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The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



UGA IN THE NEWS

“Money” magazine highlights UGA within Best Colleges in America 2023 List



The University of Georgia has recently been named one of America's best Universities by "Money" Magazine in their annual Best Colleges in America List. This year's list transitioned to a five star rating system in which The University of Georgia received 4.5 stars. In a press release, the magazine detailed several characteristics of UGA which contributed to the high score but specifically emphasized UGA's above average graduation rate and scholarship support.

“The university’s 85% graduation rate is well above average, and 89% of students get grants to help fund their education,” the publication noted. “The university has an impressive number of students and faculty who earn national awards each year, including Rhodes, Fulbright and Marshall scholars.”

According to a UGAToday press release, the university’s four-year completion rate increased to a record 75.1% while the six-year completion rate grew to 88.1% last year. With a retention rate of 94.3%, UGA’s success exceeds the average completion and retention rates of peer institutions.

[Read the full report from Money Magazine here!](#)

NOTE FROM THE GEOGRAPHY OFFICE



The Geography Main office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Our office will resume operations on Wednesday, July 5th. Hope everyone has a safe & enjoyable holiday break!

General News and Announcements



Please note: The Graticule Weekly will be distributed bi-weekly until the start of the Fall semester. If you have any news or events to share, please contact [Matt Colonius](#) well in advance. Past editions of The Graticule Weekly are available to view on our website!



Please download the new UGA Safe app from the Google Play or Apple App stores. Login using your UGA MyID or register as a guest to take advantage of a variety of safety features. For more information, please visit the [UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness website](#).



With the Summer semester in full swing, our community will remain busy as faculty, staff, students, and visitors navigate our campus. Prioritize your transportation safety and the safety of other's by checking out [the Watch For Dawgs official website](#).

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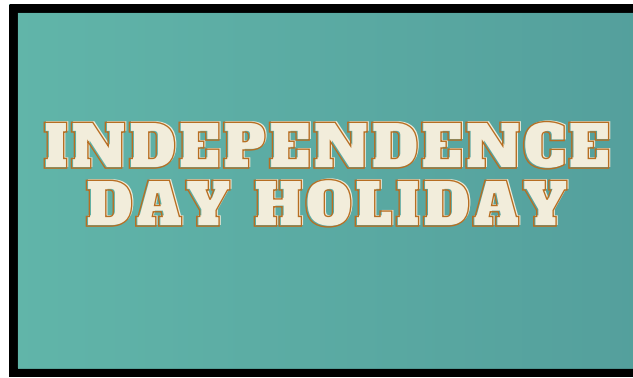


UPCOMING EVENTS



July 4th
Federal Holiday

The University of Georgia campus will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day. No classes will be held and all offices will be closed.



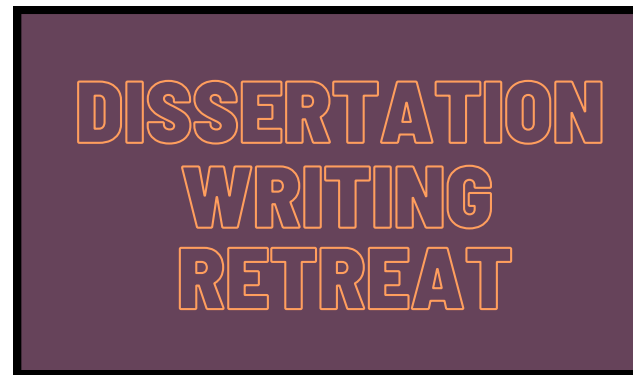
June 21- July 5

UGA Geography Maymester Course Evaluations are available between June 21st and July 5th, 2023. Please direct your students to complete their evaluations [here](#).



July 17- 21
8:30am- 1:30pm
MLC

The Dissertation Writing Retreat is offered by the Graduate School and Writing Center to provide structured writing time and resources for graduate students who are completing dissertation writing.



August 14th
Classic Center
2-4pm

Interactive fair with food trucks, music and more!

Registration details coming soon.



