# WELCOME HOME.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA







### HEY, Y'ALL

A part of the Division of Student Affairs, University Housing is home to more than 8,400 students who live in nine residential communities comprised of 22 residence halls, University Village apartments, and Health Sciences Campus townhomes, as well as four Greek Park houses.

On-campus residents have unique opportunities to collaborate more, contribute more, connect more—and commute less. As a result, national studies consistently

show that students who live on campus earn better grades, have higher graduation rates and report a higher level of satisfaction with their overall collegiate experience.

To this end, University Housing is committed to its mission of providing comfortable, affordable and secure on-campus housing options in residential communities where the academic success and personal growth of residents are encouraged and supported.

>> UNIVERSITY HOUSING'S STUDENT SOCIAL MEDIA STREET TEAM





**70%** of residents are first-year students



17,000

average number of maintenance requests handled annually



\$1.5 million

in revenue earned from summer camps, conferneces and visiting scholars

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING

#### \$50 million

annual budget derived only from student rent and other non-state sources



2.8 million

square feet of area is maintained and cleaned by our facilities staff



1,505

average number of programs that take place in the residence halls each year





LINDA KASPER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted that you are considering the University of Georgia for your next professional adventure. Our most valuable resource is our people, and one of the major reasons for job satisfaction in the department is the diversity and talent of our incredible staff, students and faculty.

In University Housing we thrive on collaboration, challenge, commitment and support. Here, team members attain enhanced levels of personal growth and professional development from rich professional engagement, supportive and flexible supervisors, diverse colleagues and an open and encouraging workplace.

As Georgia's flagship institution, UGA is recognized for its commitment to student excellence through an emphasis on rigorous learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom, including hands-on research and leadership opportunities. As Student Affairs professionals, we are educators, creating learning environments that help our students become graduates who will go on to tackle some of the world's grand challenges.

We look forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to share more about working at the University of Georgia.

Best wishes, and GO DAWGS!!







University Housing believes an inclusive community is essential to the personal growth of all community members. We strive to create an environment where we recognize, welcome and celebrate all staff, students and stakeholders' identities. Through our mission, values and principles, we commit to building a department where all can feel a sense of belonging. Our commitment to inclusion for everyone is imperative. Personal awareness of social identities (e.g., gender, race, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status) and an understanding of social structures that affect everyday life are critical. It is in the best interest of staff to enhance their knowledge and personal awareness concerning inclusion. This will lead to personal growth and organizational effectiveness.



KEN STARKS

RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR

"Working with University Housing has given me a chance to have a supportive cohort of peers that have helped empower and motivate me as a professional while maximizing my skillset through opportunities the department and UGA offers."



#### JAMES ANDERSON

BUILDING SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT

"With support from the department, I have been able to grow professionally through universitysupported trainings, attending industry specific conferences and by taking advantage of the tuition assistance program (TAP). My overall experience has been nothing short of amazing."



#### **BECCA MORGAN**

RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR

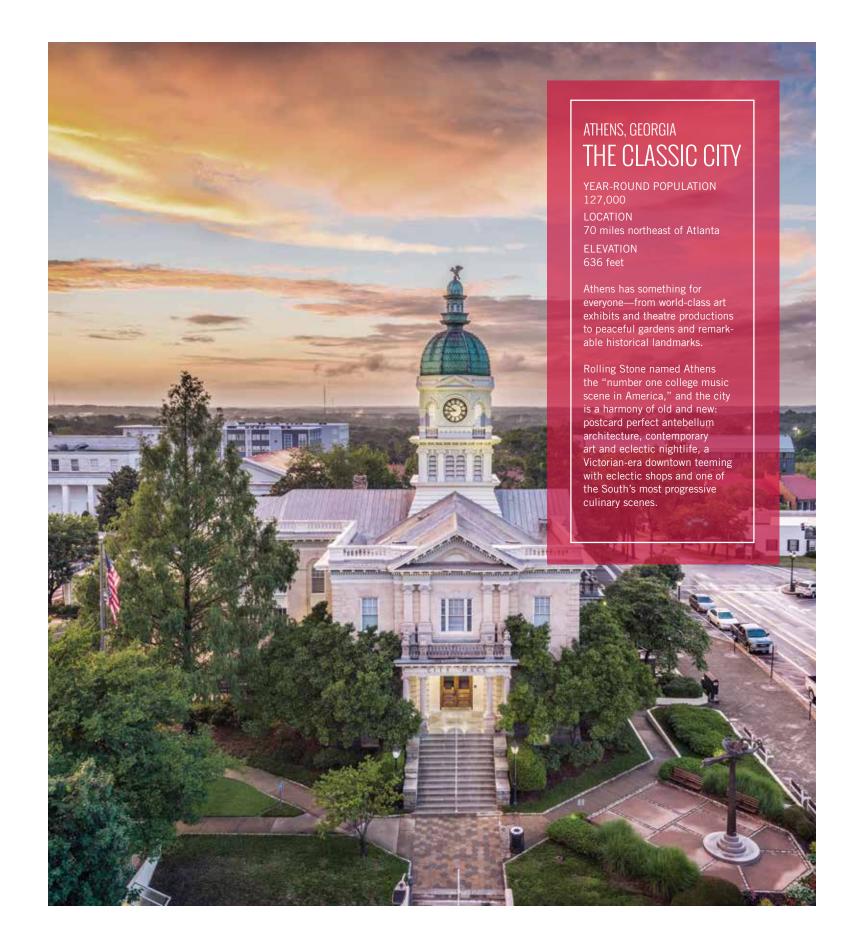
"Besides working along with awesome staff, students, and student leaders, I enjoy working for the University of Georgia and University Housing because every day I'm presented with new celebrations and have opportunities to grow with new challenges and changes."



