for themselves how to get things done. Confidence comes from doing things for yourself. As parents, we always want to help our children. Sometimes, they need to help themselves and trust in their own abilities to solve problems and handle situations.”*

— Mrs. Tina Patrick, mother of two recent UGA graduates.

### COMMUNICATION

The first semester is filled with new responsibilities, new friendships, new experiences and new freedoms. Regular contact with your student is often appreciated, as finding oneself in the midst of a new environment can be tricky. Keep in mind that even if your student doesn't tell you during those first few weeks that he or she misses you, for most students, there is nothing worse than weeks of empty voice mail or no email or texts from home.

*“Almost every day, I would receive emails from my mom wishing me a good day. It's the little stuff that you begin to appreciate when you aren't able to see your parents on a regular basis.”*

— Steven Dasher, class of 2009

Come visit — but not too often. Visiting gives your student a chance to show off his or her new environment, while helping you empathize with their experience. Beginning college can be one of the most exciting, yet challenging experiences of a young person's life. Lifestyle adjustments, a sense of newfound independence, and ►

the introduction to that glamorous idea of “the college lifestyle” can sometimes combine to overwhelm a new college student. However, with your support and guidance, your student can, and will, successfully acclimate into life at UGA.

### ROAD SMARTS: ACADEMICS AT UGA

You, as a parent, may well be concerned about your student’s academic progress. It is not at all unusual for a new student’s grades to be lower than they were in high school. This can be surprising because as high school seniors, the average UGA student had above a 3.8 GPA. Different methods of instruction, the more difficult workload, the more intense competition, and the intriguing and numerous diversions are reasons for this discrepancy.

If these factors create a problem, students often will not admit it because it may embarrass them. Often, by the time they do seek help, it may be too late, or the situation has grown to the point that it may be impossible to reverse. Encourage your student to see the professor, attend class, and know when to drop a class.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Advising is so important at UGA that it is required before a student can register each semester. Advisors not

only suggest courses to take, but they also help students select a major, minor, internship, and other ways to get the most out of an academic program. At Orientation, an advising appointment is scheduled for your student, but in future registration periods, it is your student’s responsibility to make an advising appointment each semester. The date when appointments begin sneaks up on students because advising begins early in the semester in many schools and departments. It may be beneficial if you occasionally provide a reminder to look into the upcoming registration period.

### UNDECIDED OR “OPEN-MINDED”

A large number of first-year students are undecided about their academic majors. The average student changes majors two or more times during college, so it’s safe to select core courses the first year. It is important for students to take a sampling of varied classes to see where their interests lie. An academic advisor can suggest several ways to learn more about academic areas that interest your student. Taking time to learn what’s involved in a prospective major is time well spent. The best resource for requirements and major selection is UGA’s Bulletin, which can be found at [bulletin.uga.edu](http://bulletin.uga.edu).

Remember, ultimately your student is the one who must go to class, read the books, do the research, and take the tests. Let them make the important academic decisions, as well as explore future career choices. Of course, you may want to mention factors to consider, such as demand for employees in a particular field, average salaries, and long-range opportunities. Regardless of their ultimate career, your student will have the strong foundation of a UGA degree as support in future endeavors. ■



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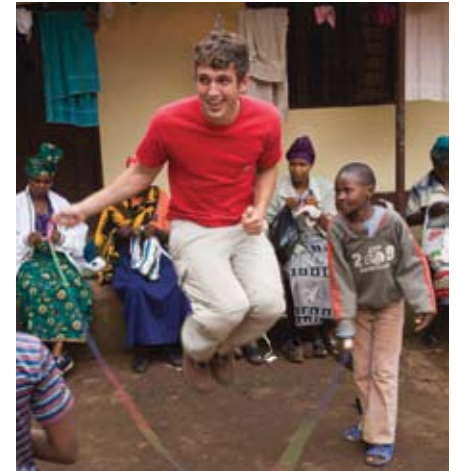
The mission of the Learning Center is to assist students in all subject areas to develop the skills necessary to achieve academic success at UGA. Staff members of the Center strive to provide individual, group, audio-visual, and computer assisted approaches to learning in an effort to improve students’ math, writing, reading, learning, thinking, and study skills. The Division of Academic Enhancement provides academic support services and resources for all

students at the University of Georgia. The division’s goals include: providing equal educational opportunities for students admitted to the University of Georgia; developing in each student the skills and attitudes necessary for the attainment of academic, career and life goals; and enhancing retention based on the belief that any student admitted to the University has the potential to be academically successful and graduate. ■

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## Financial Information

### STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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a charge or payment activity posts to your student's account, the student will be e-mailed a notice to access OASIS and review his or her student account for recent activity. In addition, students will receive e-mail notices concerning impending due dates, late fee deadlines and schedule cancellation dates. It is YOUR STUDENT'S responsibility to check email regularly in order to receive timely billing notifications.

