COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

About half of Georgia State University’s graduates major in a subject in the arts and sciences. We have nearly 14,000 students in more than 80 degree programs. Our faculty also teaches the university’s core curriculum, the introductory classes all students take in subjects, including English, mathematics and statistics, and history.

As Georgia State continues to grow and develop, the College of Arts and Sciences will be on the leading edge of those changes. Our faculty continue to increase the amount of outside research funding they bring into the college, even in tough economic times. We are developing multiple new programs to allow students to get a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years. We’re increasing our students’ opportunities to study, research, perform and exhibit in the wonderful urban laboratory of Atlanta. And our departments and centers are adding new courses with international themes to prepare our students for a global future.

This institution has never rested on its laurels, and we look forward to working with you to shape the next wave of new projects and programs. Together, we will continue to enhance the educational experience of our students, reach new heights of excellence in research and build on the university’s strong connections in Atlanta and around the globe.

The College of Arts and Sciences continues to drive Georgia State’s evolution as a leading national research university.

Georgia State’s national reputation for student success, for example, begins in Arts and Sciences, whose faculty teaches more than 12,000 majors and is responsible for the majority of the core curriculum for all undergraduate students. The college also prepares more than 2,000 graduate students each year to be the problem-solvers of tomorrow.

Our faculty and students work together through research and creative discovery to address crucial social, cultural and scientific issues. That means regularly bringing together scholars across traditional disciplinary lines. And often, that work takes our students, faculty and staff into the living laboratory of Atlanta, where they find solutions not only for local and regional problems but also for urban communities around the globe. The College of Arts and Sciences will exemplify and extend student success while producing practical, purposeful research into the foundational challenges we face in Atlanta and the world.
Points of Distinction

Our location in downtown Atlanta allows our researchers and students to test their theories and get practical experience by working with the companies, nonprofits, government agencies and diverse communities of the ninth-largest city in the U.S.

The most obvious measure of the college’s diversity is demographic. By any measure our student body is one of the most diverse in the country. In practice, that means an incredible diversity of thought and experience, where students and faculty learn from each other every day. Diversity also comes from our interdisciplinary research and programs, and flows into discovery. We have mathematicians working with musicians, for example philosophers with neuroscientists and humanities scholars with data specialists, among many others.

Our campus is inherently international. Our student body speaks dozens of languages, which anyone can hear on a walk across campus. Atlanta hosts 65 consulates, is home to the seventh-largest refugee population in the nation and also is the third largest location for headquarters of Fortune 500 companies. We build on these strengths through our Global Studies Institute, our extensive language offerings, visiting international scholars and through expanding our study abroad options, including creating new kinds of study-abroad programs. We are revising our regular curriculum to add global competencies for our students.

Our research reflects our personality as an institution. We emphasize urban problems, such as air quality and equitable housing; cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary research into topics such as immigration and diplomacy; and basic research into questions such as obesity and cancer detection that affect everyone’s life. Our research feeds back into the professional world. Our new Creative Media Industries Institute, for example, will provide research expertise, a diverse workforce and the incubation of new companies for the state’s $6 billion film and new media industries.

Why Give to the College of Arts and Sciences

You can help us provide access to excellence: access for our students to a top-notch faculty, all of the facilities of a major research university and all of the opportunities of a great global city. You can give our faculty the kind of college support that makes innovative teaching and cross-disciplinary, practical problem-solving into a reality. And you can provide access for the communities of Atlanta, the state of Georgia and groups around the world who work with our students and researchers on critical problems.

Our students graduate as strong critical thinkers, capable of practical problem-solving and comfortable in a diverse and global world. Our students’ lifelong success begins in Arts and Sciences.

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