

Class Additional Comments

First-Year As a Freshman, I have made a drastic change in my life coming from a small town living with my family to living on my own at a large University. The Health Center is very well staffed and gave me great guidance on the difficulties I was having. The teachers here are better than I could imagine, I actually like going to class because the teachers teach so well and capture my attention everyday. I feel that my education at this University has not only made me a more intelligent person, but also a much stronger person as well. I want to give my thanks for that.

First-Year As an out-of-state student I feel that the out-of-state tuition is a bit excessive. I am working work study and taking out 7,000 dollars a year in loans while my dad is taking out 18,000 dollars a year in loans and we still come up short. I think there should be more need-based and non need-base grants and scholarships available specifically for out-of-state students.

First-Year Some of the freshmen courses are "weed-out" courses, which should not be the case. If they are going to have such large courses, hire the right amount of faculty who have enough hours, etc. that everyone feels as though they can be helped. Also, JExam is a terrible idea. Students should be graded on their work as well as their resulting answers.

First-Year teachers don't teach for students to learn, they teach so that it is easiest for themselves. with some teachers, it's impossible to learn because they test on material that they don't explain and think is common knowledge

First-Year I've learned and grown so much over this year. UGA has a reputation of being a party school, but most of those I've encountered this year are incredibly studious and responsible. Yes there are times when we all go out and have fun, but we don't neglect our studies. UGA has been an amazing place. It is the perfect college town and I am very satisfied with the majority. The one thing that has bothered me is people smoking while walking down the street. This is very annoying when I get caught walking behind them and have to inhale all that toxic fume. It would be nice if smokers could just smoke in designated areas and leave the rest of us to breath clean air.

First-Year Until the day I moved in, UGA was my last choice college and I was still disappointed by my rejection from a couple Ivy schools...but since I've been here, I have learned to love it. I would not go anywhere else, given the opportunity. I am impressed that there is always a worthwhile activity to get involved in or attend--in fact, one difficulty for me was trying to narrow down the things I participated in, since I did so much in high school. I have had an incredible first year so far, and I look forward to 3 more!

First-Year This school is too focused on improving technology and hiring mediocre teachers. Most of the changes in the school primarily benefit those who are in the Greek system, and those who are not feel excluded. As an out of state student, I am not eligible for HOPE scholarship (although I certainly have the GPA for it) and I pay horrendous amounts of money on books, the meal plan, and the dorm. While I do have my niche of friends that do not drink, I am planning to transfer from this school partly from the general feeling that most of the student at the University focus on drinking in downtown Athens. If you do not consume alcohol or are in the Greek system, then there is not much to do.

First-Year Too expensive. Some classes are impossible to get in a timely manner, but overall UGA is where it's at!

First-Year If I was not scared about leaving my dorm room at night to go to the library for the fear of police arresting me for ludicrous claims, my grades would have been even higher than they are now. Haunting aromas of corruption fill the atmosphere around the University of Georgia.

First-Year Is there anything else the college can provide to help me find a major. It is difficult to find a major.

First-Year I love UGA!!!

although...I do wish out-of-state tuition was not so expensive...

First-Year UGA offers everything a student would need to be successful. I love it here.

First-Year I feel like the classes are more interesting; the teacher is more willing to help; the level at which students are engaged in the discussions is higher when the person teaching the class is not tenured. The tenured professors tend to be more boring and less enthusiastic than those who are not tenured.

First-Year More breakout sessions. In some large classes I feel completely alienated if there is nobody that I currently know.

First-Year --

First-Year The chemistry department is lacking some teaching skills. They make it way too hard. It seems like an honors course when it is a regular course. I think the chemistry department has a power complex and is trying to prove something so somebody. The majority of my classmates spend a lot of time studying for the exams only to barely pass. Something needs to be done about it. I can do pretty good in ALL my other classes but chemistry..

First-Year The worst experience at UGA was the dining hall. You should let students that are unhappy with it quit the meal plan, because it is a financial strain. I was also made sick by the food several times.

First-Year I love UGA! I feel that I am growing intellectually, and the lifestyle is incredible.

First-Year I really enjoy staying here at UGA for a variety of reasons, but mainly the life that I have is what keeps me here. The people I have met from various backgrounds and have so many different beliefs so much different that my own make this college so much better to attend. Being surrounded by so many things that are different helps me prepare for the future.

First-Year Campus police too overbearing, arrests for MIP at dormitories completely unnecessary.

First-Year The main reason I chose this college was for the Christian club that I found here. This club occupies most of my

time outside the classroom and is basically my only social life. The people there keep me sane when I feel lonely on a campus with 35,000 students that I don't know (and probably never will). Maybe if the campus provided more activities that Christians could participate in, I'd find more friends of same interests and beliefs.

First-Year "Select the circle that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work."

In regards to some of my classes (especially in the science department) I would respond that I do not feel that examinations have challenged me to do my best "work" so much as my best guessing/hoping because the material on the exams is NOT representative of practice problems specifically assigned for that test. This becomes particularly detrimental because those exams are essentially the only grades used to determine the final grade in those classes and in my opinion it comes down to a matter of luck or a wasteful amount of time spent studying that subject. I believe that these tests are not successful in measuring a student's real familiarity with the subject at hand because I find myself to hold a much higher understanding of course concepts and material than many students who perform better than I do on tests (through interaction with them in lab, etc).

There is no reason for a class (general chemistry) required by so many majors utterly unrelated to most of its broad array of concepts to be so time consuming and difficult to succeed in.

First-Year Dorms need to be updated

First-Year More info needs to be provided to students signing up for classes about what classes will not be helpful if change major. Example: I took Calculus 2200 for a business requirement, but when I considered engineering the class was useless-I wish I knew that Calc 2250 was the same class just with a different number.

First-Year Go Dawgs!

First-Year REAL Primary Reason: Football, but it was not on the choices

First-Year I have greatly enjoyed my time thus far at UGA, but I have found that everyone has a very narrow field of how the university works, and it is hard for me to get questions answered!

First-Year I wish that Michael Adams would stop interfering with the social lives of students at large at the University. The fact that a University can punish you for misdemeanor acts performed off-campus is ridiculous. The administration is also losing a sense of what is essentially Athens, including the tearing down of fraternity houses in the heart of campus as well as providing extremely strict laws and enforcement of minor laws (i.e. jaywalking, open container) when they only perpetuate a distrust for authority and make students angry.

First-Year I love attending the University of Georgia, and expect great things in my future here.

First-Year I feel like UGA as risen above its used-to-be standards and is a challenging academic university. Although I do have some issues with things here and there, I am very pleased and feel well prepared for graduating college and going to work full-time.

First-Year I think my answers for the academic advising section questions would be more applicable if I took this survey after I went through my advising appointment this semester.

First-Year I was forced to withdraw last semester due to a medical emergency, and am currently transient at the institution closest to home for medical reasons. But I fully intend on returning next fall and the staff have been quite helpful with my situation.

First-Year The large classes are definitely a downfall of this institution.

First-Year I absolutely love the University of Georgia and would not have gone anywhere else.

First-Year whites dominate the campus and white students inform black students that UGA do not want black students on campus; that the only reason blacks are at UGA is because UGA had to meet the black quota.

First-Year The educational experience I've gotten here cannot be matched anywhere else in the state of Georgia. I am very pleased with the balance of difficulty to learning within the classroom.

First-Year I would just like to note that I am a member of a professional sorority, Sigma Alpha, which is NOT a social sorority.

I feel that the class ID numbers (1001, 2003, etc) are arbitrary. A 1000-level course I took last semester was far more difficult and required more coursework and study than the four 2000-level classes I am taking this semester combined. I would also like to say that my overall experience at UGA would have been better if I (and many others, I am sure) had been credited the full amount of college hours earned, even if they were not UGA-hours. I feel that if a student is getting credit for completing the courses for graduation, these hours should go towards all other things provided by the University.

First-Year There is too much emphasis on sororities and fraternities and not enough diversity in this school.

First-Year I honestly hate how self segregated the school is here. I am white, but I attended a majority black high school. This culture shock of attending here was difficult for me. I feel as though I fit in nowhere. I know this has nothing to do with administration, it's just I would like for it to be known. It did cause me to be unhappy, and could have hindered my schoolwork first semester.