Students can pay their student account with cash, check, online with credit card or debit card, and financial aid. Failure to make payment by the due date stated on the student account summary in OASIS will result in late fees. A late fee of \$50 is assessed to the student account the day following the due date. If payment is still outstanding by the end of the drop/add period, the late fee will increase to \$100.

Failure to pay the account balance by the deadlines stated on the student account summary will result in late fees and could result in schedule cancellation. Please visit [www.bursar.uga.edu](http://www.bursar.uga.edu) for payment and fees schedule.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT AID, EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

The Office of Student Financial Aid has a wealth of information about loans, grants, scholarships and work-study programs on their website.

Many students seek on- and off-campus employment to help pay for their education. The Student Employment Office in the Career Center (located in Clark Howell Hall on Lumpkin St.) helps students connect with campus departments and local employers. Students are employed in many departments on the UGA campus and in various professional and nonprofit positions in the Athens community. These opportunities enable students to acquire valuable transferable skills and help them defray their educational expenses. The Student Employment Office (8:00 AM-5:00 PM Mon.-Fri.) also sponsors a Campus Employment Day early each fall semester. Many students have found that working an on-campus job allows for more flexibility with class schedules, as most campus employers realize that students are primarily here to get their education.

### UGACARD AND BULLDOG BUCKS

The UGACard is the official UGA ID card. In addition, the UGACard serves as an access device for each student's online debit account known as Bulldog Bucks. Bulldog Bucks are accepted as payment at the Bookstore, Food Services Retail Operations, and at several other on-campus retail sites. In addition, Bulldog Bucks may be used to pay for copying, printing, vending, and laundry services in the residence halls. Deposits may be made online at [BulldogBucks.uga.edu](http://BulldogBucks.uga.edu). ■

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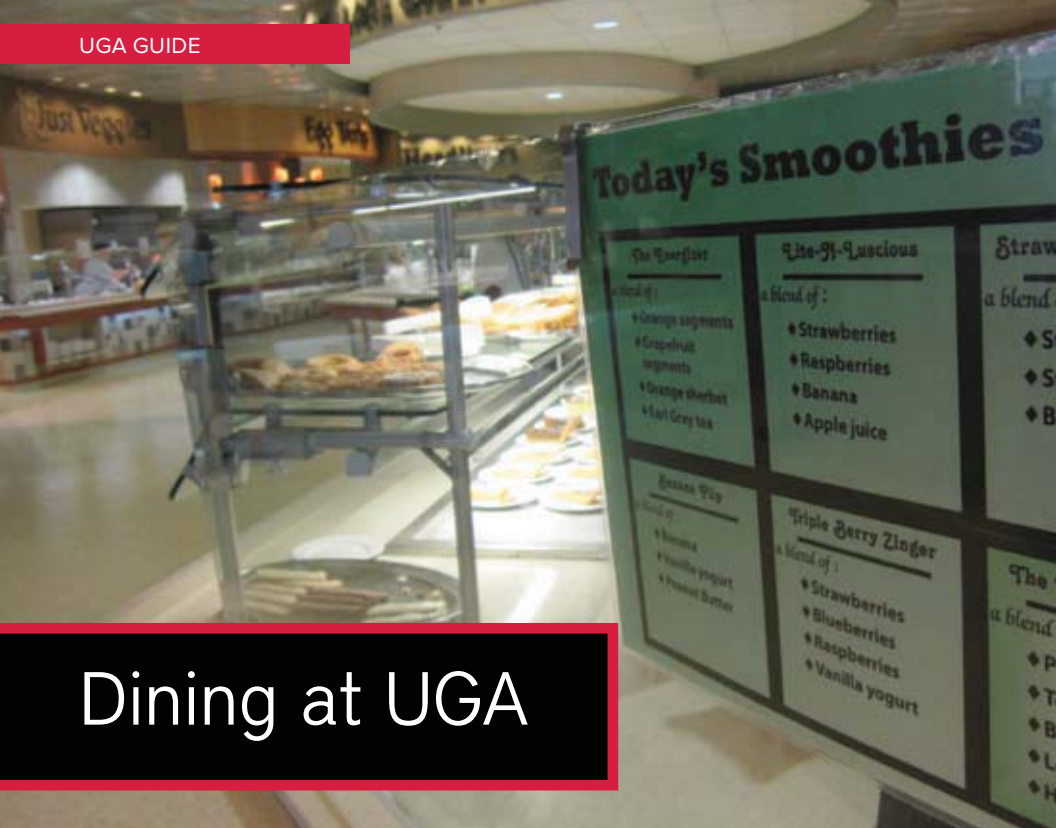
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## Dining at UGA

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UGA's Food Services Program is nationally recognized as one of the best in the nation. As part of Food Services' ongoing commitment to students, faculty and staff, the following services are offered: one-on-one consultations with a registered dietitian; body assessments, including BMI (body mass index) and body fat percentage; printouts of your Recommended Dietary Intake of nutrients; answers to health-related questions; an eight-week course entitled "Eating Smart the Right Weigh"; "bone-i-fied" good items; the "Eating Smart Line" at Bolton denoting foods with less than 30 percent calories from fat; and nutrition education stations at each dining commons with free health and nutrition brochures.

