In 1785, the University of Georgia became the first state-chartered university in America.
WE TAKE OUR DESIGNATION AS “THE FIRST” SERIOUSLY.

UGA students are always the first—to volunteer, to engage, to question, to take action. They are on the front lines: conducting research alongside professors, exploring diverse cultures across the globe through more than 100 study abroad locations, serving in Athens, GA and beyond. They are leading by example, blazing new paths, creating a better world. Will you join them?

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE FIRST?
He’s not a T.A. or a graduate student. He’s a full professor and part of a Pulitzer Prize–winning team of journalists.

John (as you may one day know him) teaches Credibility, News Media and Public Trust as part of UGA’s First-Year Odyssey, a program created to introduce you to the academic culture of UGA.

You might debate the credibility of Stephen Colbert with him and your 14 other classmates in a cozy classroom; you might discover an internship opportunity related to journalism; you might partner with Professor Greenman on his next research project. You never know.

We created First-Year Odyssey because, with more than 130 majors, 650 student organizations and thousands of internship and research opportunities available on campus, it can be hard to know where to start. So your professor will get to know you and your interests, your ambitions and your goals, and then help you find the opportunities that will help you thrive.
TWO OF PROFESSOR JOHNSON’S FORMER BOSSES INCLUDE JIMMY CARTER AND BILL CLINTON.

Meet more of UGA’s exceptional faculty at uga.edu/faculty

After 30 years of experience that includes a year as a Congressional Fellow in the U.S. Senate, serving as a special assistant on the Senate and House Intelligence Committees, working on foreign policy and intelligence issues under Presidents Carter and Clinton, and establishing the School of Public and International Affairs at UGA, one might expect Professor Loch K. Johnson to start slowing down. One would be wrong.

In 2012, Professor Johnson published two books, The Threat on the Horizon: An Inside Account of America’s Search for Security After the Cold War and National Security Intelligence: Secret Operations in Defense of the Democracies. He was also named the Southeastern Conference’s first Professor of the Year. “In the classroom, my first objective is to ensure that students understand the facts, the theories and the laws related to international affairs; then we turn to an examination of values, posing the question: ‘What reforms might make this a more just world?’”

“PROFESSORS HERE ARE AMAZING. FOR REALS. PERIOD.”
—Sara Linn, broadcast journalism
MORE THAN 170 WAYS TO SUCCEED
Faculty in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications rank first in the country based on the number of articles published. — Journal of Advertising

How good is our journalism program? Since 1940, the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication has administered the Peabody Awards, the oldest and most prestigious prize for electronic media in the world.

NINE OF OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ARE RANKED 22ND OR HIGHER IN THE COUNTRY.

For example:

- 22nd ranked College of Pharmacy—U.S. News & World Report
- 2nd ranked undergraduate program in landscape architecture—America’s Best Architecture and Design Schools
- 12th ranked College of Veterinary Medicine—U.S. News & World Report
- 118th among public business schools—Bloomberg Businessweek
- 22nd ranked Fine Arts program—U.S. News & World Report
- 4th ranked Public Affairs program—U.S. News & World Report
- 10th ranked bachelor’s program in accounting—U.S. News & World Report
- 16th Best Business Program among public universities—U.S. News & World Report
THE FIRST ON THE FRONT LINES OF DISCOVERY
How does a hip transplant recipient’s gait affect the amount of pain he or she experiences?

Janet Westpheling, professor of genetics, conducts research toward converting biomass from crop plants into bio-based alternative fuels.

How does climate change affect the decision-making abilities of fishermen in Indonesia?

How do the systems of public health in Australia affect Aboriginals?

Can we measure the severity of schizophrenia?

What is the public health legacy of Agent Orange in Vietnam?

What do you care about the most? How do you want to change the world?

UGA student researchers are asking some serious questions.
Since he arrived on campus in 2009, Amar Mirza ’12, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, has never stopped conducting research. He’s worked for four years with Dr. Natarajan Kannan at UGA, researching the structure and function of protein kinases from an evolutionary perspective. In addition, he’s conducted summer research at Harvard Medical School and at the University of California Berkeley. Amar has published three papers in scientific journals and is preparing two more for publication, all as an undergraduate.

