

# A Public Research University in the Heart of Atlanta



Georgia State University, an enterprising public research university in Atlanta, is a national leader in graduating students from diverse backgrounds. The university provides its world-class faculty and more than 50,000 students with unsurpassed connections to the opportunities available in one of the 21st century's great global cities.

## Academics

Georgia State offers a challenging academic environment that emphasizes research and practical experience across the curriculum.

- 100 fields of study with more than 250 degree programs
- Atlanta-Based Learning program that weaves the city into the classroom
- Nationally recognized Freshman Learning Communities
- Internship and service opportunities in and around Atlanta

## Student Body

The student body of more than 50,000 demonstrates that students from all backgrounds can achieve at high rates.

- 47% bachelor's degree students, 40% associate degree students, 12% graduate students, 1% professional students
- Students from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation and more than 160 countries
- 14th most diverse university in the nation
- #1 in Georgia in undergraduate and graduate degrees conferred to students of color
- More than 2,000 international students
- Asian = 13%; Black = 39%; Hispanic = 9%\*; Multiracial = 5%; Other/ Not Reported = 7%; White = 30%

## Rankings

Georgia State has more than 50 nationally and internationally ranked programs, including these:

- Best Value Law School
- City Management and Urban Policy
- Computer Information Systems
- Health Law
- Hospitality
- Nonprofit Management
- Part-time Law
- Part-time MBA
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Real Estate
- Risk Management and Insurance

## Faculty and Staff

Atlanta's quality of life helps Georgia State attract top-notch faculty, staff and administrators.

- More than 5,100 faculty and staff • Student/faculty ratio: Downtown Atlanta campus = 21/1; Perimeter College campuses = 19/1



## Schools and Colleges

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

## Connections with Atlanta

Atlanta is integral to Georgia State's educational experience. Students and faculty are a part of a living laboratory in the center of the city.

- Students have interned at Fortune 500 companies, national nonprofits, government agencies and federal and state courts.
- More Georgia executives hold advanced degrees from the J. Mack Robinson College of Business than from any school in the Southeast.
- Georgia State reaches into the community through programs as diverse as the Health Law Partnership Clinic, the Bio-Bus mobile laboratory for K-12 students, performances at the Rialto Center for the Arts, the Partnership for Urban Health Research and the Confucius Institute, a one-of-a-kind resource for the business community in metro Atlanta and the state of Georgia.

\* Because ethnicity is reported separately from race, the sum of the percentages exceeds 100%.



## A Commitment to Student Success

Georgia State is recognized as a national leader in helping students achieve academic success. Over a 10-year period, it raised its graduation rate by 22 percentage points, the most dramatic increase of any national university. Using predictive analytics of student performance and proactive advising interventions, the university has:

- Increased semester-to-semester retention rates by 5 percent

- Reduced time-to-degree for graduating students by almost half a semester

- Enabled 1,200 more students to stay in school

- Allowed the Class of 2014 to save \$10 million in tuition and fees compared to graduates a year earlier

- Saved Georgia taxpayers millions in support costs for public education because students are graduating more quickly

## A Growing Research Institution

Since gaining research university status in 1996, Georgia State has rapidly built a dynamic and productive research enterprise that addresses major health and societal challenges. It is one of 108 leading research universities in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Faculty received more than \$101 million in grants in fiscal year 2015, a research funding record.

## Arts and Culture

Georgia State is a vital part of the vibrant arts and entertainment community of downtown Atlanta. Its top-notch venues, including the Rialto Center for the Arts, and its highly regarded programs in music, art, creative writing and film, make the university a center of creativity and artistic expression.

## A Catalyst for Downtown Growth

The growth and development of Georgia State's campus are recognized by civic leaders as essential to the increasing vitality of downtown Atlanta. Through construction and building acquisitions, the university has created a new academic corridor on the eastern side of Woodruff Park consisting of new homes for its College of Law, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, and a planned Creative Media Industries Institute.

## Economic Impact

Georgia State contributes to the economies of Atlanta and the South.

- \$1.6 billion economic impact on metro Atlanta each year

- More than \$662 million in total annual revenue

## Campus Life

Georgia State is where city life meets campus life.

- Five residence halls housing more than 4,100 students

- More than 400 student organizations, including 31 fraternities and sororities

- Six campus dining locations

- State-of-the-art Student Recreation Center

- 22 intramural sports and 23 sports clubs

## Alumni

Georgia State alumni, numbering more than 190,000 worldwide, include leaders in almost every field. More than 120,000 live in metro Atlanta.

## Athletics

The Athletics program is a source of school spirit and pride for the university.

- 16 NCAA Division I teams competing in the Sun Belt Conference

- Football team that plays in the Georgia Dome and participates in the Football Bowl Subdivision

- Student-athletes who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for seven years

- Sun Belt-leading graduation success rate of 88 percent

- Nickname: Panthers

- Mascot name: Pounce

- Colors: Blue and White

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