ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

WELCOME

International Students

ATLANTA, GEORGIA USA

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Georgia State University
Welcome!

Georgia State University, founded in 1913, is a leading research university in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia, where people from all over the world come to live, work, study and play. Georgia State is the largest university in the Atlanta area and has numerous nationally ranked programs, especially in business, law and policy studies.

Georgia State has an enrollment of more than 32,000 undergraduate and graduate students, with about 1,600 international students representing more than 150 countries. With its location in the governmental, financial, retail, health and media center of the southeastern United States, Georgia State offers its students a rich environment for internships and practical learning experiences.

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Top Majors Chosen by Georgia State International Students

1. Finance
2. Accounting
3. Marketing
4. General Studies
5. Biology
6. Managerial Sciences
7. Actuarial Sciences
8. Risk Management Insurance
9. Computer Information Systems
10. Political Science
11. Economics
12. Mathematics
13. Computer Science
14. Public Policy

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Rankings

Georgia State has more than 50 nationally and internationally ranked programs, including these top U.S. programs:

- #1 Best Value Law School
- #2 Best Health Law Program
- #2 Best JD/MA in Philosophy
- #4 Best Program in Public Finance and Budgeting
- #4 Best Risk Management and Insurance Program
- #8 Best Computer Information Systems Program
- #10 Best Real Estate Program
- #12 Best Program in City Management and Urban Policy
- #12 Best Program in Nonprofit Management

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For more information on what Georgia State has to offer, visit www.gsu.edu
Atlanta, Georgia USA

Atlanta, the capital of the state of Georgia, is at the core of a vibrant metropolitan area of more than five million people. As host of the 1996 Olympic Games, Atlanta is an international city — boasting consuls general and trade representation from more than 65 countries.

The city also offers a wealth of outstanding social and cultural opportunities, including museums, theaters, professional sporting events, the world's largest aquarium, art and music festivals, and much more.

The beach is about four hours away and nearby mountains offer recreational options such as hiking, camping and whitewater rafting.

Atlanta is both a technology hub and a major player in international commerce, ranking 3rd in the nation for Fortune 500 company headquarters. Its airport is the busiest passenger airport in the world.

Atlanta’s thriving economy, Southern hospitality and large international community are major reasons why it is a top study destination for international students.

Climate
The city’s climate is moderate, with an average July temperature of 90°F (32°C) and an average January temperature of 48°F (9°C). Snow is uncommon in Atlanta.

Cost of Living
Compared to many other major cities in the U.S., Atlanta has a more affordable annual cost of living:

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Number indicates percentage that cost of living is higher than Atlanta’s.

* According to Sperling’s Best Place website

Area Attractions
Fun and meaningful things to see and do
- Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Centennial Olympic Park
- CNN Center
- Georgia Aquarium
- Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
- Professional Sports Teams
  - Atlanta Hawks (basketball)
  - Atlanta Falcons (football)
  - Atlanta Braves (baseball)
- World of Coca-Cola

Major Corporations & Nonprofit Organizations
Atlanta is home to dozens of Fortune 500 and 1000 companies and is a magnet for nonprofit organizations
- American Cancer Society
- Arthritis Foundation
- CARE headquarters
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Coca-Cola Enterprises
- Delta Air Lines
- Genuine Parts
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Home Depot
- Newell Rubbermaid
- Southern Company
- SunTrust Banks
- United Parcel Service (UPS)
Academics: Achieving Excellence

Georgia State students are serious about education — it’s part of our campus culture. Our challenging academic environment emphasizes clear communication, hands-on research and practical problem solving, so you will graduate with the kind of education employers value and life rewards. And with 100 fields of study and more than 250 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, chances are Georgia State has the academic opportunity that’s right for you.

Scholarships

Undergraduate

Georgia State offers different levels of scholarships for international undergraduate applicants on a competitive basis. Students may be eligible for a USFSM Atlanta scholarship that allows students to pay in-state tuition instead of the higher out-of-state tuition rate. For more information on the out-of-state waiver application process, go to www.sfs.geomd.edu.

Graduate

For graduate students, financial assistance varies by academic program. Most international graduate students at Georgia State eventually obtain a graduate assistantship, either during the admissions process or after a few semesters. Graduate assistantships are considered part-time, on-campus employment and provide a tuition waiver/scholarship along with a stipend. Contact your specific academic department for information on graduate assistantships. On-campus employment is not guaranteed.