First-Year The chemistry department is horrible. They are completely unorganized, and maintain to stay that way. They can not even get the programs right for the homeworks and the tests. They test us things we don't know how to do. We should be tested on what we have been taught. What good is it going to do if we aren't tested on the actual material. They try and "weed" out the students who shouldn't be here, but if they continue to do so there will be no one left! When the average of a test is a 67 obviously something is going wrong. Plenty of people have to get low grades to produce and average like that. They told us that there are 1000 students in chemistry, and many of those students did not do well if the avg. is a 67! The chemistry department needs to clean up their act!

First-Year I wish that Mike Adams would do something to fix the terrible reputation he has on campus. Leaders shouldn't be booed at football games. Also, advising is broken.

First-Year The teachers are nice and helpful, but I feel that because I do not participate in as many organized events as

others (sports, greek life, etc) that I am just a number and no one would notice if I were to leave - this includes the student body and the administration. I feel the administration does not care about its students who typically do well, they only care about those who participate in research, get the university money or play sports.

First-Year I love UGA. I think that an A- should still be considered a 4.0 though.

First-Year i have enjoyed my time at uga so far and hope to stay here for many more years...

First-Year I feel as though I was not prepared for college. I did not have the necessary study skills to do well the first semester of college. I was unaware of the tutoring service that the university offered.

First-Year The academics at UGA are top notch. However socially, there is so much pressure to do things that are distractions from what I came here to do, study hard and get a degree, which makes accomplishing my goals difficult.

First-Year My resident advisor in my dormitory was not helpful and did not seem to enjoy what she was doing.

First-Year I've generally had a pretty well rounded experience both academically and socially.

First-Year I love UGA. I go to the Academic Learning Center EVERYDAY and it is very helpful. Please do not get rid of it!

First-Year the bursers office is really annoying about charges that are overdue. i think it's stupid to drop a person's entire schedule over something like a late payment on their food fee. what does food have to do with my classes? plus, the process to get classes back are equally annoying and time consuming. if you can't stop being tight about money, they could t least improve that system a bit. Thats my major complaint for this semester. everything else was fine

First-Year The Honors Program is an amazing opportunity for its students.

First-Year I think that more financial help should be available for those struggling to support themselves. In my experience so far my grades have suffered due to stress from financial issues.

First-Year While the +/- system does put the university up to par with other "high profile" schools...I feel that the skewed possibilities in it should be revised to where there is the opportunity to receive an A-. If one can be punished for achieving a low A with the grade of an A-, they should be rewarded for achieving a high A. Either the A- must go or the A needs to be introduced.

First-Year Parking is absolutely horrible!!

First-Year everything is great

First-Year The University of Georgia is challenging, but I wouldn't want it any other way!

First-Year excellent art program.

First-Year One Word: Housing! Right now I am on a waiting list for housing and next year I will be a sophomore. According to people I know that have already been able to register have told me that the decent dorms (Reed, O-House) are basically entirely filled and all the others are also quickly filling. This year I was in Hill(which is quite decent) but next year I'm looking at being stuck in one of the cramped high rises (Russell, Brumby, etc.). I think its ridiculous that as a second year I'm probably going to end up with worse housing than I had as a freshman. I think all the high rises should be filled with freshmen and then the Hill community should be filled with freshmen. Freshmen should have no place at all in either Ohouse or Reed and if I get stuck in a high rise this year and find out that there are freshmen in the nicer dorms next year I am going to one very irritated person. Also the fact that there are people who live in Athens and weren't even ever on the waiting list is another big issue. I live 2 and half hours away. I can NOT commute, its not practical, however the people that live in Athens can. Therefore they should be placed at the end of the waiting list as they don't NEED housing.

First-Year It's great I love UGA but my main goal in life has been to become a veterinarian and the university makes it nearly impossible because transfer students take chemistry and biology at schools that make those classes easier. People that took the easier classes have a higher GPA and get picked first. That worries me.

First-Year Faculty need to be more accessible to students as they have extensive knowledge in the career fields, which we are currently pursuing.

First-Year Although I have struggled to adjust being away from home and managing my time, my experiences at UGA keep getting better. I would do better in class if I were not so shy (or forgetful). As the only child of two teachers, I never had to worry about keeping up with stuff, but now I do. I made one major mistake in class that caused me to fail (I had an A average but failed to take the required number of tests), I have enjoyed my classes and feel challenged by them. My real challenges are mainly social.

First-Year I believe UGA offers a wide variety of clubs, and organizations and is very helpful for career placements. However I do have a few complaints. Parking is extremely inconvenient and more parking needs to be provided, especially for visitors (parents). Some professors and grad students should be evaluated more often.

First-Year Well, maybe being able to live on campus next year would help, especially since I can't commute and my advisor really messed up on my major, so it doesn't look like I'll get to have my major anyway.

First-Year i think core classes here are the most ridiculous things ever. i want to transfer to a liberal arts school where emphasis is placed based on the student not the state. UGA sucks

First-Year As a freshman, I'm still trying to figure out what major I want to pursue and what my career goals are. I feel like my advisors have been extremely unhelpful and uninvolved in helping me make informed decisions or guiding me. I'm very disappointed with my advising experiences so far.

First-Year I think there are major problems within the Foundation Fellowship that should be looked into. The Fellowship has become more of a social cult than an academic community.

First-Year Access to electives needs to be broader and more open; art, music, etc. One should be allowed to take these classes without the threat of losing a 4.0.

First-Year Some classes do offer office hours and study sessions, but I am unable to go due to my other classes being at

the same time.

First-Year The dormitories could be a lot cleaner. The rooms get really dusty, and there have been mice, roaches, ladybugs, and wasps in the rooms. Also, there are parking problems quite often.

First-Year Change the chemistry department's set-up. Make the classes much more personal and put less exams in an online program!

First-Year Attending UGA, has been a life changing experience for me.

First-Year This is by far one of the best experiences I have ever had. I love it here. I can have a job, have 15 credit hours, and still hang out with my friends without feeling completely bogged down and overwhelmed. This is the perfect place for me.

First-Year It is my humble opinion that I am required to learn much unnecessary subjects in all areas of the curriculum. I feel that I should be learning more real world and even major/job related things. It would save us all a lot of time and money by teaching me the necessary skills to become an effective citizen and worker.

First-Year Teachers need to provide students with better evaluation opportunities. I have frequently filled out inadequate evaluation forms for teachers where I did not get to voice how I truly felt.

First-Year I love UGA, its the perfect mix of academic rigor and a good social life/atmosphere. Athens is a great place to get an education. Even though the student body is large, I still am on a first name basis with many of my professors.

First-Year More days dedicated to finals would be essential ( especially in the dorms). Also, the advisement in the dorms are terrible and the advisor has no idea how to help accordingly. She does not know what classes are useful, etc.

First-Year I have absolutely loved my time here at the University of Georgia. The only complaint that I have is that the judicial affairs department does not always listen to what students have to say.

First-Year Having smaller classes than 200 enrollment for required classes like CHEM 1211/1212 would be ideal.

First-Year I got accepted in to every school that I was interested in attending (most in the west) and coming to the University of Georgia is the best choice I have ever made in my life. I've learned more than I thought possible and I love the welcoming atmosphere at UGA. This place is heaven!

First-Year I have had a very positive experience at this university. I definitely feel that there is more than enough academic challenge out there for me. However, I am concerned that I am not learning any practical job skills, but this may be because of my liberal arts major and my status as a freshman.

First-Year The lack of helping advising is really upsetting.

First-Year i love UGA

First-Year Lower hours required to graduate in 4 years to 12 hours per semester. 5 classes is too much

First-Year awesome. i love it. ALL of my teachers have strived for their students to reach beyond their normal potential and attempt to understand worldly topics that we may not have ever been previously introduced. My education experience has been wonderful; I am so pleased in my decision to attend this university.

First-Year Improve campus safety!

First-Year The only thing I have been unsatisfied with is my roommate. We were randomly chosen but we don't get along very well. My suggestion would have having the random roommate matching match AMONG those who are most compatible, as opposed to being 100% r

First-Year I like hour campus is moving to 24 hours, however the SLC needs extended sunday SLC hours and campus needs higher quality and stronger wifi.

First-Year I've found the websites and online systems to be very difficult to use and/or navigate, in general. Notifications of required applications and such were late in coming, or unclear in when and what needed to be done, which made all online systems a hassle to deal with. Notably, the housing registration system was confusing to use, since it has so many different pages and applications and dates for different people depending on whether they're returning or new, staying in the same dorm, etc.