Meal Plan options include five or seven day meal plans in four dining commons: Bolton, Oglethorpe, Snelling and the Village Summit. Meal plan participants enjoy unlimited access to all four dining facilities, and may eat as much as they desire and as often as they desire, choosing from an incredible variety of menu choices. The meal plan contract is an academic year contract. It can be agreed to electronically via the website and billing is handled by the UGA Bursar's Office of Student Accounts. The Bulldog Café at the Tate Student Center and Red Clay Cafe at Joe Frank Harris Commons are a la carte options for all visitors, students and staff. There also are various campus eateries situated across campus, which are not part of the meal plan. All UGA Food Services operations are easily accessible via UGA bus routes. ■

# Student Services & Activities

## CAREER CENTER

Every student at UGA has a Career Consultant, assigned by academic area (including undecided majors), who provides one-on-one assistance with career decision-making, resume and letter-writing, job search strategies, etc. Encourage your students to get to know their Career Consultant! Getting started early is a key to obtaining the job you want. Registering with DAWGlink allows you to view online job listings, post a resume to the database, search companies interviewing UGA students, and access additional web-based career resources.

## COMPUTERS AND COMPUTING

One of the most commonly asked questions is, "Does my student need to bring his or her own computer to UGA?". Many students bring a computer with them or buy one after they arrive on campus, but there is no University requirement to own a computer. If you want to buy a computer to supplement those that the University provides for students, you can check with your advisor or other instructors to see if your college or department recommends a particular kind of computer for classes in your field. At [www.eits.uga.edu/brochures](http://www.eits.uga.edu/brochures) you can also check the recommended specifications for computers suitable for general use at UGA.

### UGA MyID

Every UGA student must have a MyID account, which provides access to UGA email through which students will receive official communication, class registration, remote access (Skydrive), student accounts, PAWS (UGA's WiFi service) and many other UGA services.



### Computing Ethics and Policies

The University of Georgia has adopted policies on the use of computers that are based on pre-existing regulations, agreements, and/or laws. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to become familiar with these policies. [www.uga.edu/compsec/use.html](http://www.uga.edu/compsec/use.html)

### Internet Connection

Internet access is provided on computers in the EITS labs and in most of the college and departmental computing labs on campus. For home or other off-campus locations, students contract with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) of their choice. All of the UGA residence halls offer Internet connections.

### Libraries

From any microcomputer or workstation connected to the University Central Computing Systems, you can access the UGA Libraries and locate library catalogs, research databases, electronic ▶



journals, library catalogs from around the world, and encyclopedias. You do not need a computer account to access the Libraries system.

### ONLINE ACCESS TO THE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (OASIS)

UGA students register for classes and can update some of their student records via the computer-based OASIS system. Information about connecting to OASIS is provided through the EITS Help Desk, (706) 542-3106. Questions about using OASIS should be addressed to the Registrar's Office, (706) 542-4040. [oasisweb.uga.edu](http://oasisweb.uga.edu).

### DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides academic and support services to qualified students with disabilities to ensure equal access to all programs and activities at UGA. The mission of the DRC is to create an accessible academic, social and physical environment for students with disabilities. The DRC seeks to foster a positive attitudinal and behavioral response from faculty and staff when interacting with people with disabilities. To accomplish these goals, the staff provides direct services to students and routinely consults with the University community regarding disability access

issues. The professional staff members have expertise in the following areas: academic accommodations, psychosocial and medical aspects of disability, adaptive computer equipment, job modification, legal rights and responsibilities, sign language communication, architectural accessibility and program access.

### FOOTBALL TICKETS

Student tickets are sold in full or half-season packages and students use their UGACards rather than printed tickets to gain entry to football games. Students will receive a notification to register for tickets in mid-August via their UGA email accounts. For more information contact the Athletic Association ([www.georgiadogs.com](http://www.georgiadogs.com)) (706) 542-1231. Non-Student tickets are available per game at the Butts-Mehre ticket office. Many games are already sold out.

