UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AMENITIES

(available to faculty/staff/alumni, either for free or on a fee basis)

UGA EMPLOYEE EXTRAS

The UGA Human Resources department maintains a list of organizations who offer discounts, services and voluntary benefit plans to all active and retired UGA Faculty and Staff members. These Employee Extras include discounts on items such as insurance plans, car rental/hotel booking, theme park tickets, electronic equipment and more.

The current list can be found at http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/usg_perks.

UGA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The UGA Alumni Association has as its mission to proudly support the academic excellence, best interests, and traditions of the University of Georgia. Membership in the Association is automatic for all graduates of the University, and affiliate membership is open (upon request) to those who make a minimum annual gift of $50 to the Georgia Fund for the Alumni Association.

Alumni are encouraged to support the programs and initiatives of the Association through unrestricted donations to the Georgia Fund for the Alumni Association. From scholarships to special alumni programs, unrestricted gifts enrich and expand the UGA Alumni Association’s outreach efforts; and it is also through this support that the Association helps provide tomorrow’s alumni a superior education and prepare them for success.

For more information, visit www.uga.edu/alumni.

ATHLETICS

Most Bulldog sporting events are free to the University community and general public including softball, volleyball, soccer, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, swimming and diving, men’s golf, women’s golf, equestrian, track and field, and cross-country events. Admission to women’s basketball is free with presentation of a faculty/staff ID. See the Athletic Association Web site at http://www.georgiadogs.com for schedules and more information.

Four sports require ticket purchases. These include football, men’s basketball, gymnastics and baseball. Faculty and staff are eligible for season ticket discounts for these sports, although tickets may only be available on a priority basis. Visit the Ticket Office webpage at http://www.georgiadogs.com or contact that office via phone at 706-542-1231.
AUDITING CLASSES

Only registered students may audit classes. The policies for auditing classes are found in the UGA Bulletin: http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/bulletin/ind/audit.html. For more information on auditing classes and/or University admittance, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 706-542-8776 or visit the website at http://www.admissions.uga.edu.

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore offers modest discounts to UGA faculty and staff, as well as special sales throughout the year. Visit: http://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-10210-1?demoKey=d or contact them at 706-542-3171.

CHILDCARE CENTER

The new University Childcare Center is conveniently located in a newly renovated 12,000 square foot facility on UGA’s Health Sciences Campus, with a total of over 15,000 square feet of outdoor play area spanning four age appropriate playgrounds. University Childcare Center has smaller classrooms and very low teacher to child ratios giving our children the opportunity to receive great amounts of individual attention from our highly trained teachers. More information about this warm, engaging learning environment provided to the children of UGA faculty, staff and students (as well as families of the Athens community) can be found at http://universitychildcarecenter.uga.edu/.

DEPARTMENT OF DANCE

The University of Georgia Department of Dance sponsors a variety of performances and concerts. The schedule can be found at http://www.dance.uga.edu/content/performance-calendar. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 706-542-8579.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

The Department of Theatre and Film Studies offers a varied schedule of performances, lectures and film screenings at three different venues. Information and the current event schedule may be found at http://www.drama.uga.edu/ or by calling 706-542-2836.
**FOOD SERVICES**

The University’s award-winning Food Services program welcomes faculty/staff and the general public to any of its regular meals or special events, such as “A Taste of Home,” “Cook’s Holiday,” etc., which are very popular. Cash prices for meals (includes tax) are as follows:

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For more information, visit [http://www.uga.edu/foodservice](http://www.uga.edu/foodservice). UGA employees can purchase a meal plan at the same prices available to students. For more information, visit [http://foodservice.uga.edu/meal-plans](http://foodservice.uga.edu/meal-plans).

**GEORGIA CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education offers a number of amenities and services to the public including dining, lodging, wedding and banquet hosting, a business center and gift shop, as well as continuing education classes. The Georgia Center provides diverse outreach programs to the local community.

Please visit [http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu) for more information on Georgia Center programs and services. Please visit [http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/sections/classes.phtml](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/sections/classes.phtml) for information on continuing education classes.