First-Year I love UGA! I feel the students and professors here have a real dedication to this school that is very unique. I can't imagine myself anywhere else.

First-Year I hate the Chemistry department

First-Year Professors don't care enough about students. Especially in the 300 plus lecture classes.

First-Year UGA was not the right choice for me. I felt trapped in Georgia, as we could not afford out of state tuition. It is too large, too impersonal, and too much of a party school for my likes.

First-Year The dorms are horrible. We should have access to more study resources, such as notes from students from previous semesters.

First-Year this university is not educational stimulating or diverse.

First-Year I feel that since we all came from different high schools, our levels of education were a bit different. English has been very hard for me since I am a bad writer and was not taught very well. I wish that we would not have to take classes that have nothing to do with our major since we are basically taking a lot of the same stuff we took in high school.

First-Year I think more focus on the freshmen would be a good idea. Doing more, during the advising or orientation, to expose everyone to college life. I would have liked to have known I had more options for certain classes.

First-Year more Financial Aids for international students.

First-Year As a freshman this summer, I felt that we could have been a little more prepared for signing up for classes because it was our first time. I felt a little rushed during orientation with more focus being spent on less important topics like the food and housing. Academics could have had a more prominent place.

First-Year It has been my experience that some students go to college to get a better job not to learn a skill. Some even know how to use the said skill they just want to have a degree to show that they know, which makes it hard on professors because either the students don't want to learn or do anything or they know what to do and the teachers try to challenge them and end up destroying the ones that are learning the basics still. The teachers either gain the I don't care attitude and expect the students to teach themselves or they challenge the students that know the information and all the other students have to struggle to stay above water.

First-Year This first year attending the University of Georgia has been rewarding. I am happy and feel honored to receive my education at the University of Georgia. The faculty and staff are exceptionally wonderful!

First-Year The school is not as diverse as I thought

First-Year ROOMMATE PROBLEMS INFLUENCED EXPERIENCE IN THAT IT NEGATIVELY EFFECTED OUTLOOK ON COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. EFFECTED THROUGH ACADEMICS AND SOCIALLY

Senior I think it is hard for students to excel when they have to work to pay for school. My sorority has really helped me stay focused and stay in school.

I wish professors were easier to talk to. The Plus minus system is causing me to graduate late even though I have been taking classes since my freshman year without taking a summer off.

Senior I have really enjoyed my time at the University of Georgia. Although at times I feel frustrated with a grade, an assignment, a teacher, faculty, etc, I know that in the end it will have all been worth while. I am very confident going into the workplace having obtained a degree from a such well rounded school. I fully anticipate being an involved alum and returning to visit UGA and Athens frequently. I also anticipate encouraging my children to attend UGA. Go Dawgs!

Senior I was not eligible for the HOPE scholarship because I was out of state. I feel this is very unfair, for I have maintained higher than a 3.5 GPA and deserve a scholarship, unlike students who have it and barely keep it, or have it and then lose it. I think if an out of state student can maintain higher than a 3.5 GPA for their first year, they should be eligible for HOPE. That would have helped me greatly.

Senior ban fraternities and sororities. close bars in town. make learning a foreign language mandatory or study abroad compulsory. close minded, irresponsible and contemptuous student body. little to offer academically and culturally. something must be done for the university's sake.

Senior I need to say that in this college I have attended in two venues, the college of education and the rest of the school. I have found my experience outside the college of education to be strongly enjoyable and fulfilling academically.

However, at the college of education, I was harassed from day one extending three full semesters by younger students. They constantly made rude and cruel comments about my age, made fun of for everything from my age to my work (although I held a 4.0 gpa in my coursework there), and even silly things like what kind of book bag I carried. At first the comments were made behind my back and drifted to my notice via other students who were offended by the comments. Eventually the comments were made in the open, across classrooms, directed at us, and even openly in the presence of a graduate teaching assistant who did nothing to curb the behavior even when it was brought to her attention. I was not the only non-traditional student in my cohort to be treated in this manner, and we all went together to speak to the graduate assistant, and later the administration.

The administration, rather than putting a halt to the problem, told the non-traditional students who complained that there was nothing they could do about it. The students doing the bullying were well-off, well-connected, and we found out later that some of their parents were friends of the administrator and graduate assistant we had complained to. We found the lack of action unacceptable but had to live with it. We were all supposed to be becoming teachers... people who stop bullying, not participate in it or foster it.

After we complained, all but two of us from the cohort for various reasons over the next two semesters, including a false accusation of cheating from the graduate assistant which ended one of the student's chances at becoming a teacher.

I feel that the college of education here has raised ageism from a hobby to an art form.

I have also been a cancer patient during my college experience. As we began practicums, I submitted a written notice each semester that I needed to be placed in a school close to the cancer center here in town so that I could meet my practicum and student teaching requirements, and still make it to treatments if I had a re-occurrence. The administration complied with my request until the non-traditional students complained about the harassment. After that I was placed successively each semester at schools that were further and further away from town. Due to the inflexibility of the college of education's policies about attendance, if I had experienced a re-occurrence of cancer, I would have been forced to make a choice between graduating and taking life saving treatments. There was another student with serious health issues that was treated in an ill manner in our cohort, who shared her experience with me. As a result of this, I am of the opinion that the college of education has issues with students who are not young, well-off or connected, and in perfect physical condition. The college tells us to be accommodating to our students, celebrate diversity, and practice diversified instruction, but does not follow these teachings.

I do want to say that I did have several splendid professors in many of my classes at the college of education, and my actual discontent extends only to the administration, the students who did the harassment, and the one graduate assistant. Unfortunately,

the bad experiences went on so long and were so insidious that they colored my entire experience at the college of education and overshadowed the good experiences. personally I can't wait to get out of there, and I wouldn't recommend that particular school of this major institution to anyone I cared about.

I want to strongly re-emphasize that this was not the experience I had in the institution outside the college of education. Outside I found the professors to be helpful, classes engaging, the students to be friendly or at the least not prone to make rude or degrading comments, and the general atmosphere to be uplifting and stimulating.

I prefer that my comments remain anonymous, as I have a few weeks to go before I graduate and frankly, I've been waiting 30 years to do so, I am graduating with honors, and I am not about to let participating in this survey hinder my chances of finishing. And I believe that the administration at the college of education is just vindictive enough that it would.

Thank you for your time.

Senior i wish there were more passionate instructors; more variety of classes; there's not enough classes for students; OASIS be 24 hours instead of closing at midnight; an easier way to sign up for classes

Senior Books are way too expensive!

Senior I would not have come if not for HOPE. It made UGA a deal i couldn't pass up. I have loved every second and am glad that I decided to go the free route.

Senior I would have liked a more liberal arts experience at UGA, rather than a career focused education.

Senior One of the main reasons I came to this University was because of the Honors Program. When I applied I was well within their standards and I was told that weighted grades were not taken into account (based on a 4.0 being the highest grade point possible). This was good for me because my high school did not do weighted grades at all, despite having AP courses and advanced classes. The Honors program turned be down saying it was because I did not have above a 4.0, contradicting their earlier statement saying weighted grades were not taken into account. I feel like the lied to me but at that point I had already committed to coming to the University. I probably would not have initially come here if I had known that.

Senior The advisor for the Finance Department does not know much about the classes the major offers, knows little about careers in finance, and is almost always unavailable.

Senior I came to UGA from out of state to attend the Odum School of Ecology and work at the Savannah River Ecology Lab. Financial difficulties have made it prohibitive for my continued attendance, but I am very satisfied with the quality of the education I have received over the last 3 years. I would feel more inclined to stay involved with UGA after I leave if the administration's goals were more congruent with those of the School of Ecology (long-term sustainability, commitment to quality undergraduate education). My experience with academic advising has been excellent, and I have found the Honors program to be very facilitative, but a bit stingy with scholarship funds. The faculty and staff of the Odum School, particularly Misha Boyd, have enabled me in every way I could ask for and thoroughly prepared me for a career in natural sciences.

Senior The University has made vast improvements in education over the years I have been here and I hope they continue this trend.