### GREEK LIFE

Every year about 20 percent of UGA's first-year class chooses to join one of more than 61 fraternities and sororities. The self-governing, self-supporting bodies of the fraternities and sororities are the Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council. These groups coordinate events, provide educational programs,

establish community-wide regulations, and implement legislative policies for their member organizations.

### UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

The University Health Center (UHC) is recognized as one of the top college health facilities in the nation, earning the highest recognition, Accreditation with Commendation, from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The UHC exists to advance the health of students and other members of the UGA community by providing primary health care, prevention focused services, and learning experiences which develop health knowledge and skills. As a campus health resource, the UHC provides specialized departments for students to utilize for their healthcare needs. The following units at the UHC aid students with health care needs: Acute Care Clinic/Triage Center; Allergy Clinic; Travel Clinic; Dental Clinic; UHC Laboratory; Medical Clinic; Mental Health Clinic; Pharmacy; Physical Therapy Department; Sports Medicine Clinic; the radiology department; and the Women's Clinic. Visit [www.uhs.uga.edu/clinics/index.html](http://www.uhs.uga.edu/clinics/index.html) for more detailed information on these clinics and departments..

### CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

The Center for Leadership & Service (CLS), located in the Tate Student Center, strives to develop responsible campus and community leaders and citizens through the use of leadership education and experiential learning opportunities. Programs and organizations include Dawg Camp, The Georgia Collegiate Leadership Conference, T.O.P. Dog (Training Organization Professionals), The UGA LeaderShape Institute, Leadership UGA, the H. Gordon and Francis S. Davis S.O.A.R. Awards, the Leadership Resource Team, The Arch Society, and the Leadership Resource Center.

### CAMPUS LIFE

The Department of Campus Life seeks to enhance the educational experience for all students and helps to build a sense of campus community through a wide variety of programs and services for individuals and for student groups. The Department of Campus Life is a primary contact point for students that connects them to nearly 600 registered student organizations, student programming groups, social sororities and fraternities, student volunteer services, International Student Life, leadership programs, yearbook, student radio station, All Campus Homecoming, College Bowl, and the National Student Exchange. For a current listing of student organizations, please visit the following link: [www.uga.edu/stuact/programs](http://www.uga.edu/stuact/programs). Finding out information about which of these organizations your student wants to be involved in is easier than you think! The Fall Activities Fair will be September 7, 2011 at the Tate Plaza. ■



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# Campus Safety & Transportation

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### University of Georgia Police Department

In addition to the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, UGA operates its own police force that continuously monitors the campus 24 hours a day on foot, with bicycles and with patrol cars. The UGAPD is located in the Hodgson Oil Building and utilizes highly trained, state certified law enforcement officers who have the authority to enforce state and local laws on property under UGA's control. The UGAPD also offers a series of short courses including lectures and presentations to University, covering all areas of personal safety. Expert advice and information about these programs can be obtained by calling the Crime Prevention Bureau of the UGAPD at (706) 542-5813.

### Residence Halls

Safety is of utmost concern in the campus residence halls. All residence halls have controlled access, requiring a UGACard for entrance and are equipped with biometric hand readers. All Residential Communities have a community desk. The desk is the center for all operations in a Community and operates 24 hours a day. Security staff are also present in each Community from 10:00 PM-6:00 AM daily. In case of an emergency, contact any Resident Assistant, Class Advocate, or Graduate Resident immediately. They

will be happy to help you in any way they can. A residence hall staff member is on duty for your building nightly. The UGAPD can also be contacted in the case of emergency. Fire alarm and smoke detector systems are regularly tested to assure proper working condition, and fire drills are held each term. Emergency lighting has been installed in hallways and stairwells. Exterior lighting is evaluated annually and improved as needed. For additional questions, please consult the Department of University Housing's Policies page at [www.uga.edu/housing/Policies](http://www.uga.edu/housing/Policies) or call (706) 542-1421.

### Escort Van

The Escort Van operates from 6:00 PM-2:00AM during most of the academic year. With the change of daylight savings time in the spring, the van operates from 7:00 PM-2:00AM. Students simply call the UGAPD at (706) 542-2000, give their name and location. The van driver (a public safety employee) is then notified by radio to pick up the student. Many students use the van service late at night when they are going to and coming from the library.

### Laboratory Safety

Most University laboratories contain dangerous chemicals, equipment, biological agents, or a combination thereof. Students taking a course that has a lab component will be thoroughly instructed on all lab precautions,

regulations and procedures. Students also will be oriented to all safety devices and their proper use. Laboratory assistants are always on hand to monitor and help students.