In 2011, Amar was awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship—a merit-based scholarship established by the U.S. Congress to support the “next generation” of the country’s best and brightest scientists, mathematicians and engineers. The Goldwater Scholarship is awarded to only 300 students in the United States each year.
Honors students at UGA don’t have to make the hard decision between the personalized attention of a small liberal arts college and access to the wide-ranging resources of a research university. They get the best of both worlds, including:

1. An average Honors class size of 17 students
2. Access to a team of personal academic advisors and peer advisors
3. Priority registration for all courses at UGA
4. Access, from day one, to faculty-mentored research through the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO)
5. A stipend to fund international study
6. The Honors Internship Program, which sends students to live and work in cities such as New York, Savannah, and Washington, D.C., at placements ranging from congressional offices and government agencies to media companies, law firms and not-for-profit organizations
7. The opportunity to live in Myers Hall, home to 250 first-year Honors students

According to “A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs,” UGA has the 10th best program based on a ranking of “overall excellence.”
Libraries
libs.uga.edu

Apollodorus— or “the Skin Book,” as it’s known on UGA’s campus— is the most famous piece of UGA’s 200,000-volume-strong rare books collection. It’s also evidence that you can find pretty much any book you’re looking for at UGA.

Access to one of the nation’s best research libraries (according to the Association of Research Libraries) is only one of the many academic resources you’ll have at your fingertips as a student at UGA:

1. Meet with friends to study in the 236,000-square-foot Zell B. Miller Learning Center, which houses 96 group study rooms, four state-of-the-art advanced learning labs and a Jittery Joe’s coffee shop.

2. Complement your in-class learning with the rich resources of the Georgia Museum of Art or the Georgia Museum of Natural History, both located on UGA’s campus.

3. Conduct research on molecular biology, gene-splicing and other areas of genetic engineering alongside faculty in the state-of-the-art Fred C. Davison Life Sciences Complex.

4. Catch a performance at one of several venues located in UGA’s Performing and Visual Arts Complex.

5. Conduct research at the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, the first center of its kind in the country.

6. Experience the 600-acre Athens campus, a learning lab for many of our classes such as Landscape Architecture, Forestry and Horticulture.

There are more than two million books in the University of Georgia Main Library. Only one is bound in the author’s skin.
THE FIRST TO JUST GO
Last year, 1,994 UGA students studied abroad. They studied art in Italy. They practiced law in Belize and interned in Ireland and slept under the stars in Johannesburg. They lost themselves in other cultures. They celebrated difference. They experienced something that changed the way they viewed the world forever. With almost 200 study abroad programs across more than 40 countries from which to choose, you can, too.

International
Education
international.
uga.edu

Bryn Murphy ’12, took a class on international conflict at the University of Oxford (and while she was there, backpacked through Spain and France) worked in an environmental law organization in Peru; was trained as a safari field guide through a forestry program in Botswana; assisted a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology with her fieldwork on how climate change affects fishermen’s decision-making abilities in Indonesia; studied contemporary art and the Holocaust in Berlin; and learned about sustainability and ecoterrorism in Costa Rica. This year she plans to go to Morocco. Did we mention she’s only 22?

UGA ranks 5th among the top 20 research universities in the total number of students studying abroad.

UGA recently ranked 4th in the U.S. in the number of students participating in short-term study abroad experiences.

More than 25 percent of UGA undergrads study abroad before they graduate.