**GEORGIA MUSEUM OF ART**

As both an academic museum and the state’s official art museum, the Georgia Museum of Art has long offered its audiences a world-class art experience through award-winning exhibitions, publications and programming. A newly designed 16,000-square-foot expansion of the museum’s galleries by Gluckman Mayner Architects (New York) allows for continual display of works from the museum’s permanent collection. The experience continues in the new Jane and Harry Willson Sculpture Garden, which is dedicated to the display of works by women artists and provides visitors with a quiet spot to visit, eat lunch or meditate. Children and families will soon be able to unleash their creativity in a new interactive classroom, and scholars and students will have access to the Louis T. Griffith Library and the new Study Centers in the Humanities. The museum offers a variety of programming for all ages from lecture and film series to Family Days and tours. For a complete listing of events and exhibitions, please visit [www.georgiamuseum.org](http://www.georgiamuseum.org). Experience the new Georgia Museum of Art!
**GOLF COURSE**

The University of Georgia Golf Course offers the beauty and convenience of Athens’ only in-town upscale public golf course. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and built in 1968, the University Golf Course has become a valuable recreational asset for not only the University, but for the state of Georgia as well. Renovated in 2006 by Love Golf Design, the updated course is now challenging enough to host the annual Stadion Classic at UGA professional golf tournament. The Stadion Classic at UGA is a part of the Nationwide Tour, which is the main feeder system for the PGA TOUR. Many of tomorrow’s PGA TOUR stars will come through Athens on their way to the top!

The golf course is open to the general public. Reduced rates are offered to students, faculty/staff, and alumni. For further information about the golf course, including fees and membership information, please visit the golf course website at [http://www.golfcourse.uga.edu](http://www.golfcourse.uga.edu).

**GOLF LEAGUES**

The University Golf Course hosts several leagues throughout the year that allow participants the opportunity to compete in a friendly atmosphere. The UGA Recreational Sports Department conducts spring and fall leagues for UGA students and faculty/staff, while the golf course runs leagues in the spring, summer, and fall that are open to anyone interested. To learn more about the University Golf Course’s league offerings, please consult the golf course website or call the Golf Shop at 706-369-5739.

**GOLF COURSE OUTINGS**

The UGA Golf Course can host customized golf outings and tournaments for organizations and groups of any size. For more information on these private events, please visit the golf course website or call the Golf Course General Manager at 706-369-5739.

**HODGSON SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Recitals by the Hugh Hodgson School of Music faculty and students are, in general, free to the University community and general public. However, a special concert series called “Second Thursday” does require tickets; these performances are nominally priced at $15. For more information and to see a schedule of performances, visit the Hodgson School of Music website at [http://www.music.uga.edu/](http://www.music.uga.edu/) or call 706-542-3737.
LIBRARIES

Faculty and staff have borrowing privileges at the Main or Science Library via their UGACard. The UGACard is nontransferable and is valid at any Circulation or Reserve Desk. More information can be found at: http://www.libs.uga.edu/

MASTER CALENDAR

The University of Georgia Master Calendar provides a comprehensive listing of all the events occurring at the University of Georgia. The calendar is located online at: https://db.uga.edu/mastercalendar/. Many of the lectures and other events are free and open to the public.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The UGA Performing Arts Center attracts exceptional performers for the pleasure of the local community. Schedules and online ticket purchasing information for upcoming performances can be found at www.uga.edu/pac. Season subscriptions to concert series, which are less than the price of buying tickets to several individual events, are available. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. For more information, email ugaarts@uga.edu or call the box office at 706-542-4400.

RAMSEY STUDENT CENTER

The 430,000 sq. ft. Ramsey Student Center for Physical Activities is a state-of-the-art recreational facility for UGA students, faculty and staff. Its mission is to serve the University community by enhancing the lives of its members through recreational activities and learning opportunities that promote healthful lifestyles and personal development. Memberships and locker rentals (including towel service) are available to faculty and staff as well as their spouses. Limited access memberships are available for dependent children under 18 years of age. UGACards are required for all members.