### Final Word on Safety

Your student's greatest safeguard can be common sense. This is where your sage advice over the years comes into play. However, you may want to refresh their memory: Warn them not to go out alone late at night. Tell them to avoid poorly lit areas. Advise them to lock doors, even if they leave for 'just a minute!'. Remind them not to leave valuables in plain sight in unattended vehicles or rooms. Urge them to look into the ways the University can be of assistance.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Riding the Bus

The Campus Transit System is a unit of the Auxiliary Services Department providing transportation services throughout the University campus. Hours of operation are from 7:00 AM-1:00 AM with peak hours of service from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. Campus Transit operates nine day routes and two night routes. The following link will take you to a page that contains maps of the routes and further route information. [www.transit.uga.edu/route.htm](http://www.transit.uga.edu/route.htm)

Bus and disabled student transportation services are provided on a no-fare basis. Through an agreement between the University and the Athens-Clarke government, students may also ride Athens Transit buses for free. All services are funded by a semester fee paid by students.

### Phone Numbers of Importance:

Campus Transit — Info, Lost & Found	(706) 369-6220
Disabled Student Transportation	(706) 369-6220
Athens Transit, The BUS Schedule Info	(706) 613-3430

For more information on the Campus Transit System, please visit [www.transit.uga.edu](http://www.transit.uga.edu)

### Cars on Campus

At this time, incoming students are eligible for parking permits. Parking Services is responsible for development and management of an efficient parking system for UGA. The proposed prices for 2011-2012 range from \$20 to \$40 per month and can be ordered online at [www.parking.uga.edu](http://www.parking.uga.edu). Students may pay online using a credit card (AMEX, Discover, Master Card and Visa are accepted) OR they may print their online application and mail it in with non-cash payment. Students may pick up parking permits at the Parking Services office from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday-Friday.



### Bicycles

Bikes are a welcome alternative form of transportation at UGA. Registering your bicycle with the UGAPD will ensure that if your bicycle is ever lost or stolen there will be a record of the its serial number and other identifying characteristics. Bicycle registration is an excellent way to back up your own records to ensure that the information is on hand when you need it most. If the police recover a bicycle, you must be able to positively identify it as yours for it to be returned, which is most easily done via a serial number. Bike locks and helmets are recommended. Many streets in Athens and on campus include bike lanes. Athens has narrow streets, so riders should be aware of cars and other traffic. To register your bicycle with the UGAPD, please visit: [www.ps.uga.edu/CrimePrevention/BikeRegistration.html](http://www.ps.uga.edu/CrimePrevention/BikeRegistration.html). ■

# Welcome to Athens!

## Dear Parents and Visitors,

On behalf of the Classic City, I extend a warm welcome to Athens! Consistently named one of America's best college towns, Athens is not only home to the nation's first state-chartered university, but also R.E.M., the B-52's, 16 historic districts, and an amazingly diverse mixture of people, culture, and personality. Since Athens was first chartered in 1806, the city and the University have grown together and thrived, developing a unique blend of traditional southern hospitality and contemporary culture and entertainment.

We certainly hope that you will take full advantage while you are in Athens to experience all that this wonderful town has to offer off-campus, "Beyond the Hedges." From award-winning parks and recreation facilities to extensive local performing and visual arts to popular annual events and festivals, Athens is full of activities for all ages. Our charming historic downtown is alive both day and night, teeming with trendy shops and local restaurants in addition to our world-renowned music scene. Athens brings together both students



and locals alike, uniting thousands from across the world to continue our strong town-gown tradition.

Please don't hesitate to call upon the Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau for complete Athens visitor information, including must-see attractions and events, guided and self-guided tours, and special offers. Contact us at VisitAthensGA.com, (706) 357-4430.

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## 25 Must-See Athens Attractions