Honors College

Recognizing and Rewarding Academic Excellence

Students who meet certain academic standards are eligible for Georgia State’s Honors College — a selective community of learning that rewards achievement with a wide range of advantages and opportunities, including:

- smaller classes
- competitive scholarships
- interdisciplinary options
- designated housing
- faculty mentoring
- priority registration
- special library privileges

Honors Admission Requirements

Once you have applied to the university, you will be contacted if you qualify for the Honors College. Students must have a minimum high school grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 and SAT scores of 1200 (math and verbal only) for consideration. Typically, students selected for the Honors College have an average 3.8 high school GPA and a 1300 SAT.

Current Georgia State students can apply for the Honors College once they have completed 12 hours of college work with at least a 3.5 GPA.

Classes Start:

- Fall Semester — 3rd week of August
- Spring Semester — 2nd week of January
- Summer Semester — 1st week of June

Accelarated Degree Programs

These programs allow students to earn both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in a consolidated time frame:

- B.S. and M.S. in Biology (5 years)
- B.S. and M.S. in Chemistry (5 years)
- B.S. in Computer Science (4 years) with an M.S. in Information Systems (1 year)
- B.S. in Computer Science (4 years) with an M.S. in Health Administration (1 year)

Academic Resources

- Mathematics Assistance Complex provides tutoring for first- and second-year students
- Writing Studio pairs writers with experienced readers to discuss writing assignments
- Language Acquisition and Resource Center offers free tutoring and resources for foreign language students
- Digital Aquarium provides tools for developing music, movies, interactive media, websites and more
- Supplemental Instruction offers free out-of-class study sessions for traditionally difficult courses
- Office of Disability Services provides services for students with permanent disabilities
# Colleges at Georgia State
- Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education
- College of Law
- Honors College
- J. Mack Robinson College of Business
- School of Public Health

## DEGREES OFFERED AT GEORGIA STATE

### Arts and Sciences
- African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics
- Art
- Art Education
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- English
- Environmental Science
- Pre-Film and Video
- French
- Geosciences
  - Concentration in Geology
  - Concentration in Environmental Geosciences
  - Concentration in Geography
  - Concentration in Urban Studies
- German
- Gerontology
- Heritage Preservation
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Pre-Journalism
- Law and Society
- Mathematics
- Middle East Studies
- Music
- Music Industry/Management
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

### Business
- Accountancy/Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business Analysis
- Business Economics
- Computer Information Systems
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- General Business
- Health Administration
- Hospitality Administration
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Managerial Sciences
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organization Management
- Real Estate
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Taxation
- Wealth Management

### Education
- Behavior/Learning Disabilities
- Birth Through Five
- Communication Disorders
- Counseling Psychology
- Counselor Education and Practice
- Early Childhood Education
- Education of Students with Exceptionalities
- Educational Leadership
- Educational Policy Studies
- Educational Psychology
- Educational Research
- English as a Second Language
- English Education
- Exercise Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Instructional Technology
- Kinesiology

### Law
- Law

### Nursing and Health Professions
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy

### Policy Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- Social Work

### Public Health
- Health Informatics
- Public Health

B = Bachelor's  
M = Master's  
D = Doctorate or Ph.D.

For more information on academic options, visit: www.gsu.edu/colleges-schools
On Campus: A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Georgia State strives to help its students achieve success by providing them with a full range of innovative programs, modern facilities and helpful services. Beginning with orientation, the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will provide information and advice regarding immigration regulations, cultural differences, financial matters, transportation, housing and more. The office will also point you toward the campus and community resources available to help you reach your academic and personal potential both inside and outside the classroom.

What do international students think about Georgia State?

Gloria Rinomhota, Zimbabwe, Undergraduate

"Georgia State offers programs and activities, as well as things to do downtown. My favorite thing is watching basketball games at the sports arena. I love the Panthers! ISSS helps so much. They help with passport issues, provide visa information, assist with job placement and can connect you with other students from your country. You won't feel alone on campus. There is a wealth of support for students."

Dhanesh Gandh, India, Graduate

"At Georgia State things are constantly moving. There are a lot of big firms in Atlanta that provide career opportunities for Georgia State students. Georgia State offers a balanced approach towards academics, social engagements and cultural awareness, and it helps you in shaping a multi-dimensional view of the world."

GET INVOLVED!

Outside the classroom, Georgia State offers many ways to get involved, with more than 275 student organizations, including 16 international student groups. Georgia State also offers sports opportunities and top-quality recreational facilities. And with Georgia's pleasant climate, students can enjoy outdoor activities year-round.