Senior I have LOVED UGA and would definitely come back if I had to choose a college to go to again. I have really enjoyed the Middle Grades Education program and think it is has definitely prepared me to become an educator. I've liked how my classes are small in the program, making it easy to get to know my professors on a personal level. I did not like, though, that core classes were so large. I just felt like a face in the crowd, which made me feel disconnected from the professor and the content. My only other complaint regards advising. I do not think the advisors get a chance to know the students on a personal level (and I know there are so many of us), but I think that makes it hard for them to guide us in the right direction. Overall, though, my experience at UGA has been great! I'm not sure if you want specifics, but Dr. Espelie, Diana Durbin, and Hilary Hughes have been great role models and mentors throughout my college experience :)

Senior SPIA needs to be given additional funding so it is possible to hire additional faculty. It is a great school that is overlooked and overshadowed by the business and journalism schools.

Senior I loved my time here at UGA, but I would rather go to a school with more qualified professors, so that I may actually learn something as it pertains to educational knowledge. Grad students, who quite frankly are not qualified to teach, are teaching me. They do not know the material nor do they have the ability to teach students.

Senior I have had a wonderful experience at UGA and am not ready to leave. However, I feel fully prepared for the real-world and my future career.

Senior I really enjoyed all four years at the University of Georgia, and I am extremely happy that this was my choice.

Senior the one area that i have talked to many people about is how bad the advisers are. granted i have lucked out and have had good advisers, many people have had inept and clueless advisers who give bad advise or don't know what they are talking about. this misinformation had caused lots of my friends to not graduate on time. i feel that every college at UGA could benefit from better advisers, unless UGA just wants more money and wants advisers to give bad info to make students stay longer. step it up. its a shame that a university of this nature can't even advise their own students successfully.

Senior The Computer Science degree I will soon receive has not taught me enough about going into the workforce as a software engineer. The CS program does not offer enough classes that teach students how to use tools and methodologies that are expected in the real world. All of this knowledge I have received from self study and work experience.

Senior The SPECTRUM cohort program in the College of Education, Communication Sciences department, is very very helpful and student oriented. I have totally enjoyed my experience with the faculty and staff in this program. They have really prepared me for teaching special ed in a REAL classroom!

Senior The administration for this University needs to be more accessible to students. I have felt as an undergraduate here that President Adams and Provost Arnett Mace do not really have respect for the students here. I can attest to this because I attended another four year institution, The University of Miami (FL), so I have something to compare my experience to here.

Senior More culture diversity. Some people so close-minded on campus and have no idea about other cultures. Just walk around and see all the cliques standing around waiting for the bus by Tate Center.

Senior The major issue I have with the University of Georgia is very specific to the Psychology department, and that is related to the advising/mentoring opportunities available. Advising is poor and unhelpful for career advice, and faculty mentorship is largely unavailable.

Senior All survey questions should have at least a "Neutral" and "No opinion" selection as one of the responses.

Also, classes should be much, much smaller - at least in major classes. It would be nice if Advertising classes never had more than 15 and English classes never had more than 10. I think this would allow for greater communication between students and faculty and an increased opportunity to become proficient in the subject one is studying.

Senior Somehow make transferring grades from study abroad/exchange experiences easier. Because our grades don't come in until the start of the semester (mine also transferred incorrectly which I had to go to the registrar's office to fix) I lost the SEOG grant that I needed. Normally I could pay off the rest with the money saved up from part time jobs, but I had a death in the family so I eventually had to take out a loan. Please improve the record part so students don't have more troubles on top of schoolwork.

Senior The University of Georgia has a MAJOR problem with cheating and academic dishonesty. The majority of students are very disrespectful to the faculty. This problem makes the classroom environment dissatisfying for student who are here to learn and achieve on their own merit. I have been VERY unsatisfied with my experience here, and deeply regret transferring from UNC. Lets face it, UGA is nothing more than a party school.

Senior My upper level (major) advisors were great but my freshman and sophomore advisors were less than stellar. There needs to be more, better trained advisors at the lower level so that new students are able to maximize what the University has to offer.

Senior The financial situation seems unjust, too many really expensive class fees and expensive supplies required for each class. HOPE scholarship did not apply for a longer degree program like art education. Many classes I took seemed like a real waste of time and money. Many teachers need to be evaluated and see what progress is made in class- many there is nothing done! The campus virtually shuts down for football, which i feel like football is more of a priority than my academic education!!

Senior All professors were wonderful with the exception of Naomi Norman who is universally hated and feared within the classics department. It is a shame that she has been allowed to scare people away from the major for nearly the last twenty years. The only thing I would request of the university is to implement a much more detailed and entirely anonymous (because the current system is not so in all departments) system of reviewing professor's. Dr. Norman gets good reviews because she is a knowledgeable teacher who is fully capable of communicating her learning. What escapes notice is the fact that she creates a fear-filled and self-esteem lowering learning environment in which she seemingly arbitrarily chooses what students to pick on and what ones to favor. Final grades reflect this selection regardless of an individual's actual performance. I am fully aware that this final complaint will perhaps remove some of the legitimacy of my opinion since it is plain I was on the losing end of her favoritism. Still that does not take away from the fact that in the three years I have spent at the university she is the only professor whose class I have dreaded and have daily wished to skip (but never did). If the university is cracking down on sexual harassment the administration should also look towards mental harassment and distress.

Senior I have enjoyed my experiences here overall, but have often felt that student concerns have not been taken seriously and that there was a general lack of concern for issues important to students from the upper administration.

Senior none

Senior There needs to be a greater focus on getting students on a four-year plan when they are Freshman, rather than trying to do it later or not at all. Also, there is a great need to cater to non traditional students and to help students with children so that they can finish their degree requirements.

Senior Diversity in the sense of being familiar and accepting of other cultures, religions or races is not an admirable or feasible goal (nor is it the purpose of a university), jerks.

Senior The majority of teachers I have encountered are amazing. However, the History program is drastically under-staffed and requires 'weeding'. Upper level history classes are far too crowded and filled with non-majors fulfilling their requirements. The general administration is extremely rude and impersonal towards students. There is a lack of communication between student accounts, financial aid and the student. I have had too many late fees because student accounts did not request my financial aid payment from an alternative loan until after the due date. This is an oversight of the fact that it was approved by the school and loan company well in advance. When inflation occurs in the globalized world, the amount that students are allowed to borrow should NOT be decreased; this issue should be regardless of any survey conducted, it is simply common sense!!!

Senior I think the engineering department is very beneficial to this institution and I believe it deserves more funding that it receives.

Senior I love this institution. I cannot imagine not knowing all the knowledge I have gained through my liberal arts education. If I could have quadruple majored, I would have. I am a better person for having attended this university. I will miss it, and may even return.

Senior My main complaint is with the academic advising in the mathematics education department, specifically Hiede Wiegel. I changed my major to math and math ed almost two years into another program. She did not advise me well at all. She told me

which courses to take and in what order; it was not until recently I spoke with someone from the math department who told me that I took the math courses in the incorrect order. This poor advisement has added two more years to my academic career.

Senior Best time of my life

Senior Advising at the University of Georgia is a joke. I had 5 advisers over my first 4 semesters there. At one point I had NO adviser and had to go on a goose chase to even find one. I took way too many classes and hours that weren't necessary because my adviser suggested I take them. I was never given any type of pathway or guidance as far as what degree I should be trying to attain. Most of the time I was just shuffled in and out of an adviser's office as quickly as possible with no regard to what I should actually be taking. This is one of the reasons it has taken me 6 years to get my degree!!

Senior First degree from UGA. Now back for a second bachelor's and to apply to medical school. The science faculty with the exception of the gen chem department is excellent. I especially appreciate the excellent teaching of people like Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Dustman. I love UGA, and it has been an amazing experience. Again. :)

Senior Lecture classes are too big- it would be helpful to have the option of smaller classes during freshman year to get to know a faculty member more intimately; it would definitely help with retention.

Senior I believe the athletic facilities need work. A work out room the size of the one where I went to school before (1,000 students), in a school of 30,000 undergraduates, is inadequate.

Senior I was not aware of many of the programs at UGA until it was too late. Make student aware of the many school functions in which they can participate.