- Athens Welcome Center** - Make your first stop the Athens Welcome Center, downtown in the newly-restored Church-Waddel-Brumby House. Believed to be Athens' oldest surviving residence, its rescue from demolition in the early 1970s sparked the historic preservation movement in Athens. The Athens Welcome Center offers guided, self-guided, and audio tours, plus an expert staff in all things Athens. 280 E. Dougherty St.
- 40 Watt Club** - Internationally-renowned nightclub with live music almost every night of the week. The Fabulous 40 Watt is a must-see for any visitors interested in the growth of the Athens alt-rock scene. Named one of America's 40 Best Music Venues by Paste Magazine. 285 W. Washington St.
- Athens Twilight Criterium** - Twilight Criterium is a professional cycling event and festival fun for fans, families, and racers. It is a favorite spot on the national cycling tour circuit, both for its unique evening format and the large crowds that gather in Athens' vibrant downtown retail and entertainment district. Founded in 1980 by Gene Dixon, the Athens Twilight Criterium was the first nighttime race in the United States in over 60 years. Every April.
- The Double-Barreled Cannon** - Built at the local foundry in 1863 when an anxious community feared attack by invading Northern armies, this one-of-a-kind weapon is among the most unusual relics preserved from the Civil War. A spectacular failure in testing, it has met with success as a cherished landmark of Athens. Free. Faces north (just in case!) on the grounds of City Hall, intersection of Hancock and College.
- The Morton Theatre** - The Morton Building was built in 1910 by Monroe Bowers ("Pink") Morton and hosted renowned performers as Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Bessie Smith, and Louis Armstrong. Local bands of fame such as R.E.M., Dreams So Real, and The B-52's have used this space for rehearsal space and filming music videos. The Morton is celebrating its Centennial with special events and performances throughout 2010.
- Georgia Museum of Art** - The GMOA's modern and elegant facility houses a permanent collection of more than 9,000 works of art as well as a variety of traveling exhibitions. A two-year expansion project is currently underway; the museum will re-open in early 2011 with triple the gallery space. Please visit the museum's virtual galleries in Second Life and view the calendar for a complete listing of GMOA on the Move events and exhibits in area galleries. 90 Carlton St., UGA Campus.
- State Botanical Garden of Georgia** - Georgia's official botanical garden is a unit of the University of Georgia, is a 313-acre preserve featuring expansive gardens, five miles of nature trails, and stunning tropical conservatory. A wonderful spot for recreation, reflection, bird-watching, and special events and concerts. 2450 S. Milledge Ave.
- AthFest Music and Arts Festival** - Experience over 175 bands on outdoor stages and in Athens' renowned clubs. Original music, art, local film screenings, and KidsFest provide entertainment for all ages. Outdoor stages free; all-venue weekend wristbands available for sale. Named a top 20 event by the Southeast Tourism Society! Every June.
- Local Art Scene** - Named a "Top 25 Arts Destination" by readers of AmericanStyle magazine each year since 2002, Athens is home to numerous artists and galleries, such as the Lyndon House Arts Center, ATHICA: Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, many downtown retailers, and at the Lamar Dodd School of Art.
- Ware-Lyndon House** - The Ware-Lyndon House, 1856, became Athens' first city recreation center and has been completely restored as both a house museum and the centerpiece of the Lyndon House Arts Center complex. The Late Greek Revival home with Italianate influence is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The interior has been restored and arranged with decorative art and furnishings of the period. The historic display room features artifacts related to the historic house and to the history of Athens. A 20-minute audio tour with earphones and CD player is available for visitors. 293 Hoyt St.
- Athens Skate Park** - This state-of-the-art facility has 14,000 square feet of ramps, edges, rails, steps and bowls. BMX bikes and in-line skates also welcome. Southeast Clarke Park, 4440 Lexington Rd.
- Terrapin Brewery** - Terrapin Brewery offers tours and tastings every Wednesday through Saturday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. with live music and tastings of Terrapin's full line of award winning beers. Visitors get a chance to see the brewing process first hand. 265 Newton Bridge Rd.
- Georgia Theatre** - This world-renowned hot spot suffered from a serious fire in June, 2009, but rebuilding efforts are gaining steam with plans for a grand re-opening bash on New Year's Eve 2010. 215 N. Lumpkin St.
- T.R.R. Cobb House** - T.R.R. Cobb was a UGA graduate, co-founder of its school of law, Confederate General, and principal author of the Confederate Constitution. The tour of this house museum features information on the house's history, architecture, decorative arts as well as T.R.R. Cobb. 175 Hill St.
- North Oconee River Greenway** - This linear park is open sunrise to sunset to all types of non-motorized uses, including dogs on leashes. Connects with Cook's Greenway Trail at Sandy Creek Nature Center and follows the North Oconee River south toward downtown Athens and the UGA campus. Don't miss the 36 interpretive markers along the half-mile Heritage Trail from Dudley Park to Wilkerson St.
- Early-Evening Music Options** - Live music in Athens DOES start before midnight! Check out local, regional, and national acts regularly performing at The Melting Point (at the Foundry Park Inn & Spa), The Rialto Room (at Hotel Indigo), The Classic Center, or on the patio at Farm 255.
- Georgia Museum of Natural History** - Explore the bird, fish, insect, mammal, and zoo archaeology collections and get a glimpse of all the exciting work that goes on at the museum. Tours offered at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Natural History Bldg., corner of East Campus Rd. and Cedar St., UGA Campus.
- Taylor-Grady House** - This Greek Revival architectural masterpiece was the collegiate home of acclaimed newspaper editor Henry W. Grady, credited with establishing the view of the New South after the Civil War. Designated a National Historic Landmark.
- Athens Farmers' Market** - Athens Farmers Market is a non-profit organization of local farmers, craftspeople and volunteers working to make local naturally grown food, crafts and works or art available for the good of all. Celebrate treasures that are uniquely Athens. Our food



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grown in our soil by our farmers. Our crafts made in our homes by our artists. Our music, our merriment, and our memories shared on Saturday mornings May - November.

