Minority Resources at UGA

CASA: Cultures for Academic Success and Achievement

CASA is intended to help historically underrepresented students achieve and maintain academic success at the University of Georgia.

Goals:

- 1. Offer academic support
- 2. Provide individual assessment
- 3. Connect students to campus resources
- 4. Communicate academic opportunities
- 5. Collaborate with units across campus to support student success

http://diversity.uga.edu/programs/CASA/

Please Contact: CASAOID@uga.edu | www.diversity.uga.edu/CASA

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Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

MGC is an umbrella organization for 12 multicultural Greek-letter organizations. Our motto is "Unity through Diversity" because we have built a support system based on celebrating our differences and connecting through our common goals of brother/sisterhood and cultural advocacy. Our purpose is to:

- Foster scholastic achievements and leadership.
- Promote community service and awareness in the Athens community.
- Provide resources and support to the members of our multicultural fraternities and sororities.
- Offer a forum for discussion and to develop strategies regarding issues relevant to the MGC community.

http://ugamgcouncil.weebly.com/

LGBT Resource Center

The LGBT Resource Center was established in 2005 to serve as a place for LGBTQ-identified students and their allies to find community, support, and developmental resources at the University of Georgia. The LGBT Resource Center is committed to providing meaningful programming and engagement that meet the needs of the LGBT and ally communities by creating an environment of advocacy, education, and support.

Located in 221 Memorial Hall, the LGBT Resource Center is open 8 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Memorial Hall is located in the heart of campus right next to Sanford Stadium and across the street from Tate Plaza.

Lambda Alliance @UGA

Lambda Alliance, first established in 1992 as the Athens Gay and Lesbian Association, came into being in order to meet the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual (LGBTQA), and allied students, faculty, and staff. We are now an officially recognized student organization at the University of Georgia, and our mission is to strengthen the LGBTQA community here on campus and in the larger Athens community.

Contact: University of Georgia- 222 Memorial Hall- Athens, GA 30602 http://lgbtcenter.uga.edu/about/index.html

Gender Neutral Restrooms

The LGBT Resource Center is currently working on a map of all the gender neutral and single stall restrooms on campus. To find a gender neutral restroom on campus or in the Athens community in the meantime, visit www.safe2pee.org.

If you are visiting the LGBT Resource Center, there are two gender neutral/single stall restrooms located on the second floor of Memorial Hall.

GLOBES

GLOBES is a diverse organization of faculty, staff, and administrators whose mission is to advocate for, develop, and nurture UGA's LGBTQ communities. In partnership with our allies, including students, alumni/ae, and local community members, we strive to educate, to improve the climate on all UGA campuses, and to foster progressive change as we visibly work for social justice, equity, and queer rights at UGA and beyond.

Oueeries

Queeries is a new radio show on WUOG that is here to open up a dialogue about the queer community and LGBTQA+ issues here on campus. Not only do we provide an hour of light banter and entertainment, we'll also be talking about such things as gender identity, sexuality, current events, navigating society in the south, and how to be a better ally. This show is for everyone, LGBTQA+ identified or not. Tune in every Wednesday at 7pm on WUOG 90.5FM.

UGA Policies- Effective July 1, 2006

The University of Georgia offers "soft benefits" to domestic partners of students, faculty and staff. To find information on the list of benefits and how to access them, go to the Human Resources website.

UGA African Student Union

The African Student Union is an organization committed to educating the community about Africa and African Cultures through community service projects, educational programs, several social activities and our Annual African Night.

ugaasu@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-UGA-African-Student-Union/251068261590901?sk=timeline

Graduate and Professional Scholars (GAPS)

The purpose of this organization is to utilize the collective resources available to the organization, including members, alumni and friends, for the creation and maintenance of an academic environment that is conducive to the successful matriculation of historically underrepresented graduate and professional students through the University of Georgia. We aim to do this by:

- Articulating and addressing the academic, financial, political, social and professional needs of members
- Supporting the recruitment and retention of historically underrepresented graduate and professional students
- Providing an effective voice and advocacy for historically underrepresented graduate and professional students at the University of Georgia by investigating issues, actively participating in the Graduate Student Association and making recommendations to the University administration
- Establishing and improving interdepartmental and interorganizational communication and scholarship between graduate and professional students

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African American Cultural Center

The <u>African American Cultural Center</u> (AACC) exists to assist the University in its mission of creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for African American students. The Cultural Center provides a venue where students of the African Diaspora can network with one another, meet new people, learn about their cultural heritage and traditions, display their talents, and implement programs.