Senior First of all I have three majors, accomodating them all is difficult. One of my advisors is awful and i havent been back to see him since I was a freshman since the other advisors can clear me to register. I get a lot out of having diverse interests. I am in Three schools, Terry, SPIA and Franklin. Surveys like this dont account for me being pleased with one area of my studies and less than thrilled with one of the others. I also WRITE A LOT OF PAPERS. Not a bad thing, but it should be noted that there are students like me at UGA who WRITE LOTS OF PAPERS. School is challenging, its not as easy as some would lead you to think. I value my education and I work hard. I think I have fully earned my 4.0 GPA and I think that the plus/minus grading system needs an A.

Senior Since I'm a science major I feel like the only people teaching me were the research professors. They always seemed like they didn't want to be there. They didn't care if you got it or not, just as long as the class got through the material. The class average was so low that they just curved 30-50 points. I don't feel like I was learning anything.

Senior Paul Welch has been instrumental in my graduating and keeping my advising in line. Considering I transfered to UGA in my senior year I truly appreciated all of his help keeping me on track with all of the rules and guidelines and in getting me credit for an internship.

Senior I have found that most of my classes have been tarnished by having professors that do not know how to give tests.

Other then that, I love UGA!

Senior Go Dawgs!!!

Senior At the end of four years, I'm ready to be done with it all. Quite a lot of it was worthless. A few bright moments, and especially people, however, have ensured that I can look back on the experience fondly.

Senior You can't beat the place. Great academics, great athletics, great social life.

Senior The Agricultural Communicaion program needs to make some serious evaluations regarding classes offered or available in Grady College for these students and an evaluation of courses required (ex: chemistry 1211) for students in this major that may not need such a high level of difficulty in science classes.

Senior I have had a great experience at the University of Georgia and I could not see myself anywhere else. I love this school. However, I wish that my business class were less repetitive. I feel that every course covers the basic materials of the specific field. I feel that the upper level courses should assume that your intro classes taught you the basics and move onto more advanced topics. The University of Georgia has very qualified students, the school needs to push them to their full potential. My only other complaint is that I feel the school does a poor job attracting top notch companies to the university and fitting students with jobs.

Senior I can't imagine having completed undergrad anywhere else.

Senior Dr.knauff Dr.Miller and Dr.Jackson were all great profs.

Senior Great all-around place.

Senior The University of Georgia is indeed an institute that fosters a lifelong love for education. I have been engaged for my four years at UGA, and can say with sincerity that many more students are engaged, brilliant, diverse, and interesting than ever before. This is a university on the ascendency, and I am proud and honored to have been part of it.

Senior Overall, my experience at UGA has been positive- a wonderful opportunity for growth. The major problem I have with UGA is the attitude of many of my fellow students. Most undergrads seem to take the opportunity to attend a great research school for granted, instead spending their time partying. I wish more studnets adopted a "work hard-play hard" attitude. I also wish that UGA would raise the admission criteria. I think this would cut back on the excessive parties.

Additionally, I have some issues about the faculty I have encountered while at UGA. I have had far too many TAs and Grad students teaching classes! Even the professor are rarely tenured. I see this as a major issue for the current administration.

I also wish that there was more funding to improve North Campus. I think it is shame that Old College is used for offices. It is one of the most historic buildings on campus and should be used for classroom. That's part of UGS student history.

Senior UGA has some outstanding faculty, and my educational experiences here have usually been rewarding. However, the positive aspects are counter-balanced by at least two major problems. (1) The change to the semester system has reduced the

quality of education at UGA. One cannot focus adequately on four or five courses at once, even if they do not meet as often. Three is my productive maximum. Beyond that, I can perform, but I do not engage the material with the same level of depth. Further, I have seen again and again, in myself and classmates, that burnout sets in after week 10. There are other arguments, but this is not the place. Besides, I assume you are familiar with this debate. I have spoken with maybe 50 students and around a dozen professors about this, and we all agree that the quarter system is better by far, in a variety of ways. What say we put it to a university-wide poll, just to see how much interest there would be in switching back to quarters? (2) MWF classes are too short. It seems that we just barely get going by the time 50 minutes rolls around. Let's have a discussion about other options. Maybe instead of MWF and TR, we could have MWF and TRF, with Friday as discussion/lab/etc.? Or MW, TR, and F. Again, faculty is UGA's strength, but much could be done to improve the quality of education by structural re-organization. Thanks for reading this. I would be willing to discuss things further, and bring other students, perhaps faculty as well, into a discussion regarding improvements at UGA. Feel free to contact me if there is any interest in the view from within the trenches, so to speak.

Senior It is impossible for a student to gain a real world perspective if the institution is too afraid of offending someone. Teach the truth!!!

Senior Being a Finance major in the Terry College of business, I just want someone to know, one academic advisor for the 400 or so finance majors is not enough. You need to hire someone else. It's pretty ridiculous to expect one person to do all that.

Senior It just gets lonelier and lonelier.

Senior I was very hesitant about coming to the University of Georgia, but my parents encouraged me to because of the HOPE scholarship. I did not want to come to the same school that everyone from high school was coming to, but it ended up being the best decision of my life. I have had amazing opportunities in my four years here including studying abroad twice, on two different continents. I have been able to meet amazing people here, like President Jimmy Carter, and other influential people, as a member of The Arch Society (the universities student hosts and goodwill ambassadors). I am going next year to teach bilingual elementary school for Teach For America in the Rio Grande Valley. Without my amazing experiences and education at UGA, Teach For America would not have chosen me as a 2008 corps member. UGA is an amazing university, and I would not trade my years here for anything.

Senior The University of Georgia provides a great education while also better preparing students socially for the real world.

Senior I chose to be advised by Dr. Karl Espelie instead of my assigned advisor, and I think it was the best decision I ever made at UGA. Dr. Espelie is an amazing man, and I am grateful to him for my successful educational experience here.

Senior I love this university

Senior While I feel the overall quality of my education has been superb, I feel the institution at large should allow more student contribution to decision making. Sustainability has been placed on the back burner for far too long at this university, and we have fallen far behind our peer institutions as a result. Having the first stand-alone school of Ecology should be more than a press tool; it should be an indication of our intent, as a university, to break new ground in solving the important issues of today, many of which (surprise, surprise) fall within the realm of Ecology.

Senior UGA needs to offer more Spanish classes.

Senior Overall I have had a great experience with the courses and teachers. I have just experienced problems with the alumni association at the University of Georgia not putting the students first.

Senior Academic advising was awful. In general, my SPIA adviser could only tell me that I satisfied the core requirements for my degree and that I needed to take more upper level courses. I could see that on my DARS. I tried asking for advice on which classes to take and the answer was: "More upper level classes." Likewise, when I signed up for Honors advising, hoping maybe for a better experience, I was told that I needed to withdraw from my appointment so more freshmen could be advised. I haven't been to advising since these experiences 2 years ago. I'll graduate at the end of this term having not been back. My question is: what would you say academics advisers do here?

Senior The reason I believed that the advising I received was less than helpful was because all of the advising I received was something that I could have done on my own time. I came into my appointments knowing what classes I would like to take, and where I needed to go in order to advance my degree, and my advisers never had anything different or new to say.

Senior This University supposedly prides itself on "Excellence," yet when I was trying to complete my minor, I was unable to enroll in the necessary classes. They were simply not being offered. I did my own investigating and found I could take an independent studies course. After compiling all the information, I learned that there was no faculty member willing to help me. Therefore, I will graduate one class shy of a minor that I was told was achievable.

Senior I think the quality of the education varies based on the courses you are enrolled in at this institution. Most of the upper level courses are significantly more challenging and require more problem analysis because they are smaller. The large lectures which most of the Freshmen and Sophomore courses consist of test how well you can regurgitate material, not necessarily what you know.

Senior If not for the HOPE scholarship I would not have attended the university of Georgia. Hope made college possible for me

Senior I've encountered problems with a language barrier with too many professors. It has negatively affected my education.

Senior The only suggestion I would make is to make advising EXPLICIT. I didn't know that Chem 1111 (or whatever the non-science major chem is) was only offered at 8 in the morning so I couldn't take it due to my practicum that started at 8 in the morning. MAKE sure the students know that certain courses have only one or two time slots.

Senior Leonard Leadership Scholars, the Honors Program and the Terry College of Business have most contributed to my academic success, and I am thankful for those programs.

Senior I am a learning disabled student along with some other medical conditions so attending college has been difficult. Every thing takes me 2-3 times longer to do than others. There are no allowances made in financial aide and that is frustrating. Accommodations for disabilities at my school are under funded and in some cases marginal. Substitutes or adjustments for degree requirements are a bureaucratically nightmare. Academic assistants is almost a joke unless you play sports.