Once you go, you’ll never be the same again.
THE FIRST TO LEND A HELPING HAND
• Last year, more than 7,300 UGA students in more than 300 courses participated in community service as a required component of a course.
• Last year, 349 students spent their spring break participating in IMPACT, an alternative spring break experience. Through IMPACT, you might find yourself in Tuscaloosa, AL, helping rebuild homes damaged by recent tornadoes, serving the homeless in Chicago or working with veteran’s groups in Washington, DC. In all, IMPACT visits 19 sites each year.
• In 2000, UGA was the first university in the nation to organize a collegiate Relay for Life. That initial event raised $115,000. Today, more than 3,200 Dawgs volunteer for the annual event. Over the past decade, UGA Relay for Life has raised more than $2.5 million to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The University of Georgia is one of only 311 institutions nationally to be recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for its institutional commitment to community engagement through teaching, research and public service.

Center for Leadership and Service
cls.uga.edu
Students aren’t the only ones who serve. Service is a way of life at UGA. As a result, you’ll often find yourself serving alongside faculty members.

Dawg Day of Service finds 400 UGA students serving at 10 locations across Athens with organizations ranging from the Humane Society to the Boys and Girls Club to local schools. “There’s a great need in our local community for service,” says Lisa Kendall, advisor for the Arch Society, a student organization that serves as goodwill ambassadors for visitors to UGA. “You realize quickly that you’re not just a Bulldog, you’re also an Athens and Clarke County resident.”

UGA volunteers contribute more than 7 million hours of community service each year.
there’s so much more to student life at uGeorgia than football games (although we do love those).

• Write for The Red and Black, UGA’s 120-year-old independent student newspaper
• Hone your leadership skills through Leadership UGA
• Catch a $1 movie at the Tate Student Center (recent showings included Project X, The Descendants and Cabin in the Woods)
• Experience diverse cultures by attending events like the International Street Festival, Middle Eastern Night and the Amnesty International Human Rights Festival
• Compete in Faceoff, an all-Greek step show where active chapters deliver high-energy performances
• Become a member of University Union and help select, organize and promote on-campus events (recent performers have included John Legend, Gym Class Heroes and actor Danny McBride)

650 student clubs and organizations. 32 fraternities and 26 sororities. Hundreds of student leadership positions on campus. In other words, there’s a lot to do at UGA.

But you’ll find your classmates at UGA don’t just get involved for the sake of getting involved. They’re interested in becoming better leaders, serving others, starting something substantial. They’re interested in living every day to the fullest. At UGA, they can.

As one of our administrators likes to say, “Our students are hell on wheels. They’re freakishly intelligent. They go after their goals undaunted.” That sounds about right.

FIRST THINGS FIRST: GET INVOLVED

MARK OUR WORDS: HEATHER WILL CHANGE THE WORLD.

Chair of the environmental subcommittee on the Student Government Association, International Co-chair of the Sierra Student Coalition and a member of UGA Beyond Coal, Heather Hatzenbuhler ‘13, has turned her passion for environmental policy into real change. Heather was recently one of only a handful of students in the United States selected to attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in South Africa. She was the only student delegate from the Southeast.

Suddenly you want to become part of everything.

—Matt Tooley ‘13, risk management and insurance

THERE’S SO MUCH MORE TO STUDENT LIFE AT UGA THAN FOOTBALL GAMES (ALTHOUGH WE DO LOVE THOSE).
And those are just three of Andrea’s five internships.

Andrea Giraudo ’12, an international business, marketing and fashion merchandising triple major, amassed a wealth of internship experiences during her time at UGA, serving as a buying intern for Dolce & Gabbana, a business analyst for Target, a marketing intern at IPPOLITA (a jewelry line that sells to Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus), a social media intern at BrideAttraction and an account executive intern at BLVD Fashion & Culture Magazine.

But Andrea didn’t have to sacrifice the rest of her undergraduate experience in exchange for her internships. She also studied abroad in Florence for three months (and during that time, visited seven different countries), participated in the Harvard Business School’s Summer Venture in Management Program, was actively involved in the Hispanic Student Association, volunteered at the Athens Homeless Shelter and Mercy Clinic, and through her involvement with the Freshmen Business Learning Community, served as a peer advisor to 20 freshmen interested in pursuing business degrees.

