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General Information about Georgia State University

Georgia State University (GSU) is a premier urban research institution. In recognition of its commitment to research, GSU is designated by the State as one of four research universities of the University System of Georgia and is classified as a Doctoral/Research Extensive University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is the second largest of Georgia's 80 accredited institutions of higher learning and enrolls some 25,000 students each fall. GSU has a diverse student body with 55% being white, 27% African American, 11 % Asian American, 4% mixed ethnic, 3% Hispanic American, and 0.2% American Indian. The central campus in downtown Atlanta is within walking distance of thousands of offices and downtown living spaces and is but a short distance from major thoroughfares, interstates, and the many MARTA rapid transit routes that feed the center of the city, making it very accessible for commuter students. GSU provides undergraduate and graduate degree programs in over 200 fields of study through its six college-level units: the College of Arts and Sciences, the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Health and Human Sciences, the College of Law, and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. GSU has a diverse student body with students coming from every county in Georgia, every state in the union, and over 100 other nations. As the only urban research university in Georgia, GSU offers educational opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. The University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Computer Support at Georgia State University

The Office of Information Systems & Technology (IS&T) is the primary technology service provider for GSU, whose mission is to provide effective, efficient and high-quality information technology support services to the GSU community. IS&T is composed of six units: University Computing and Communications Services, University Educational Technology Support, University Information Services, Library Support and Technical Initiatives, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, and Financial and Management Services and is responsible for the development, management, and deployment of information and instructional technology initiatives within the University. IS&T operates four open access labs on the downtown campus that can cumulatively accommodate 305 students. All labs contain IBM-compatible computers connected to a local area network and laser printers. Two labs also contain Macs. Computing and communication services include audiovisual services, communications design and engineering, support for the communications infrastructure, help center services, operations services, and systems programming.

In terms of instructional support, the University offers a number of methods. WebCT is the course management system supported at GSU that can be used to supplement traditional classes or to conduct online courses. University faculty and students are provided with guides for WebCT, training and workshops. CoursePacks are a service for faculty that combines book chapters, journal articles, and class notes into one volume. Materials are printed and bound and made available to students for purchase

through the bookstore. DocuWeb provides instructors with electronic reserves services and access to selected digitized documents. This service scans copyrighted documents and places them on a password protected website in pdf format. These materials are copyright protected in accordance with the Board of Regents policies.

Library Resources at Georgia State University

There are three libraries that provide services to meet the needs of Georgia State University: the William R. Pullen Library for undergraduate and graduate research, the College of Law Library, and the Instructional technology Center operated by the College of Education. The libraries are interconnected through GALILEO, the on-line catalog system that also provides tiered access to a variety of information resources through a statewide network. GALILEO (GeorGiA Library Learning One) is a World Wide Web-based virtual library providing access to multiple information resources. GALILEO is an initiative of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia with the goal of providing equal access to information for all Georgia citizens. Over 100 databases, including MEDLINE, CANCERLINE, CINAHL, Psychlit, Eric, and Health Planning, as well as over 2000 full-text journal titles are available through GALILEO. GIL@GSU is the online catalog for the Pullen Library, Law Library, and Instructional Technology Center which are the GALILEO Interconnected Libraries at GSU.

The main library is the William Russell Pullen Library. It contains more than 1.37 million volumes, including approximately 7000 active serials (newspapers, journals, magazines, etc.), 7,500 media materials, and over 200 electronic databases, many of which include full-text versions of articles. Additionally, the library is a Federal Document Depository and has more than 820,000 government documents. The College has a Health Sciences Liaison Librarian who identifies and purchases relevant resources, manages the budget for the College collection, and creates instructional materials to assist students and faculty in utilizing the collection. The Health Sciences Liaison works collaboratively with the appointed College liaisons in accomplishing these goals. The Pullen Library creates a collection development policy for each department it serves. This policy identifies subject areas and types of materials that are most important to the research and curriculum needs of the College. Overall allocation for library serials in FY03 was \$3,020,644. All holdings in the libraries are accessible to students and faculty. During FY2002, the Pullen Library was renovated and now seats 2,400 persons. The Pullen Library offers interlibrary loans, online databases, and CD-ROMs. All databases are accessible through the Internet. Multiple workstations provide Internet access to library files as well as to web-based resources. Database access is available to faculty and students through the GSU webpage, allowing use through remote sites. An efficient inter-library loan system with document delivery service is available for access of materials not housed through the combined libraries. The library is open 90 hours per week to accommodate faculty and students.