Senior I find UGA to be the perfect place for students to discover who they are as a person. It offers a wonderful variety of majors, with excellent extra circular activities to help enhance as a person, and to help develop his/her own point of view in life.

Senior My educational experience at UGA has molded me into the person that I am in ways that I cannot know. I am very proud of my decision to attend UGA. My experiences studying abroad in Italy, serving the medically uninsured in Athens, serving as a Chemistry teaching assistant, and researching with a faculty mentor were the most important to me. My only frustrations with the university were with academic advising, scheduling, and tutoring. During the first-year that I transferred, no one had time to help me. I struggled to obtain an appointment with an academic advisor. After meeting with my advisor, she was not able to help me get the courses I needed because they were full. Recently I have not been able to get the classes that I have needed in order to graduate. Course availability (for science courses) seems to be a major problem at UGA. Tutoring services are very poor and most faculty members are simply not available to answer questions for students. Some of my professors did not even return emails.

Senior Not enough communication between the colleges within the university, making changing majors difficult and course hours wasted making GPA fall. Academic advising has only been helpful twice out of the 5 years of attendance. Had a different adviser every advising session 3 1/2 out of the 5 years of attendance. I will graduate with a BFA after 5 1/2 years and after changing majors from an education field to an art education field after my second year. I will have a total of about 160 hours with a major that only requires 127 hours. My GPA will most likely be a 2.98 despite most of my classes have a B average, this is due to the unused hours from transferring majors. While UGA has some wonderful aspects to those who don't get overlooked or fall through the cracks, to those of us who did it leaves our college career lacking and dissatisfying.

Senior There is a drinking culture at UGA that is especially promoted on game days, and especially within the Greek scene. Many people that attend this school do so because their parents paid for them to get in, and do not take school seriously. I take my education and academia very seriously, but I am still able to be very involved in extra curricular activities and have a social life. I would say that at least 1/3 of the student body here does not care about school and only care about partying. To continue to promote this environment only weakens our education. I plan to go to a graduate school that is known for academia, not for football or having lots of alcoholic graduates.

Senior Please someone help the science departments! Class size, advising, teacher-student relationship, helpful resources, career advising, too few teachers... it's all a wreck!

Senior The advising in the Comparative Literature Department is subpar and needs to be reviewed.

Senior I am very impressed by the the Department of Geography. Not only is the subject matter edgy and vast, the professors guide you through course selection and even counseling and notification of jobs post-graduation. I am very pleased to have been a member of the UGA Department of Geography.

Senior This university seems to value grades more than the actual value of education and therefore many of the class at UGA end up with students taking class for all the wrong reason. I want more than just a degree from UGA; I want to learn for the sake of learning and this university lacks in this manner. I will say that I think I have received a quality education at UGA but I also believe that there is room for great improvement. I sometimes feel that I am being punished in the classroom because I really do want to learn while the majority of the students at UGA seem to be here only for the sake of earning a degree and so they often lack class engagement because they do not really care to learn. I think UGA could benefit from some form of classroom reform.

Senior I waited until my last year to get involved in tailgating (because I had to do an ethnography on it) and I regret that decision. I had a blast this football season, even after I had finished my project.

Senior GPA from other institutions are not considered when viewing GPA necessary to remain at the current institution. This penalizes anyone who transferred into the college by holding them to a higher standard in the major classes. Students who started at the college have a larger GPA cushion to allow for mistakes. Advising from the college provided useless information.

Senior I feel that the University of Georgia offers an excellent combination of educational, social, and leadership opportunities. I believe the plus minus grading system is a positive step; however, I do believe it should be more standard across the University community and the spread of grades should be adjusted.

Senior Faculty student relationships are great, but they are only one part of the experiential puzzle. I truly believe that this university needs to do much in the future to connect students more directly to offices, administrators and advisors. There is no reason for college to be difficult due to paperwork, procedures and enigmatic administrative bureaucrats. It should be easier to find out who, what and where students' needs can be met. Perhaps some kind of central synnergized information office or website that offers quick feedback for questions about anything that students might need to know.

Better, more personalized and tailored advising is a must. Advisors should play a huge role in students' college career and should be a source of confidence and mentorship for students who are moving through unknown territory without a guide. I've found that advisors here are too often pre-occupied, clueless, unhelpful and discouraging. And, I've often had to resort to third party advice for many major decisions. Many other students may not be so resourceful. It's hard to find a mentor at such a large school, and our advisors, who see every single student at UGA, are in a prime position to take on some of this mentorship duty. Instead they sit down in front of you, don't know who you are and basically absorb everything you say without any playback. Then you're out

of their office 10 minutes later just as clueless as you were before only now with more paperwork in your bag. Advisors only need to ask a few basic personal questions about what students like, want, know already, etc. to increase student confidence and to direct UGA students in their studies.

Senior Encouraging students to attend campus events was related to one of the questions - so it is worth mentioning that FRANKLIN BLUE CARD EVENTS ARE NOT THE WAY. This program is one of the worst things ever introduced to campus because now interesting guest speakers have a disinterested, disrespectful, gum-smacking audience of students who don't actually want to be there to listen, and it feels like high school again.

Senior Overall, I am very happy with my time at UGA and proud to be a Bulldog. Two suggestions: 1) Certain major classes should be offered every semester, b/c I'm at 5 and 1/2 years because I had to wait for courses to be available, 2) If you ever want a donation from me, hire more conservative faculty and staff.

Senior I feel that my educational experience has been exceptional within our university. Unlike some of the programs at Georgia, I have participated in a small, intimate program through our art school, developing strong bonds with my faculty and fellow students while nurturing a thorough education in the field of photography. I would not only repeat my educational experience at the University of Georgia if given a chance to, but I would also highly recommend any upcoming students to take apart in such a rewarding university experience.

Senior I definitely would suggest an improvement in academic advisement. When I transferred to this University I had never heard of the Regents Exam nor was I made aware of that I had to take the Federal/Ga Constitution Exams as well as the United States/Ga History Exam. It was not until my second semester and a change of adviser that I was told about these 5 exams. I think that the advisers at this University, from my own experience and that told to me by others, need to be more informative and aware.

Senior I think that the academic advising that I received was good only because I actively pursued my advisors. I had to stay on top of my class schedules to make sure that I completed classes in time to graduation. In fact, one advisor even made a crucial mistake in advising me and, had I not found the mistake myself, I would not have graduated on time. Also, I wish that as a freshman I had been given more advice as to major options (for example, I only learned that there is an Environmental Economics major and Environmental Law minor this year and I would have majored/minored in these had I been aware). Otherwise, I think that I am prepared for my career very well. Grady especially emphasized to me the importance of getting internships and job related experience which was helpful. Grady's career advisor is also exceptional in making students know of opportunities to gain experience.

Senior I could not be happier with my college experience. The University of Georgia has served one of its state citizens very well, and I am thankful for it.

Senior Mark E. Johnson deserves tenure.

Senior Professor Pope in the Finance department of The Terry College of Business has been my best professor, while at the University of Georgia. Every business major needs to have him at some point, because he makes you apply your knowledge to real world examples.

Senior I have felt that my time at this university has lacked passion. Few of my professors have made an effort to infuse passion into their topic matter. Others seem to be indifferent toward the general student body's lackadaisical attitude towards many topics affecting our community and world.

Senior Some of the Marketing and Advertising courses are out of date and out of context. I am learning the same material over and over in courses with different descriptions. It should also be harder, with more recent and relevant course materials and examples.

Senior The only negative thing I have to comment on is the fact that my choice in minors was severely limited. Either because of overcrowding of classes or lack of professors (or both) many courses I tried to enroll in were classified as POD. I was unable to become a political science minor because of this, which was greatly disappointing to me because of my interests and career ambitions. Some of my friends that also attend UGA were even told that they could not complete their minor because the one they had chosen was no longer being offered. Fixing this problem would lead to more satisfied and well-rounded students.

Senior Great University !

Senior I have really enjoyed attending UGA and the resources it offers are tremendous.

Senior If I could rewind the past four years and go to the University all over again, I would. I have enjoyed my college experiences here at UGA and I hope to attend graduate school here as well.

Senior My advising was only poor before the FACS school, since then it has been perfect.