So the moral of the story is yes, you can do “that” at UGA, whatever “that” may be.
We surveyed UGA students about their internship experiences. Here’s what they told us:

A Snapshot of Internships at UGA

Average number of hours worked by interns:
24/week

Hourly wages of interns:
Average hourly wage: $13/hour
Median hourly wage: $12/hour

Types of compensation received:
- 33% Hourly
- 11% Salary
- 50% Unpaid
- 6% Other compensation

26% of students have completed an internship prior to graduation.

Top Internship Cities

- Athens
- New York
- Charlotte
- Washington, D.C.

Top Internship Job Functions of Students (in alphabetical order)
- Accounting/Auditing
- Accounting
- Education
- Entertainment
- Fashion
- Financial Services
- Government
- Healthcare
- Marketing
- Nonprofit/Philanthropy
- Public Relations
- Research
- Social Services
- Social Work

Top Internship Industries (in alphabetical order)
- Accounting
- Accounting/Financial Services
- Administrative Services
- Healthcare
- Nonprofit/Philanthropy

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- 6% Other compensation

Sample Internship Sites
- 40 Watt Club
- Athens Banner-Herald
- Athens Housing Authority
- Athens Research and Technology
- Bear Hollow Zoo
- Center for American Progress
- CNN
- Comcast Sports South
- Congressman Paul Broun
- Emory University
- Ernst & Young
- Georgia Museum of Art
- Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget
- Home Depot
- Horwin Bould
- Mars Autism Center
- MD Anderson Cancer Center
- MTV Networks
- New York Botanical Garden
- New York Life Insurance Company
- Northwestern Mutual
- Rand Edwards
- Southern Nuclear
- United States Geological Survey
- UPS
- United States Marshal Service
- USDA
- UPS

Job internship career.uga.edu/job_search/internships
THE FIRST TO LIVE LIKE THERE’S NO TOMORROW
More than 7,000 dawgs — including every first-year student — live in the 21 residence halls located on UGA’s campus. They choose from a wide range of options, including the 120-bed Mary Lyndon Hall (home to the French and Spanish language communities), the 372-bed Cornell Hall (reserved for first-year students) and the apartment-style Van de Loo Hall (which houses second-, third- and fourth-year students).

While each of the residence halls on UGA’s campus possesses its own personality and history (Myers Hall is the magnet residence of the UGA Honors program, and the dorms of the Hill Community are close to Legion Field, which has hosted concerts by acts such as R.E.M. and Pearl Jam), they all serve as starting points for lifelong friendships, late-night debates (including Snelling, which is open 24 hours a day during the week), impromptu video game tournaments and exposure to a wide range of people and cultures. “There are seven different countries, 11 different languages and 12 different majors just on my floor of the residence hall,” says Crystal Weigle, a fourth-year marketing major.
ATHENS
Athens was recently named the “Best City for Millennials” (those ages 18 to 29) by Moving.com for the city’s combination of affordable housing, low unemployment rate, and access to nearby educational and cultural opportunities.


There’s a lot to do in your new city: catch a show at 40 Watt Club or the Georgia Theatre. Volunteer or intern with one of Athens’ 170 not-for-profit organizations. Explore vintage shops, thrift stores and art galleries. Eat at world-renowned restaurants. Enjoy the weather. Etc.

Learn more about Athens at visitathensga.com.
GO DAWGS!
You probably know a little something about athletics at UGA. Most people do. UGA enjoys one of the most celebrated and successful athletic programs in the country, routinely finishing in the top 20 of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics standings, which measure success across all athletic programs. What you might not know is that, in addition to cheering on the Dawgs as they fight for Georgia’s glory across 19 sports, as a student at UGA, you’ll enjoy access to one of the country’s most vibrant intramural sports programs. Gather your closest friends and compete in any one of UGA’s 65 intramural sports, ranging from basketball and cornhole to badminton and flag football.

The 425,000-square-foot Ramsey Center has been rated by Sports Illustrated as the best fitness facility for students in the nation. Built in 1995, the Ramsey Center includes a two-story climbing wall, four gyms, 10 racquetball courts, eight basketball courts, a natatorium with two pools and a diving well, a volleyball arena, a 1/8-mile indoor jogging track and 19,000 square feet worth of strength and conditioning centers.