Contact: Division of Student Affairs -Department of Intercultural Affairs - 404 Memorial Hall - Athens, GA 30602- Telephone: 706-542-8468

African American Choral Ensemble AACE

The African American Choral Ensemble, also known as AACE, is a performance organization that was established as the Pamoja Singers 43 years ago. It has been under the direction of Dr. Gregory Broughton for the last 25 years. AACE holds concerts in the Fall and Spring semesters as well as performances around Athens and out of town. AACE meets 2 to 3 times a week depending on the performance load of the ensemble at any particular time. Meetings are held in the Choral Suite of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music. Membership is open to University of Georgia students, faculty, staff and Athens residents.

Middle Eastern Student Groups

Arab Cultural Association ACA

The Arab Cultural Association is an organization at the University of Georgia that debunks myths and educates others of the Arabic culture and traditions through fun events such as monthly potlucks, lectures, Arabic calligraphy lessons, film viewings, and grand events each semester including but not limited to our annual fundraiser banquet, **A Wish For Palestine**, and our fun showcase of cultural talent, **Middle-terranean Night**. Members of all races and religions are welcome!

Asian American Student Association

The Asian American Student Association (AASA) is a student-run organization for the purpose of developing unity within the Asian American community and the community at large. AASA strives to promote the ideals of multiculturalism and to connect Asian students to the UGA campus. AASA also stands to educate others about Asian culture.

Chinese Student Association (CSA)

CSA mainly consists of Chinese students from all over the worlds. We are working on promoting Chinese culture, general awareness of China, communication and friendship within Chinese community and with people from all over the world!

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. - Alpha Chapter DPhiL

We are the first recognized Asian-Interest Sorority at the **University of Georgia.** We are dedicated to our mission of spreading Asian awareness though our Everlasting Sisterhood, contributing to the community, and fostering dedicated female leaders. We look for undergraduate women who display our seven virtues of *Loyalty, Honesty, Respect, Dedication, Integrity, Discipline, and Academic Excellence.*

Filipino Student Association (FSA)

FSA promotes the culture and customs of the Philippines at UGA and establishes a sense of family between our diverse members. We have several annual events where we work closely with organizations at UGA and the Athens-Clark community.

Korean Undergraduate Student Association KUSA

We are an organization under ISL (international student life). KUSA is here to spread awareness of Korean culture throughout campus and Clarke county. We host the Korean culture night every year. We are here to serve both students that are interested in Korean culture as well as international students.

Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc. ASR

The Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority recognize the necessity of promoting sisterhood and Asian-Awareness within the University of Georgia and the community while pursuing academic excellence, interpersonal growth, moral development, and strength in unity.

South- East Asian Student Groups

Indian Cultural Exchange ICE

The purpose of ICE is to unite students with an Indian ethnic background and those who have interest in the Indian culture through activities that invoke cultural, social, community service involvement. We wish to exchange culture and educate the greater university community through the use of political and cultural events.

Disability Related Student Groups

Outdoors Without Limits UGA Chapter OWL UGA

Our organization is designed to increase awareness, resources and opportunities that directly impact people and the communities where they live. We strive to challenge stereotypes about disability and promote awareness of "ability" in a positive environment. Together, we will help change stereotypes about what defines "ability". And, through action, we build relationships that change spirits and lives.

<u>Latino/a Student Groups</u>

Hispanic Student Association (HSA)

The Hispanic Student Association (HSA) of the University of Georgia serves to assist the University in meeting the needs of the Hispanic and Latino student body. HSA works to preserve and promote the richness and diversity of the Hispanic / Latino-American culture. To these aims the HSA shall encourage cultural diversity, articulate the concerns of Hispanic and Latino students, and cultivate relationships with other student organizations and the Athens-Clarke County community.

European Student Groups

UGA Russian Club

Student organization designed to connect Russian speaking students and anyone interested in the Russian culture.

https://www.facebook.com/UGARussianClub

Religious and Spiritual Organizations at UGA

Bahá'í Association:

Website available with more information about the Bahá'í faith http://bahai.uga.edu
E-mail sohayl@uga.edu for more information about the organization at UGA and meeting times and places

The Catholic Center at UGA:

The Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is a Eucharistic Community that seeks to live the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the tradition of our Roman Catholic faith and the spirit of St. Francis. All are welcome at the Catholic Center.

More information about the weekly mass schedule can be found at http://cc.uga.edu/Home.html
E-mail ccugaoffice2@gmail.com or call 706-543-2293 for more information not listed on the website or with any questions.

