



## Focus on The University of Georgia

The University of Georgia's 26,000 undergrads and some 8,000 graduate and professional students all attend classes on the beautiful 605 acre campus adjacent to downtown Athens, a vibrant college town ninety minutes from Atlanta. With its own impressive music and restaurant scene (including five nationally recognized restaurants) and a multitude of unique young businesses, Athens was recently ranked the number one college town in America. Currently eighty-five percent of the undergraduates are Georgia residents, but the admissions office is looking to grow the number of out-of-state students.

Among U.GA's draws for out-of-state undergrads are the Grady School of Journalism, the Terry School of Business, and a Genetics major, all said to be among the top in the country. The university is also known for its tremendous spirit which on game days triples the population of Athens from 1,000 to 3,000 people. The enormous athletic center was featured in *Sports Illustrated*, and the new Miller Learning Center with floors of study rooms as well as the newly renovated Tate Student Center are both sprawling and sparkling.

Pre-med students interested in the university should consider applying to the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, which has many such students and more scholarship money available for them than the College of Arts and Sciences. Only five percent of the Agriculture students are actually preparing for careers in farming, and many students choose to study in the School of Agriculture specifically because it gives many more scholarships than any other division. Among the undergraduate degrees offered there are Applied Biotechnology, Biological Engineering and Agribusiness, and many more. This is also home to the pre-veterinary program, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, right on

the Athens campus, has a special program guaranteeing admission to a small number of U. GA undergraduates.

Early Action applications are due 10/15 and are based solely on GPA (recalculated), rigor of the high school curriculum, and test scores. Students who are deferred at this point as well as those aiming for the 1/15 regular decision deadline must also submit short written answers to four questions and one teacher or counselor recommendation. Students who would like to be considered for merit scholarships must complete a separate application due in November. This is used to award Foundation Fellowships providing a totally free education to 20 to 25 students each year as well as a slightly less generous Ramsay Honors Scholarships to some of the runners up.