38 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (26 SINCE 1999).
142 SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS.
AND COUNTING.

The best student fitness facility in the nation

Photo by David Manning of OnlineAthens.com and the Athens Banner-Herald.
CALLING THE DAWGS, SILVER BRITCHES, LITERARY SOCIETY RIVALRIES, THE TREE THAT OWNS ITSELF—THESE WILL ALL MAKE SENSE SOON.

When you’ve been around for more than 227 years, chances are you’ll develop some interesting traditions. Here are just a few that you’ll discover as a student at UGA:

**LITERARY SOCIETIES:**
In 1803, The Demosthenian Literary Society became the first student organization founded at UGA. Seventeen years later, some members split to form the Phi Kappa Literary Society. Until the Civil War, students were required to join one of the two societies, fueling an intense rivalry. Today, they regularly engage in debate competitions.

**THE TREE THAT OWNS ITSELF:**
A massive white oak so impressive to Colonel William Jackson that, in 1832, he willed the eight acres of land surrounding the tree to the tree itself. While the original tree fell in 1942, the Son of the Tree That Owns Itself was grown from one of its acorns. Seriously.

**SILVER BRITCHES:**
Originally worn by the football team in 1939, the Silver Britches were dropped by the Dawgs for 16 years during the ’60s and ’70s before they were brought back in 1980, the year that UGA won the national championship. Needless to say, they’re here to stay.

**FOUNDERS WEEK:**
UGA’s birthday is January 27, and the entire campus celebrates the founding with a week of activities and events.

“There is no tradition more worthy of envy, no institution worthy of such loyalty as the University of Georgia.” — Larry Munson, sports announcer and “Voice of the Bulldogs” for more than 40 years.
Rumor has it that if you walk beneath The Arch before you receive your UGA diploma, you might never graduate. The sidewalk on either side of the 150-year-old iron structure is worn down with the footsteps of UGA students who didn't dare test the validity of the century-old myth.
We are proud Dawgs, successful Dawgs. Among us are 25 former governors of Georgia; seven current and former college and university presidents; nine Pulitzer Prize winners; Bubba Watson; The CEOs of Aflac and Build-A-Bear Workshops; Deborah Norville; John Huey, editor-in-chief of Time Inc.; doctors, lawyers, accountants, poets, artists.

Ask them if UGA prepared them to succeed. We bet they say yes.
It would even be silly to list how many companies our graduates have founded, run or helped save through their brilliance. We could fill a book this length with the graduate and advanced degree programs they’ve attended, but we’re not sure what that would accomplish.

So we’ll just say this: the undergraduate research, internship, study abroad and service opportunities, combined with close attention from faculty, help prepare our graduates to succeed at anything they put their minds to.

Plus, when they graduate, they have a built-in professional network of more than 260,000 living alumni. That’s not a bad start.
More than 97 percent of UGA freshmen from the state of Georgia receive the Hope Scholarship, totaling up to $7,363 per academic year.

13 percent of incoming UGA freshmen receive an academic scholarship.

38 percent of undergraduate students receive some kind of need-based aid.

The average need-based financial aid award is $8,970.

Of those who received need-based aid, 75 percent of their need was met by financial assistance from UGA.

Everyone seems to agree on the value of a UGA education:

- 4th nationally in best “payback” of earnings to tuition — *SmartMoney* Magazine
- 5th Best Value among public universities — The Princeton Review
- 6th for overall value among public institutions — *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* Magazine
- Top 20 Public “Best Buys” — *Money* Magazine

In addition to relatively low tuition and fees, UGA provides a wide range of scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities for incoming students. For more information about financial aid at UGA, visit admissions.uga.edu.
JOIN US.
YOUR PLACE
AMONG THE
FIRST WAITS.
YEARS FROM NOW YOU WILL RETURN TO THIS PLACE AND SAY, “I AM ONE OF THE FIRST.”

AND YOU ALWAYS WILL BE.