Social Media

Want to stay up to date with all things UGA Geography? Follow us on our social media accounts. If you have any events, news, awards, or other information you'd like to share on our social media, please reach out to Matt Colonius.



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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- **OSL Community Food Fellows Full Time Position**

The UGA Office of Service-Learning is seeking applicants for a full-time staff position in our office to help coordinate and build our forthcoming new initiative, the Community Food Fellows program, with funding support from an AmeriCorps State grant.

The coordinator will lead all aspects of this new program and coordinate recruitment/training/supervision/reporting of these AmeriCorps members, and will also help with our existing AmeriCorps VISTA network. As such, experience with AmeriCorps is helpful.

See more details and application instructions at <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/325293>

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- **Postdoctoral Opportunity: Remote Sensing Of Agricultural Systems**

The Center for Geospatial Research at the Department of Geography and the Department of Statistics at the University of Georgia, in collaboration with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, are seeking a Postdoctoral Associate to investigate relationships between plant biometrics collected in the field and plant descriptors derived from drone-based remote sensing. The selected candidate will join a team of researchers and will collect, assemble and analyze geospatial datasets including direct field measurements and remotely-sensed observations of plot and field areas in support of long-term agroecosystem research.

The successful candidate will hold a PhD degree with training in plant ecology, agronomy, geography, or related physical sciences, with specific expertise in analytical methods and techniques, including remote sensing and the processing of datasets collected directly in the field.

Interested candidates should send a CV, statement of research interests (no more than two pages) and a copy of graduate transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) to Dr. Sergio Bernardes (sbernard@uga.edu) and to Dr. Alisa Coffin (alisa.coffin@usda.gov). This is a one-year position renewable for three more years, based on performance and availability of funds. The position is based at the USDA-ARS facility in Tifton, Georgia. Expected start date is Summer/Fall 2023.



Construction Advisory Sanford Stadium

Construction activities for Phase 1 of the Sanford Stadium South Side Improvements will begin on November 28, 2022 and continue through August 2023.

A portion of sidewalk will be closed on the east side of Sanford Drive between Field Street and Hooper Street. A temporary crosswalk will be added for crossing at Sanford Drive in line with the east Tate Student Center pedestrian bridge.



Construction Advisory Poultry Complex Construction

The north portion of D. W. Brooks Drive and the sidewalks within the construction fence will be closed for the duration of construction. Temporary walkways along with existing sidewalks around the perimeter of the construction site will remain open to allow access for pedestrian traffic around the construction site. Please refer to the map linked below and contact the Office of University Architects at (706) 542-3605 if you have any questions.

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Graduate Student

Parking Registration Tips

Please Remember:

Registration for a parking permit **does not guarantee** that you will be awarded a parking permit. For your best chances of receiving a parking assignment, please see the following steps

Priority Parking Map tips. Look for the following areas where you have greatest priority:

Graduate Residents: **PURPLE** lots
Graduate Assistants: **GREEN** lots
Graduate Commuters: **GREEN** lots

Helpful tips:

Register Early!

Register early! The round one parking registration deadline is **June 23, 2023**. Round 1 is the first and largest round of permit assignments, and fewer permits will be available in rounds 2 and 3.

Limited Space:

Please keep in mind that Parking availability on campus is extremely limited and is not guaranteed. Parking assignments will be awarded during the year as there is availability. If you are awarded a permit, please be sure to **accept it!!**

Priority Areas:

The Parking Priority Maps show where you have the greatest priority/advantage for a parking permit assignment. Please review the maps and your assignment group: graduate resident, graduate commuter, or graduate assistant.



<https://tps.uga.edu/maps/permit/>

Scan to view the
parking priority map

If you do not wish to park a car on campus, or do not receive a parking permit, please keep in mind that navigating campus is easier than ever with the following options:

FREE BUS SERVICE: UGA and Athens-Clarke County buses are fare-free. View routes at routes.uga.edu and on the UGA Mobile App.

BULLDOG BIKE SHARE: Students can rent these GPS-enabled, electric pedal assist bikes and leave them at the nearest bike share hub when finished.

WALKABLE CAMPUS!