#### MILDRED ANDERSON

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

"My job is personally challenging and I get the opportunity to provide outstanding support to our students. Work-life balance is very important to me and that is highly encouraged here at University Housing. I feel respected and valued for my contribution to the success of the department."





#### IT'S ALL HERE

Named one of the top college towns in the nation by *USA Today*, Athens attracts headliners with world-renowned clubs like The Georgia Theatre and 40 Watt, and singer-songwriter nights at The Foundry or Hendershots. You'll even find live music performances at the local library and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.



#### THE FIRST

The University of Georgia, a land-grant and sea-grant university is the state's oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education. Its motto, "to teach, to serve, and to inquire into the nature of things," reflects the University's integral and unique role in the conservation and enhancement of the state's and nation's intellectual, cultural, and environmental heritage. Chartered on Jan. 27, 1785, the University of Georgia is America's first state-chartered university and the birthplace of the American system of public higher education.



#### THE ARCH

At nearly 160 years old, the cast iron Arch bordering North Campus and downtown Athens, represents both the past and the future of the University of Georgia. The Arch is modeled after the Georgia state seal featuring the three pillars of wisdom, justice and moderation. To that end, the Arch is a reminder of the university's ties to Georgia as the birthplace of public higher education in America and its commitment as a land-grant and sea-grant university to serve the people of Georgia.



#### GOOD DAWG

Named the best mascot of all time by *Sports Illustrated*, Uga (Uga X is the latest—each also has its own unique name) has a custom—made jersey and a varsity letter. He lives in Savannah with his family and comes up to Athens for home games, where he has his own private suite at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel. Come game time, he hangs out in his own air—conditioned doghouse on the field at Sanford Stadium.

96%

of graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation #16

U.S. News & World Report 2020 ranking of best public national universities **18:1** 

tudent/faculty ratio

# FIVE THINGS BULLDOGS DO:



RING THE CHAPEL BELL. The Chapel bell can be heard throughout downtown Athens and North Campus. It originally tolled for class changes and other daily occurrences. Today, we ring the bell to mark athletic victories, personal accomplishments and other special occasions, such as weddings or passing that organic chemistry final exam.

ATTEND THE DAWG WALK. Two hours before every home football game, the Tate Student Center parking lot is filled with fans, cheerleaders and the Redcoat Band, who cheer on the football team as they enter Sanford Stadium to remind the team that the whole of the Bulldog nation is with them as they prepare to play between the hedges. *georgiadogs.com* 





**HANG OUT DOWNTOWN.** Steps from North Campus, downtown Athens boasts dozens of local shops, restaurants, bars and music venues. Students and locals alike love strolling the streets, especially during one of Athens' festivals or parades, which occur year-round. *visitathensga.com* 

**GET OUTSIDE.** The Firefly Trail, converted from a historic rail line, begins downtown with a stunning 500'-long bridge over the North Oconee River. Hiking and mountain biking trails abound, and kayaking is a favorite local activity. When we're feeling a little lazier, we lay out in the sand by the lake at Sandy Creek Park or explore the indoor rainforest at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. *fireflytrail.com*, *accgov.com/sandycreekpark*, *botgarden.uga.edu* 





**CALL THE DAWGS.** Calling the Dawgs is one of the ultimate traditions that unifies Bulldogs across the world. Here's how you do it: Throw your arm up in a fist and wave it in a circle as you yell "Go"—and hold the "o." Next bring down your arm in front of you as you yell "Dawgs" and chant "Sic 'em! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!"

What's missing? Oh. It's you!



The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.