Campus Crusade for Christ:

We're a network of students and staff on thousands of college campuses in the US and around the world. Facilitating spiritual awareness on campus by introducing students to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, providing students opportunities to grow in that relationship, and training them to help reach others is what we major in.

Although we each have different experiences and interests, we all share two things in common: we love to have a good time, and we are convinced that our personal relationship with God is the most fulfilling thing in the world. It's what we were made for.

Come join us at our weekly meeting on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Tate theater as we live out the true meaning of our lives at UGA.

Find more information at http://www.cruuga.org/ or e-mail cruatuga@gmail.com with any questions.

The Rohr Chabad House at UGA:

Chabad is a Jewish student center providing social, educational, recreational, and spiritual programming for students. Rabbi Michoel and Chana know many students and faculty members, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at UGA. We'd be glad to help you get acquainted with the many great opportunities UGA has to offer and to assist you in your stay in Athens. We can also arrange for you to meet present students at UGA, so you can hear about their wonderful experience here. Please contact us at rabbi@jewishdawgs.com for more information, and so that we can set you up with a peer student to help guide your choices in picking the perfect place for you. Find more information at http://www.chabaduga.com/

China Outreach Ministries at UGA:

Now that you are in the U.S. you are the 外国人 "wàiguórén" or 老外 and this has its difficulties. Our COM staff, Joe May and Dorothy Boothe, and volunteers want to help you feel at home and learn about American culture!

Visit http://maydaysasia.wix.com/com-at-uga for more information

Campus Christian Fellowship:

Christian Campus Fellowship is a registered student organization at the University of Georgia that strives to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We are a diverse group that ministers to the UGA community

through Bible Studies, worship times, free meals, retreats, socials, intramurals, service projects, and small groups.

Visit http://www.ugaccf.com/mambo/ for more information

Christus Victor Lutheran Church & Student Center:

We at Christus Victor are growing together in, reaching out with, and developing leaders for Christ. As baptized people of God, we live in and bring Christ's victory to the University of Georgia, the Athens area, and beyond. Join us for traditional Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 am! Visit http://www.christusvictor.net/ or contact christusvictor@gmail.com for more information

Cooperative Student Fellowship:

CSF is a gathering for students who are seeking to follow Christ together in genuine community. As a community, we hope to encourage thoughtful exploration of what it means to be a follower of Christ in a complex and divisive world. We embrace conversations that are open and respectful, ideas that are true to who God is and who we are in God, and lifestyles that show following Christ is a way of life, not just a system of belief. We know the journey is enhanced by companions and friends and therefore seek to build genuine relationships among all who come. Regardless of background or tradition, all are welcome to join this fellowship as we journey together in the lifelong commitment of following Christ.

Visit http://www.csfuga.org/ or contact scott@csfuga.org for more information

Fellowship of Christian Grads:

The Fellowship of Christian Grads provides community for UGA graduate students, especially Christian grad students, reaching out to meet needs of other graduate students in the UGA community.

Visit https://uga.collegiatelink.net/organization/fellowshipofchristiangrads or contact fcg@uga.edu for more information

Muslim Students Association:

The Muslim Students Association at the University of Georgia is a religious and social student organization that seeks to network the Muslim students on campus and serve as their voice in the community. MSA also reaches out to the student body in interfaith cooperation and works with other organizations to bring positive change within the UGA campus. By striving to adhere to the principles of the Quran and Sunnah, the MSA also seeks to uphold values of tolerance, sincerity, and brotherhood to build strong and understanding relationships with each other and outlying campus communities.

Visit http://ugamsa.weebly.com/ or contact msaatuga@gmail.com for more information

Presbyterian Student Center:

Presbyterian Campus Ministry at The University of Georgia aspires to furnish students with a rich community experience through which they mature in their faith, develop into committed disciples of Jesus Christ, and become effective leaders of his church in the world.

For more information visit http://pscuga.org/ or contact andy@pscuga.org/

Reformed University Fellowship:

Regardless of your beliefs or doubts, Reformed University Fellowship is a place for you to explore Christianity and grow in your understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow him in community with others at UGA. All are welcome!

For more information visit http://www.uga.ruf.org/welcoming-students or contact jclement@ruf.org

Pagan Student Association

The Pagan Student Association's primary focus is community, advocacy, and education. Offering a non-threatening environment within our meetings where beliefs can be discussed openly, we strive to build a strong community on campus and throughout the world where pagans and non-pagans can learn, network, and have fun. We discourage discrimination and defamation against spiritually minded people for their beliefs, and work against it primarily through education of those who want to learn. We also promote religious rights, peace, and social justice through advocacy.