For additional information, call 706-542-5060, or stop by the Ramsey Center cashier’s window. More information is available via the Web at http://www.recsports.uga.edu.
RECREATIONAL SPORTS

The Department of Recreational Sports offers a variety of programs including fitness and wellness classes, intramural sports, aquatic programs, and summer youth programs for employee dependents. One of their lesser-known offerings is the Georgia Outdoor Recreation Program (GORP), a student-run organization with volunteer and hired staff to organize, present and lead a variety of educational outdoor experiences at reasonable costs. Excursions include horseback trail rides, whitewater kayak clinics, SCUBA classes, rock climbing, day hikes, hang gliding, sailing clinics, sea kayak trips, whitewater rafting, backpacking, caving, skiing and snorkeling, among others. All members of the University community and their guests are welcome to take advantage of the trips and activities that GORP offers.

More information on all of the programs offered by Recreational Sports may be obtained at http://www.recsports.uga.edu/ or by calling 706-542-5060.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX

There are various recreational facilities available at the complex located off College Station Road, including soccer and baseball fields, tennis courts and fitness trails. Adjacent to the complex is the Oconee Forest, a 60-acre natural area which includes trails and an off-leash dog area. The Lake Herrick pavilion can be reserved for receptions and parties. In addition, the University has recently opened a new series of fields on South Milledge Avenue to facilitate the University’s active club sports teams. For more information, see http://www.recsports.uga.edu/fields.php or call 706-542-5060.

STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

The State Botanical Garden is located approximately three miles south of the University campus on South Milledge Avenue. It encompasses over 300 acres, much of which borders the Middle Oconee River. The Garden contains specialty gardens, special collections and a tropical conservatory, featuring a broad array of native and exotic plants. More than five miles of nature trails traverse the natural areas of the Garden.

Admission is free, although donations are accepted. Supporters may join the Friends of the Garden. Membership benefits include the Garden’s quarterly newsletter; special invitations and advance notification of programs and events, most at discounted prices; and a 10 percent discount on Garden Gift Shop and plant sale purchases. More information can be found at: http://www.uga.edu/~botgarden/.
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Human Resources Training and Development Department offers professional development courses open to all faculty and staff. Courses are free or at minimal cost to the participants.

Program topics include leadership development certificate series, professional development, UGA workplace procedures, information technology, and computer skills. Session formats can be in an eLearning environment, facilitated classroom discussion, or instructor-led classroom training.

A quarterly listing of classes and more information is available at http://www.hr.uga.edu/training.

TRANSPORTATION

University faculty, staff, and students can ride Athens Transit buses at no charge with presentation of a UGACard. University departments can charter buses through Campus Transit at a rate of $65/hour (minimum of two hours of service) for trips within a 100-mile radius of Athens. http://transit.uga.edu/charterservice.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is to foster the professional growth and development of eligible University employees by waiving tuition and certain fees for University System of Georgia (USG) courses. TAP is available to full-time, benefits-eligible employees of the USG who have successfully completed at least six months of employment in a benefits-eligible position. It is applicable to undergraduate and most graduate level programs, although professional programs are not eligible. Detailed program information can be found at the Office of the Registrar website http://www.reg.uga.edu/facultyStaffServices/tap.

VISITORS CENTER

The University of Georgia Visitors Center, located in a former dairy barn on East Campus, assists visitors and maintains up-to-date information about campus, local accommodations, special events and campus maps.

In addition to its regular schedule of tours, the Visitors Center offers special tours to various on-campus and off-campus groups. Special tour visits may be scheduled by contacting the Visitors Center manager or director at 706-542-0842. There is no charge for the special tours. An online calendar on the Visitor Center’s website http://www.uga.edu/visit lists available tours and sessions.
The Jane and Harry Willson Center for Humanities and Arts offers a variety of programs including lectures and roundtables by resident as well as visiting artists and scholars. A schedule of events can be located within the Willson Center’s current newsletter located online at http://willson.uga.edu/news-events/e-newsletter/.