Georgia State University Info Guide

University Campus

- Public research university
- Located seamlessly in the heart of urban Atlanta
 - Homeless population
 - Traffic problems
- Dorms and classes located within less than 15 minutes of walking
- Safety
 - GSU police escorts
 - GSU safety alerts
 - Virtual ride-alongs
 - Groups are recommended when walking at night
 - See something; say something
- Two-year Associate degrees at Perimeter College
 - o Alpharetta
 - Clarkston
 - Decatur
 - o Dunwoody
 - o Online
- Easily transfer to Atlanta Campus
 - Four-year Bachelor degrees

University Size

- Statistics from Fall 2021:
 - Total enrollment: 54,000+
 - Total undergraduate enrollment: 27,970+
 - International students: 3,000+
 - Student-to-faculty Ratio: 23:1
 - Instructional employees: 1,767

University Location & Surrounding Area

- Hard to navigate at first
- Main campus is 110 acres (45 hectares) in the heart of Atlanta
- Restaurants
 - Chick-fil-A (on-campus)
 - Steak 'n Shake (on-campus)
 - Waffle House (walking distance)
 - 3 University dining halls (on-campus)
- Attractions
 - Georgia Aquarium
 - World of Coca-Cola
 - Georgia State Capitol
 - o APEX Museum
 - Six Flags Over Georgia
 - Panther Bookstore
 - Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Opportunities for Students

- Employment
 - GSU teaching assistants
 - Fast-food
 - Job fairs
- Networking
 - Give speeches
 - Meet industry experts
 - Work at the GSU student center
- Intern, research, and honor program opportunities

Academics

- Uses the semester calendar
- Opportunities for professional experiences (internships, researching, study abroad)

- Broken down into 12 schools
 - Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
 - Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing & Health Professions
 - College of Education and Human Development
 - J. Mack Robinson College of Business
 - College of Arts and Sciences
 - School of Public Health
 - Perimeter College
 - College of the Arts
 - College of Law
 - Honors College

Supports for Students

- How does GSU support students?
 - Office hours to seek assistance from professors and teaching assistants.
 - Panther tutors to seek assistance from those who have already taken the courses.
 - Advisors and personalized Honors College advisors assist you during and after college, as well as in professional decision making.

Majors Offered

- Over 250 degree programs at the Atlanta campus in 100 fields of study.
 - Homeland Security, Law Enforcement & Firefighting
 - Ethnic, Culture, or Gender Studies
 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences
 - Business, Management, and Marketing
 - Public Administration & Social Service
 - Communication and Journalism
 - Computer & Information Sciences
 - Education and Human Development
 - English Language & Literature
 - Foreign Language & Linguistics

- Mathematics & Statistics
- Philosophy & Religious Studies
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Health Professions
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Psychology

Student Life

- Getting involved is effortless with over 400 clubs and organizations at Georgia State.
- Greek, frat, and sorority organizations.
- Events are hosted often.
 - o Trivia
 - Origami
 - Gallery show
 - Movie theatre
 - Skating rink
 - City landmark tours
 - Parties
- Festivals such as the International Spring Festival, Concert Festival, and Southeastern Regional Concert Festival are keen for relaxation, live music, student showcases, and advertising.

Unique Features of Georgia State

- ★ **HEAR FROM PAST STUDENTS:** What makes GSU so unique?
- Enlightening conversations from students of various cultures and ethnicities.
- Georgia State University has over 400 student organizations; all students fit somewhere.
- Open city campus that provides networking opportunities to well-known officials.
- Ease of access to scholarships, advisors, payment plans, employment, and business wear.
- Encouragement from undergraduate professors.

Application and Admissions Information

- General admission requirements:
 - \$60 nonrefundable application fee
 - High School transcript
 - Supplemental essay(s) for certain majors
 - Optional letter(s) of recommendation
 - Optional 250-650 word personal essay
 - SAT or ACT scores
- Important Dates for Fall Admissions:
 - Admission Applications Open: August 1
 - Honors and Scholarship Priority Deadline: December 8
 - Final Application Deadline: April 15
 - Official Transcripts and Test Scores Submission Deadline: June 1
- Important Dates for Spring Admissions:
 - Early Application Deadline: October 1
 - Regular Application Deadline: December 11
- Important Dates for Summer Admissions:
 - Early Application Deadline: February 1
 - Regular Application Deadline: May 1
- Cost for Georgia State per semester (15 credit hours)
 - Estimated In-State Tuition/Fees/Books: \$6,538
 - Estimated Out-of-State Tuition/Fees/Books: \$16,057
 - Several payment plans are offered for tuition payments.