Senior My experience, both educationally and socially, has truly been a blessing. I was a Georgia Bulldog at birth and was recorded "cheering for the Dawgs" at age 4, so attending the University of Georgia was never a question. I consider myself to be fortunate to have had the opportunity and would attend UGA again - no questions asked! The faculty in the College of Education CMSD Department are helpful and knowledgeable, and my personal adviser, Dr. Holly Kaplan, is perhaps one of the best at UGA. Regardless of national rankings, UGA ranks as the elite among its students!

Senior Smaller classes please. More emphasis on learning in the class instead of purely grades; too much memorization. Core course work takes too long and is extremely uninteresting. Aside from social aspects (the main reason I like going here), this school's academics could use a lot of work. I wanted to learn, and this did not happen until my last year of college, and that is not what I paid for!

Senior UGA has been great and now I am off to medical school in August, 2008!

Senior UGA rocks!!

Senior I think the University of Georgia's academic rigor is a bit of a catch-22. Being a major research institution, the University of Georgia's faculty are often unavailable and lack effective teaching skills. However, as a result, I have learned to be a self-motivated student and have learned to teach myself various subjects. Yes independent learning is a valuable tool. However, I think

it would benefit the University and its students to hire professors who are more interested in teaching instead of furthering their research.

Senior GO DAWGS!

Senior The advising for incoming freshmen who participated in joint-enrollment is awful or nonexistent. In my experience, double majors are also more likely to receive subpar advising. I have been very disappointed in the execution of some of the required introductory courses such as Speech Communication. I enjoy my upper-level classes though.

Senior We should not just focus so hard on academics all of the time (although they are very important) but also realize that graduating well-rounded people that can socialize, relate to others, and be intelligent is the most important aspect.

Senior While my experience with the University of Georgia has been overall a positive one, especially with individual professors and students (and with the scholarship program of which I am a part), all of my dealings with administration, whether at the University or college/department level have been generally unsatisfactory. Administrators at UGA seem to be completely out of touch with both the student body and the outside world, setting goals and making policies which seem to conflict with the demands and trends of both. Part of this is the political and bureaucratic practice of running a university and cannot be helped, but when compared to other universities of similar size and prestige, UGA often fails to match up.

Senior Most Professors suck, maybe it's the system. The tests are bogus and they aim to trick students. Curse words could follow.

Senior The years that I have spent attending classes at UGA have been some of the very best years of my life. I am 66 and still enjoying every minute spent with the students and teachers. I have always been treated with the greatest respect, as well as be made to feel as one of the gang. The students have been wonderful, and they have been my greatest teachers. I hope to continue to do so.

Senior go dawgs.

Senior make photography and music classes more available to non majors. hire more religion professors. hubert mccaalexander is the man. everyone should take his class.

Senior I enjoyed my time at UGA.

Senior It seems like a lot of people here are don't have the intellectual ability I thought college people had. Maybe it's just because of the party atmosphere or because it's a public school. But I guess I just expected more.

Senior Overall I've had a very positive experience at UGA. It is my personal opinion that students should not have to take as many optional classes leading up to taking major classes. I think more major classes should be taken instead of filling the first two years of a student's career with classes that will not help them once they graduate. I mean, how in the world is Mythology going to help you in your Finance job? Also, HACE 2000 is probably the worst class at the University. A total waste of time. I had to leave the job fair early because the instructors would not let me miss class because they deemed that me learning about a BETTY LAMP was more important than obtaining a job. Absolutely ridiculous!

Senior My 2 years at the University of Georgia was done through the Gwinnett campus. I greatly enjoyed the experience but, feel that those left for the remaining year were not so lucky in class/professor selection. Too bad the school is being let go from the extended campus. Much opportunity for those not able to attend classes in Athens is lost.

Senior I have encountered two types of professors at this institution: those who truly understand and those who do not. The ratio is equal.

Senior love it

Senior One thing I regret about coming here is that I could have gone to a less-distinguished school and ended with a much higher GPA. I'm not sure the payout was worth coming to the better school. While I haven't had any problems with my major, there are still those courses designed strictly to weed students out.

The biggest problem I have had, though, is the lack of advising on post-graduate life. I feel like I was never very well informed about the types of things I needed to be doing to attend graduate school or receive a very good job after college.

Senior The Landscape Architecture program has done a phenomenal job preparing us for the work place in a nurturing environment.

Senior need to change advising and classes in spanish program. Most of the time i was not sure who my advisor was in my program. Also the upper level classes for majors in this program should be held for majors. This is a problem that many in my major have felt.

Senior I love UGA and have gotten much more from my experience as a Speech Communication major than I ever dreamed I would. I would enthusiastically recommend it to anyone who is interested and ready to do the work.

Senior I already stated my concerns to the academic dean and nothing was done but a restatement of my situation, no questions or concerns were addressed or any attempt made to clear it up satisfactorily

Senior This is a wonderful university!!

Senior The Psychology major is awful at UGA. You'd never know it's the most popular major in our nation. I'm about to graduate and I've never read Freud, Jung, or Erikson. The classes are incohesive and random, and they fill up too early. The faculty are often less current and knowledgeable than the grad students. Even the building where most classes are held is structured like a prison. The office staff are hostile. My advisor was not forthcoming with helpful information in the least. I don't know who is running things, but this department is desperately in need of an overhaul.

Senior I'm educated!

Senior This university allows for unlimited cultural and academic opportunities, as well as the flexibility for students to mold their academic career to fit their needs.

Senior Go Dawgs!

Senior Now that I am in my upper level classes, I realize how much worse my beginning classes were.. So I think those need to be focused on too.

Senior UGA has made me who I am by allowing me to recognize everything I dislike in my fellow students

Senior Spanish advising is awful, 10 minutes per session and no personal advice. Please hire more and better advisors.

Senior I was very disappointed with our academic advisement. Freida Thorton only spoke to us once during each semester to give us a "group advisement." This was not very helpful because I had specific questions that I needed answered and I know many of the other students had questions too. Also, when I tried to register for classes it said that I had not been advised. I think that's kind of ironic. She gave us a group advisement, but she couldn't even clear all of us for our classes. I was the only one in the cluster that was not cleared. When I brought it to her attention she did not apologize. I think that the academic advisements are one of the main things that needs to be improved. I also think that many of the UGA facilitators who visit us while we are in the field are not qualified for the position. Some of them did not respond to email promptly, missed observation appointments, and skipped several weeks altogether. I really think that there is a disconnect between UGA and the elementary schools we are working in. It would help if our UGA facilitators during student teaching were actual professors who had experience in the classroom.

One positive point is that I really enjoyed taking classes with my cluster. I feel very close to my fellow classmates. We do a lot of lesson planning and socializing together.

Senior I love the english department; the advising is really awful though. The mentor system is a joke and a nuisance for the vast majority of the people I've talked to about it.

Senior I STRONGLY value my extra-curricular experiences with the University and feel that my views of UGA would be very different without them. By extra-curricular, I am not referring to social sorority participation, though I did join during formal recruitment my freshman year. I specifically mean involvement in organizations that directly affect the University's student body-- University Judiciary, for example.

Senior The questions of this survey are poorly designed as intelligent / insightful people would have completed some of the items without help from the university. Instead of closed question, open-ended ones would have been much more effective.

Senior I have thoroughly enjoyed my educational experience at UGA. However, the financial burden placed on out-of-state students such as myself is increasingly problematic. I hope that in the future more scholarship/grant opportunities are dedicated to out-of-state students or that the administration will not dump extra charges solely on out-of-state tuition. It is my only negative experience with UGA that I can complain about because I will leave this college roughly \$80,000 in debt.

Senior Amazing school.

Senior I'm an out of state student so the hope question was not applicable

Senior More influence on writing and group work; could be more helpful about the real world with careers and preparing to be out on one's own; textbooks are expensive and rarely opened or needed to do well in a course

Senior I think the president is too harsh on the freshman. the academics are challenging and the teachers do a great job. the administration needs a little revamping. People are becoming completely unreasonable about their expectations for the incoming classes and their behaviors. President Adams needs to address these issues, and find ways to give people second chances. The school will not be popular and fun if he keeps up in his harsh ways.

Senior i am an out of state student and coming here was worth it despite the fact that i could not get hope

Senior Need for more financial aid for out of state students

Senior I am an out of state student, and Georgia is the only school that i can imagine attending. Thank you for making me feel at home. GOOOOO DAWGS! SIC EM!! WOOF WOOF WOOF!!!