- Community Theatre: The play's the thing!** Athens is home to several flourishing local theatre groups, including the Town and Gown Players, Athens Creative Theatre, Rose of Athens Theatre, and of course UGA's Departments of Dance and Theatre and Film Studies.
- Ciné** - This art house theatre screens a variety of intriguing films from a broad spectrum of countries and cultures. Housed in a restored building utilizing new urbanism principles, it is Athens' new, lively, and stimulating gathering space. 234 W. Hancock St.
- University of Georgia Performing Arts Center** - The world's best come to Athens! The UGA Performing Arts Center has built one of the country's strongest subscriber bases, but last-minute tickets are frequently available. 230 River Rd., UGA Campus.
- Memorial Park and Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail** - Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail is a small zoo that is home to black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, river otters, owls, and over 120 species of wild, free-living animals. Birchmore Trail, a mile-long nature trail, is also on the grounds.
- The Tree that Owns Itself** - Legend has it that in the early 1800s, Professor William H. Jackson, out of love for a great oak on his property, deeded to the tree ownership of itself and the land within eight feet of it on all sides. The original tree fell in 1942; a new tree was grown from one of its acorns. At the corner of Finley St. and Dearing St.
- UGA Horticulture Trial Garden** - Come see the horticulturists in action as they determine the "best of the best" plants for our region's heat and humidity. Look for the "Athens Select" label in southeast nurseries; those species were developed here! Across Carlton St. from Stegeman Coliseum. ■

# Your Guide to Making a Visit

**After your student has had some time to settle in, a trip to Athens may be just what you and your student need. You are strongly encouraged to visit your student. Not only can it help combat homesickness, but it can greatly benefit you to become familiar with your student's new environment, enabling you to identify with their new experiences and likewise share in the enthusiasm and excitement which will accompany their time at UGA.**

When you come to visit your student, you will want to allow time to become familiar with Athens yourself. After a while, your student will be an experienced tour guide and can share with you all the secrets Athens has to offer — unique landmarks; historic places; diverse shopping; exciting sports and recreation; lively entertainment; festivals and celebrations; and of course, any student's favorite part of a parent visit, the possibility of a "free" meal at any of Athens' wide variety of restaurants!

Athens, Georgia, is home to about 115,000 people and offers a variety of activities for all parents and students to enjoy.

## IS ONE TIME OF YEAR BETTER TO VISIT THAN ANOTHER?

Athens is a great place to be year round, but you may want to coordinate your visit to coincide with a particular season or a special event. Spring is a particularly beautiful time of year to visit. The campus bursts into bloom beginning late in

March and continuing through April and May. Many families enjoy fall's autumn hues and cooler temperatures. During this season, continuing your journey north from Athens is always a popular option in order to experience the beauty of the North Georgia mountains. To obtain more information about specific events, visit the Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau website at [www.visitathensga.com](http://www.visitathensga.com) or contact the Bureau at (706)357-4430 Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. The Bureau also has a list of local attractions, along with contact information for each site.

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

The UGA Visitors Center offers directions from the highways that feed into Athens. This list is available at [www.uga.edu/visctr/directions](http://www.uga.edu/visctr/directions). Below are some other possibilities for getting to campus.

### Air

Athens-Ben Epps Airport is served by Georgia Skies, which offers several flights daily to Atlanta's Hartsfield-



Jackson International Airport. The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is another option for flights. More information can be obtained by calling Athens Ben-Epps Field, Clarke County Airport at (706) 613-3420.

### Shuttle from Atlanta Airport

AAA Airport Shuttle, Inc. provides limousine service to and from the Atlanta/Hartsfield International Airport. The fee for this service averages \$45.00 each way. Schedules and seating can be guaranteed by reservations only. Contact AAA Airport Shuttle, Inc. at (404) 767-2000, (800) 354-7874 or at [www.AAAairportexpress.com](http://www.AAAairportexpress.com).

## WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

The Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau maintains a current list of accommodations at [www.visitathensga.com/accommodations\\_list.cfm](http://www.visitathensga.com/accommodations_list.cfm). Please visit this site for phone numbers, addresses and additional lodging information. The Georgia Center for Continuing Education is a hotel and conference center located on campus. It is convenient to many campus activities and is a possibility if you are visiting your student. Call (706) 548-1311 or (888) 295-8894 for more information.