University Selectivity

- Mild selectivity
- Average 76.10% Regular Acceptance Rate

Housing at Georgia State

• Patton Hall

- Primarily for first-year students
- Houses 325 students
- Five-housed floors
- Shared one-bedroom unit with shared bath
- Suite with one single room, one shared room, and shared bathroom
- Meal plan for on-site dining hall

• Piedmont Central

- Primarily for first-year students
- Houses 1,140 students
- 10-housed floors
- Two-bedroom, one-shared-bathroom suite
- Private rooms
- Meal plan

• Piedmont North

- Primarily for first-year students
- Houses 1,100 students in two buildings
- Five or eight-housed floors
- Double or triple inhabitant rooms; personal bathrooms
- Meal plan

• University Commons

- Primarily for upperclassmen students
- Houses 2,000 students in four apartment-style buildings
- Eight to fifteen floors
- Two or four-bedroom apartments with full kitchens
- Pick between either a shared bath or two private baths
- Pick between either two private rooms or a private room and a shared room

• University Lofts

- Primarily for upperclassmen students
- Houses 550 students in 14-housed floors

- Choose between studio-styled or one to four bedroom apartments
- Pick between one or two bath lofts
- Full kitchens
- Greek Town Houses
 - Community for growing amounts of upperclassmen involved in fraternities or sororities
 - Nine town houses with three-housed floors
 - Pick between 7, nine, or ten bedroom townhouses
 - Pick between two or three baths
- Commuter housing options nearby Georgia State
 - o The Mix
 - o ONE12
 - Research other housing options nearby Georgia State to see what appeals to you!

Advice for Hesitant Students

- The Georgia State experience is what you make of it.
 - Join clubs, fraternities, or sororities!
 - Eat lunch with friends!
 - Take time to yourself!
 - Ask for help when you need it!
- Be sure to have a work-school-life balance.
- Attend a tour in-person or virtually.
 - A tour may be what influences your final enrolling decisions!

The Recreation Center at Georgia State

- The Recreation Center is a premiere landmark of Georgia State.
- The center features the gym, pool, workout classes, and room of basketball and tennis courts.

Core Curriculum at Georgia State

• Area A1: Written Communication (6 required credit hours)

- English Composition I (3 credit hours)
- English Composition II (3 credit hours)

• Area A2: Mathematics (3-4 required credit hours)

- Introduction to Mathematical Modeling (3 credit hours)
- College Algebra (3 credit hours)
- College Trigonometry (3 credit hours)
- Survey of Calculus (3 credit hours)
- Precalculus (3 credit hours)
- Discrete Mathematics (3 credit hours)
- Calculus for the Life Sciences I (4 credit hours)
- Calculus for the Life Sciences II (4 credit hours)
- Calculus of One Variable I (4 credit hours)
- Calculus of One Variable II (4 credit hours)
- Multivariate Calculus (4 credit hours)

• Area B: Institutional Foundations (4 required credit hours)

- Critical Thinking (2 credit hours)
- Perspectives on Comparative Culture (2 credit hours)
- Scientific Perspectives on Global Problems (2 credit hours)
- Human Communication (2 credit hours)

• AREA C: Select two courses (6 credit hours) from Humanities, Fine Arts, and Foriegn Language. These courses must come from separate groups.

• Area C1: Humanities

- Introduction to Philosophy (3 credit hours)
- World Literature (3 credit hours)
- Introduction to World Religions (3 credit hours)
- Media, Culture, and Society (3 credit hours)
- British Literature (3 credit hours)
- American Literature (3 credit hours)

• Area C2: Fine Arts

- AH 1700 Survey of Art I (3 credit hours)
- AH 1750 Survey of Art II (3 credit hours)

- Introduction to Theatre (3 credit hours)
- History of the Motion Picture (3 credit hours)
- Jazz: Its Origins, Styles, and Influence (3 credit hours)
- Dramatic Music from the Renaissance through the Twentieth Century (3 credit hours)
- Music, Society, and Culture (3 credit hours)
- Survey of Art III (3 credit hours)

• Area C3: Foreign Language

- Elementary, Immediate I, and Immediate II course options are offered for the following foreign languages:
 - Arabic
 - ASL (American Sign Language)
 - Chinese
 - French
 - German
 - Greek/Modern Greek
 - Hebrew
 - Italian
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Latin
 - Persian
 - Portugeuse
 - Russian
 - Spanish
 - Swahli
 - Turkish

• Area D: Natural and Computational Sciences (11 required credit hours)

- Students must select from nine two-course sequences that provide eight credit hours
 each sequence. These sequences include:
 - Astronomy

- Geosciences
- Introductory Biology
- Introductory Chemistry
- Introductory Geoscience
- Introductory Physics
- Principles of Chemistry
- Principles of Physics
- Survey of Chemistry
- Weather/Climate and Landforms

(8 required credits; 1 sequence required)

- Students must select one course from a different discipline than the previous sequences. These selections can include:
 - Introduction to the Universe
 - Human Physiology
 - Microbiology and Public Health
 - Chemistry for Citizens, Computers and Applications
 - Geologic Resources and the Environment
 - Elementary Statistics
 - Physical Science: Physics of Music and Speech
 - Intro to Biological Psychology
 - (1 course required)
- Area E: Social Science (12 required credit hours)
 - Required 6 Credit Hours for United States Politics and History
 - Survey of United States History (required 3 credit hours)
 - American Government (required 3 credit hours)
 - Required three (3) Credit Hours for Global Economics, Global Politics, and World History (one course from below)
 - The Global Economy, Survey of World History to 1500, Survey of World History since 1500, Global Issues
 - Required three (3) Credit Hours for Social Sciences Foundations (one course from below)

- African and African-American History
- Introduction to Human Geography
- Introduction to General Psychology
- Introductory Sociology, Introduction to Social Problems
- Introduction to Women's Studies
- Introduction to African-American Studies
- Introduction to Anthropology
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Social Science and the American Crime Problem

• Area F: Lower Division Major Requirements

• 18 semester hours to prepare for a Bachelor Degree, specific to major.

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