Senior I love UGA! I am from Austin, TX and would never go anywhere else for school. I recommend UGA to all of my friends and family.

Senior The advising for public relations specifically in the Grady College is awful. Also, there are unequal numbers of career consultants available to students from different majors which is aggravating. There should be more cross-communication between advising departments for different colleges and all advisors should be knowledgeable in some of the bigger certificate programs on campus. Also, I strongly believe at this university that you get out of the experience what you put in; people work and play depending on what they want to get out of their time here. Finally, there is a distinct difference between the research courses in Grady and Terry; the Grady research course is much better and practical than the one in Terry. Also, Grady students should be allowed to take more than two classes within the college each semester and should be advised in ways that may allow them to graduate on-time.

Senior The internal processes regarding study abroad assignments, at least with regards to Japan specifically, badly need review. I attempted to study abroad in Japan and was sent by UGA into a very poor environment with almost no applicable preparation beforehand. I eventually decided to end my stay much earlier than scheduled, due to the inadequacy of the program.

Senior I feel like I am in a box at this University. Studying is basically frowned upon while social engagement is encouraged. Classes are more geared towards regurgitating Professor opinions than anything else. I am in senior level courses writing book reports on books the Professor picks, not research papers! I would say 2/3's of my classmates are incapable of writing a coherent thesis statement yet they have had 2 semesters of English that was supposed cover this material. (This is not based on assumption but on peer-review sessions.) I suppose this is to be expected when the average student goes through the whole college

experience never having written a paper longer than 12 pages.

There is no encouragement to go to other Universities that are not located in Georgia. I feel that I am judged adversely by my age, my prior experiences, my financial status, and my differing religious view. Although diversity is preached, it is not practiced. Individuality is DEFIANTLY NOT encouraged, even frowned upon. I am not from GA, but have done much traveling. I can honestly say that this is the absolute rudest, most close-minded place I have ever encountered, on a consistent basis. I understand college is a time for self-exploration and growth. However, all I have been able to observe is people growing more intolerant, more judgmental, lazier and more prideful. If I was in a situation where I could transfer, I would, but that is not an option available to me.

Leadership and Confidence are not encouraged but met with hostility and fear.

Although I have a strong opinion about the 'quality' of my educational experience, I will say that I make the best of my environment. However degraded my experience, I will walk away with something, regardless.

I really hope that you take the time to read through my comments, even if you may find them baseless or irrelevant. There is not much you can do to fix it, because there is not a desire to fix it, but hopefully you will finally receive feedback that is something other than a disengaged acceptance of indifference. Or perhaps you could care less, as is what I have come to expect as the general response of this institution.

Senior I love UGA!!!

Senior I really think some departments depend upon Student teachers to teach coursework, this is ok IF TRAINING IS PROVIDED to the Student teachers. Grumbings from students will often return to the lack of knowledge/training of a T.A. My guess is MANY if not ALL poor evaluations are referred to T.A. Student teachers. Most schools have a FT Professor sit on a class with t.a. more than once.

Senior we have enough academic rigor, don't be so hard on us for loving our football team, GO DAWGS!

Senior thanks for all the years!

Senior Aside from the outstanding academic opportunities offered at this university. I believe that the President and the Board of Regents have taken their personal agendas and put them before the University and the tradition it holds.

Some non-academic decisions made were totally unnecessary and inappropriate.

Senior I felt like the advising I was given early on in my college career was misleading. I was told to take certain courses that I did not need wasting my time. I feel like my extra year I will be taking at UGA is a direct result of this.

Senior The academic advising in the Anthropology department, specifically that from Lisa Norris, is exceptional. The advising from the history department is generally frustrating and leaves something to be desired.

My academic experience here has been extremely positive. My professors have all been exceptional. I would like to specifically acknowledge Dr Ari Levine (History), Dr Steve Kowalewski (Anthropology), and Dr Westlee Follett (History) who are absolutely outstanding. I am extremely impressed with my academic experience here and with the university in general.

My only criticism is with the Honors program. These students are afforded unfair special treatment that promotes elitist and pejorative attitudes to other students. Honors classes that I have taken demand less from students than regular classes, apparently taking for granted superior performance from honors students. The selection process is also unfair and should offer more opportunity for students to become accepted based on performance already in school. (Case in point: I carry a 3.97 average but am not eligible.)

I also wish to acknowledge the UGA at Oxford program which I participates in last fall. This program is exceptional and everyone involved is absolutely fantastic. Studying in Oxford was an extremely rewarding experience and I am very thankful for everyone involved with this program for helping make this happen.

I had high expectations from UGA when I began and these expectations have been exceeded. Every class has been both challenging and rewarding, and all my professors have ranged from very good to outstanding. This has been a great experience.

Senior Its hard to beat free school. Why go somewhere else when you can go here for free tuition.

Senior As far academic advising, my degree program was designed in such a way that your first 2.5-3 years are spent taking prerequisite courses that must be taken in an appropriate order because each course is a prereq for the next. This type of order requires much more independent responsibility on the student to make sure the courses are being completed in the correct order and in a timely fashion. For me, requiring academic advising was a waste of an hour each semester because I did all the work by myself. In my four years, my advisor didn't have to do anything besides click "ok" so I could register for classes. Advising is great for undergrads in their first 2 years or if they are unsure of their major. However, it is pointless besides very specific, personal career oriented questions that you need an appointment for anyway.

Senior I feel that the academic advising in the College of Education could be improved. They seem to be very unorganized and behind schedule on getting important information out to the students in certain programs.

Senior The administration needs to stop worrying about and pushing for "academic rigor". Difficulty level of studies depends on major choice. I have worked very hard to maintain an average GPA in a science major and constantly feel "beaten down" by academic rigor NOT course material.

Senior I've enjoyed my time at UGA. I spent two full semester on study abroad programs and am glad I participated them and thankful UGA encourages participation in these programs. Going abroad was a great experience, not only for learning about other cultures, but also for learning about my self and developing a greater appreciation for the university and the Athens environment.

Senior More hands on classes, more greenhouse work.

Senior Great campus, great town, with diverse, fun, interesting and welcoming people.

Senior GO DAWGS!

Senior I transferred here from Georgia State University as a Junior. My freshman year was spent at Berry College. I feel as if I had two very different college experiences before entering in at UGA. I also feel that UGA was the best of both worlds; it's a large enough campus that I can be involved if I wish to do so, but I am also able to do my own thing. Plus we have a killer football team, which I had never experienced before. I love being at this university and, while I gained a lot insight and life experience from my previous colleges, I don't regret leaving them for UGA one bit. I'm where I need to be to make my future happen.

Senior Great school, great future

Senior Campus is silent on worker's rights problems and its abuses of employees.

Senior The plus-minus system is no good.

Senior The business school did a very poor job at equating academic theories and concepts to the real world. A lot was assumed about students' experiences with the real business world that were not realistic or helpful to the student. The opposite problem of teaching solely theories and concepts with no connection to the real world was also prevalent. Students should not have to rely on receiving rare internship opportunities to feel ready to enter the workforce with at least some idea of what they will be doing.

Senior The institution that i attend does not have enough social programs designed to integrate students of different ethnicities and races. There is a great need for a push for social unity at this university. While the academics side is challenging i feel that the social programs need to encourage tolerance and integration of all different kinds of students.

Senior I am indebted to this school for making it possible for me to receive a superb well-rounded education. It is a huge school, and with its size comes opportunities. I beleive one of the determinants of a good institution of higher learning is the opportunities it offers to students. This school does its part to meet students halfway; it is then up to the students to do their part to ensure that they experience the highest standards of education that this university has to offer.

Senior Don't get rid of HOPE!!! I would not have done nearly as well in school without the HOPE scholarship ensuring that I did not have to work full-time.

Senior How 'bout them dawgs!

Senior I believe that the University of Georgia, gave me the foundation to be successful in graduate school. My advisers within my program guided me and stood by me when I had questions and concerns about graduate school. I am proud to a part of the universities legacy, and will continue to show my support after I graduate. The opportunities I have found at University of Georgia have been amazing, and I feel that what I came here for has been accomplished. I was accepted in graduate school with an assistantship, because of the clinical experiences I received at UGA. I have been given a great education and have enjoyed my time at this great institution.