HOUSING

- Comfortable, safe and modern
- Within blocks of classes, resources and activities
- Five unique residence hall options
- On-site or nearby dining facilities
- Cable, Internet and WiFi access included
- 24-hour card key access
- 24/7 police patrol
- Free laundry facilities and more
Admissions: INFORMATION ON APPLYING

STEPS TO APPLY
1. Submit all the materials below to Undergraduate Admissions as soon as possible.
2. Once admitted, submit financial documentation needed for F1 visa to ISSS at Georgia State.
3. Receive I-20 from ISSS and apply for F1 visa.

APPLICATION MATERIALS
1. Georgia State University application for admission (online)
2. $60 application fee
3. Official high school/secondary school transcript
4. Official SAT or ACT scores sent from testing agency*
5. Proof of English proficiency – One of the following:
   • International Language/Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5
   • Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores of 550 or better (paper test) or 80 iBT (internet-based test)
   • Successful completion of Georgia State's Intensive English Program

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION
FI Visa Applicants Only
Non-native speakers of English who meet all admission requirements except English language proficiency may be granted conditional admission. Students granted conditional admission will be required to take certain courses in the Intensive English Program (IEP) before taking other courses at Georgia State. To be eligible for conditional admission, applicants must meet one of the following:
• IELTS score of 4.5
or
• TOEFL score of either: 480 or better (paper test) or 54-55 iBT (Internet-based test)
A student may remain on conditional admission status for no more than three semesters.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM ADMISSIONS
Georgia State’s Intensive English Program (IEP) offers academic English courses from beginning to advanced levels and is intended to prepare students for the language demands of university work as quickly as possible. IEP courses cover academic writing, process writing and grammar, intensive reading, extensive reading, and oral communication and fluency. Many students complete the Intensive English Program and move on directly to undergraduate or graduate studies at Georgia State.

IEP Admission Information
Before completing the IEP application (www.gsu.edu/iep), please note:
• Applicants must have a high school diploma
• Admission to the IEP is not the same as academic admission to Georgia State, which requires a direct, separate application to the university
• Early enrollment is advised

Admission Statistics
Students admitted to Georgia State in 2012–2013 had the following GPA and test scores:
• High School GPA of 3.0 and above
• SAT (critical reading + math)* of 950 and above
• ACT (composite)* of 20 and above

* Georgia State is allowed a limited number of exceptions to the SAT/ACT test score policy. Contact Lan Nguyen, Assistant Director for International Admission, at lnuyen@gsu.edu for details.

International Application and Document Deadlines
Freshmen:
Fall (Early Action) November 15
Fall March 1
Spring October 1
Summer March 1

Transfer:
Fall July 1
Spring October 1
Summer April 1

Tuition
One Semester:
In-State Tuition $4,184
Out-of-State Tuition $11,468

Two Semesters:
In-State Tuition $8,368
Out-of-State Tuition $22,936
International Student Support

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES
International Student and Scholar Services strives to stay in touch with you through newsletters and a website at www.isss.gsu.edu. We also offer workshops, special events and seminars. Please come by our office during advising hours or call if you need any assistance. We are committed to helping you achieve your personal and professional goals at Georgia State.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL
International Student Associations Council is composed of the presidents and officers of the 16 international student associations and works with International Student and Scholar Services to plan events for international students and Georgia State.

V.I.S.A. LEADER PROGRAM
As current international students, Volunteer International Student Assistant (V.I.S.A.) Leaders are uniquely positioned to assist you when you begin Georgia State. They will lead your orientation small group and are available to help with registration, housing, banking, campus life and anything else you may need.

ON-CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL CENTERS
- Asian Studies Center
- Center for Business Development in Transitional Economies
- Center for Collaborative and International Arts (CENCIA)

INTERNATIONALLY FOCUSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- English as a Second Language
- Global Partners MBA
- Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER)
- Center for Latin American and Latino Studies
- Confucius Institute
- Middle East Institute
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- International Business

Points of Interest

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES
The Office of International Initiatives leads internationalization on campus and in the local and global communities through its five units:
- International Student and Scholar Services
- Study Abroad Programs
- International Initiatives and Partnerships
- Strategic Planning and Development
- Confucius Institute

Fast Facts
- 1,574 international students (2011)
- 16 international student organizations
- 132 international agreements in 35 countries
- 18 exchange programs
- 48 faculty-led study abroad programs

Phi Beta Delta
International Honor Society
As one of the founding chapters of this honor society, Georgia State’s Alpha Lambda chapter recognizes scholarly achievements in international education. Invitations are extended to international students and scholars, U.S. students who have studied abroad and faculty and staff who are involved in international endeavors.

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