Located in the Southeast’s governmental, financial, retail, health and legal center in Downtown Atlanta, Georgia State University is a place where teaching, research and service are woven together to create a meaningful learning experience.
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY is one of the nation’s leading urban research universities, educating Georgia’s most diverse population of students. With 27,000 students, it is the second largest institution in the University System of Georgia. Students arrive from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation and nearly 150 countries.

Georgia State University offers educational opportunities at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by blending the best of theoretical and applied inquiry, scholarly and professional pursuits, and scientific and artistic expression. As an urban research university with strong disciplinary-based departments and a wide array of problem-oriented interdisciplinary programs, the goal of the university is to develop,

Nestled in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia State’s location allows students to learn not only in the classroom, but also in the surrounding city, where high-profile companies can provide hands-on experience.

Founded in 1913, Georgia State offers 52 bachelor’s, master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degree programs in 250 fields of study.

Georgia State has earned the highest Carnegie classification for research institutions with extensive research projects seeking breakthroughs in viral immunology, drug design, microbiology, neuroscience and many other exciting fields.

The undergraduate program at Georgia State University’s J. Mack Robinson College of Business is ranked among the nation’s top 50 business school programs, according to U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” guide.
Georgia State offers 52 bachelor’s, master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degree programs in 250 fields of study offered through six college-level units:

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business prepares students to lead by pursuing ethical, innovative and value-enhancing strategies in a culturally diverse and technologically advanced world. The undergraduate program has been ranked among the nation’s top 50 business school programs for six straight years, according to U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” guide. Three of the college’s departments - Risk Management and Insurance, Computer Information Systems, and Real Estate - also rank among the top 10 in their respective categories, while the college’s flex MBA program has been ranked in the top ten in the nation for the past 12 years.

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies educates students to analyze, evaluate and design policies addressing economic and social development issues at the local, regional, national and global levels. U.S. News & World Report rankings consistently place the school’s public finance and urban management programs among the top ten in the nation.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college at the university, offering undergraduate and graduate majors in the fine arts, humanities, natural and computational sciences and social and behavioral sciences.

The College of Law promotes legal scholarship and service that enriches the legal profession and the community. The college is consistently ranked among the top ten best law schools for the money.

The College of Education offers comprehensive programs in all areas of teacher education, counseling and education fields related to sports. Six education alumni have been named Georgia Teacher of the Year.

The College of Health and Human Services offers programs in nursing, physical therapy, nutrition, cardiopulmonary care, social work and criminal justice that are designed to improve health and well-being and address social justice issues within a multi-cultural society.
GEORGIA STATE Alumni

Georgia State University alumni are prominent in boardrooms, courtrooms, classrooms, hospitals and offices throughout the city of Atlanta, around the state of Georgia and across the globe.

MICHAEL GEARON (second from left), a Georgia State graduate, is one of the owners of the Atlanta Hawks and Thrashers. He is pictured with Georgia State players Leonard Mendez (far left) and Deven Dickerson and Hawks legend Dominique Wilkins (far right).

MICHAEL RUSSELL (right) is the CEO of H.J. Russell & Company, an Atlanta leader in construction and real estate development, and JEROME RUSSELL is President.

GREG BEADLES, a 1995 Georgia State graduate, is the Chief Financial Officer for the Atlanta Falcons.

FERRELL COPPEDGE played for the Panthers from 1967-71. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Georgia State, and is now President for Central/Southeast Business Capital for Bank of America.

JIM ADAMS, one of Georgia State’s first scholarship basketball players, was an Academic All-American in 1966.

BUCK LANFORD of WAGA-TV Fox 5 interviews head coach Rod Barnes. Lanford is one of the many Georgia State graduates working in the Atlanta media.

PANTHERS IN COACHING

COURTNEY BROOKS played for the Panthers from 1991-94. He is now the head basketball coach at Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, where he coached future NBA first-round draft picks Dwight Howard and Javaris Crittenton.

TRAVIS WILLIAMS played for the Panthers from 1992-96 and earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Georgia State. After a stint as head coach at Fort Valley State University, he is now an assistant coach at Mercer University.
The Georgia State University campus has a profound influence on the changing landscape of downtown Atlanta. While the building blocks of the university will always be high-achieving students, world-class faculty and ground-breaking research, Georgia State plans an ever-expanding and improving campus to accommodate that foundation.
In the last decade, the Rialto Theater restoration, Student Center, Student Recreation Center, University Lofts, University Commons and Helen M. Aderhold classroom building have transformed the cityscape at Atlanta’s core.

Many more new buildings are on the horizon, including a science park, new classroom buildings and more on-campus student housing.
The Panthers live in Georgia State's outstanding new housing facility, the University Commons.
Opened in 2007, University Commons features two- and four-bedroom apartment style units. All units come with fully-equipped kitchens and furnished bedrooms and living area spaces. Each individual private bedroom is wired for high speed internet, voice and cable television. Each floor design includes a study/community lounge space, and each building has a fully-equipped laundry facility.
ACADEMICS

Panther Promise

Georgia State University is committed to providing educational, personal, and community development that will enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience.

The blueprint for academic and personal success for Georgia State student-athletes is PANTHER PROMISE. Panther Promise was developed in 2005 to assist student-athletes with concerns that are unique to the Division I student-athlete and tailored to fit the unique environment of Georgia State University.

Panther Promise is an extension of the services provided by PASS - Program for Academic Support Services. Through PASS and the Athletic Learning Lab, Georgia State's student-athlete development staff arranges tutoring in a wide range of courses, offers academic advisement and provides access to computers and a convenient place to study.

Other components of Panther Promise are the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills program and the Panther Den, which offers a variety of services in conjunction with the University's Counseling Center to address the challenges that face the Georgia State University student-athlete.

Seniors Justin Billingslea (top) and Deven Dickerson have been named Academic All-Conference.
CHAMPS Life Skills is a unique NCAA program of educational opportunities that adds value, knowledge and growth to the lives of Georgia State student-athletes.

Athletic Learning Lab

Conveniently located in the Sports Arena, the Learning Lab provides student-athletes access to computers, tutors and advisement as well as a place for individual and group study.

Georgia State student-athletes posted a 3.87 grade point average for the spring, 2007 semester, boosting the cumulative GPA for student-athletes to a school-record 2.93. The Panther basketball team achieved a 3.06 GPA for the summer, 2007.
“We have set the tone for how important the strength and conditioning program is to our success. Basketball players are built in the offseason, and we are going to work harder than anyone else.”

Head Coach Rod Barnes
MEDIA Exposure

The city of Atlanta, home of Georgia State, offers tremendous opportunities for media exposure.

Leonard Mendez’s buzzer beating trey in the CAA Tournament was the No. 1 Play of the Day on ESPN.

Georgia State’s home game against Georgia Tech will be nationally televised on ESPN. The Panthers will also have up to 12 games on regional networks.

Last year’s Georgia State team participated in a nationally televised pregame special with ESPN analyst Jay Bilas in conjunction with the 2007 NCAA Final Four, played in Atlanta.
PANTHERS
In the Community

Panther student-athletes volunteer for the CAA’s annual blood drive?

Have A Heart
CAA BLOOD CHALLENGE

Deven Dickerson (left) and Leonard Mendez serve on Georgia State’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Georgia State players visit local school children.

Georgia State Panthers

The Panthers’ coaching staff conducts youth clinics around Atlanta.

Leonard Mendez travelled to the Dominican Republic for a trip that combined basketball with service to the community.