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Academic Advising	Call School or College
Academic Enhancement	542-7575
Advanced Placement Credit	542-3240
Books: Buy: New/Used	542-3171
My ID & Oasis Assistance	542-3106
Cooperative Education/ Internships	542-3375
Graduate Studies	425-3111
Graduation Information	542-4040
Honors Program	542-3240
Independent Study	542-3243
International Students	542-5867
Registrar (Transcripts, etc.)	542-4040
Study Abroad Opportunities	425-3274
Study Skills	542-7575
Transfer Credit	542-2112
Tutors	542-7575
Withdrawal from UGA	542-3564

LIBRARIES	
General Information	542-3251
Main Library/North Campus	542-3256
Science Library/South Campus	542-4535

ATHLETICS/RECREATION:	
Athletic Tickets (Football, Basketball, Gymnastics, Baseball, etc.)	542-1231
Emergency – 24 Hour	542-2200
Emergency Medical Info	542-2200
Intramural Information	542-8648
Outdoor Recreation	542-4677
Recreational Sports	542-5060

CAREER AND COUNSELING	
Career Counseling	542-3375
Testing	542-3183
Cooperative Education	542-3375
COUNSELING	
Disability	542-8719
Financial	542-6147
Judicial Programs	542-1131
Personal Health Service	542-1162
Mental Health	542-1173
Counseling & Testing	542-3183
Discrimination	542-7912
Employment	542-3375
Work Study	542-6147
Job Search Programs	542-3375
Placement Center	542-3375
Health Center	(fax) 542-4959, 542-1162
Contraception Information	542-8690
Dental Concerns	542-8700
Emergency: Dental	542-8700
Emergency: Medical	542-2200
Health Insurance	542-2222
Pregnancy Testing and Counseling	542-8691
Prescriptions/Pharmacy	542-8627
Psychiatric Aid	542-2273
Rape Crisis Line	353-1912 or 542-2200
Women's Health	542-8691

HOUSING/RESIDENCE LIFE:	
Housing Office	542-1421
Family Housing	542-1473

GETTING INVOLVED/ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:	
Air Force ROTC	542-1751
Army ROTC	542-2612
Black Affairs Council	542-5773
Concerts	542-8074 or 542-3737
Fraternity Information	542-4611
Greek Life Information	542-4611
International Students	542-5867
Intramural/Rec. Sports	542-5060
Marching Band Tryouts	542-1505
Multicultural Services & Programs	542-5773
Music: Choirs/ Glee Clubs	542-3737
National Student Exchange	583-5527
Outdoor Recreation	542-4677
Pandora (Yearbook)	542-6396
Radio, Campus – WUOG	542-8473
Red & Black (Student Newspaper)	433-3000
Religious Organizations	542-6396
Rush: Sorority/Fraternity	542-4611
Sorority Information	542-4611
Student Affairs	542-3564
Study Abroad	425-3274
Student Conduct	542-1131
Volunteer UGA	583-0830

SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION:	
Auto Registration	542-PARK
Bike Registration	542-PARK
BUS	
City Bus (ATS)	613-3430
Greyhound Schedules	549-2255
University Bus	369-6220
Handicapped Services	542-6220
Parking Permits	542-PARK
Police	542-2200
Rape Crisis Line	353-1912
Safe Campuses Now	354-1115
Sexual Harassment	542-0006

UGA INFORMATION	
Admissions:	
Undergraduate	542-2112
Graduate	425-3111
Campus Visits/Tours	542-0842
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Financial Aid Information	542-6147
Judicial Programs	542-1131
Meal Plan/Food Services	542-1256
Multicultural Services	542-5773
Student Affairs	542-3564

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# Academic Calendar

## 2011 FALL SEMESTER

Residence Halls Open	Aug. 10
Classes Begin	Aug. 15
Drop/Add	Aug. 15-18
Holiday (Labor Day)	Sept. 5
Midterm	Oct. 6
Midpoint Withdrawal Deadline	Oct. 20
Fall Break	Oct. 28
Holiday (Thanksgiving)	Nov. 21-25
Classes Resume	Nov. 28
Classes End	Dec. 6
Reading Day	Dec. 7
Final Exams	Dec. 8-14
Commencement	Dec. 16

## 2012 SPRING SEMESTER

Residence Halls Open	Jan. 4
Classes Begin	Jan. 9
Drop/Add	Jan. 9-12
Holiday (M.L.K. Day)	Jan. 16
Midterm	Feb. 29
Midpoint Withdrawal Deadline	Mar. 22
Last day of classes (prior to Spring Break)	Mar. 9
Spring Break	Mar. 12-16
Classes Resume	Mar. 19
Classes End	Apr 30
Reading Day	May 1
Final Exams	May 2-8
Commencement	May 11

This information is correct as of April 2011, but may be subject to change. For more information, visit the University's Master Calendar Web site at [www.uga.edu/mastercalendar](http://www.uga.edu/mastercalendar)

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