Leading an Increasingly Digital World

New technology is changing how governments and nonprofits serve their constituencies. In response, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University is advancing innovative programs in research, teaching and student success to lead future policymakers and industry professionals into the digital landscape.

The school is recognized internationally for its impact on issues that affect government and nonprofits and its work to improve economic opportunity, human rights and social justice.

In Atlanta, the hub of one of the nation’s largest concentrations of government and nonprofit offices, students are immersed in empowering experiences and networking opportunities. Led by nationally acclaimed faculty and researchers with an interdisciplinary approach, they are challenged to engage in new forms of learning, innovative research projects, community outreach and partnerships.

Points of Pride

• Ranks No. 21 among the nation’s public affairs colleges, No. 7 in local government management, No. 8 in public finance & budgeting, No. 8 in urban policy and No. 9 in nonprofit management graduate programs

• Facilitates relationships with more than 150 community-based agencies and organizations to host School of Social Work students for nearly 70,000 hours of community engagement annually

• Home to a national award-winning student chapter of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, which confers prestigious Certified Nonprofit Professional credentials

• Helps more than 70 nations around the world build better governments — from Colombia to Indonesia

• Operates the largest experimental economics laboratory in the Southeast

• Works to improve health and well-being by integrating research, policy and programs in more than 1,500 national communities — plus international locations — through the Georgia Health Policy Center

• Frequently selected for national initiatives like the Indonesian Master’s Program and the Washington Mandela Fellowship for Young African Leaders

†U.S. News & World Report, 2020
STUDENTS
- More than 1,600 undergraduate students
- More than 500 graduate students
- More than 450 internship opportunities per semester
- 10 student clubs and organizations

FACULTY
- Publish 260 scholarly papers, chapters and books per year
- Contribute, in conjunction with graduate students, alumni and colleagues, to 25 percent of the university’s research efforts
- Make more than 250 presentations per year
- Edit and co-edit more than 40 scholarly journals

SCHOLARSHIP
- More than $23 million per year in sponsored grants
- $14.9 million endowment
- 89 students with nearly $320,000 in scholarships in fiscal year 2019
- 39 percent increase in external research grants from fiscal years 2018 to 2019

BY THE NUMBERS

UNDERGRADUATE
- Bachelor of arts in economics
- Bachelor of arts in international economics & modern languages
- Bachelor of interdisciplinary studies in social entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of science in criminal justice
- Bachelor of science in economics
- Bachelor of science in public policy
- Bachelor of social work
- Master of interdisciplinary studies in urban studies
- Master of public administration
- Joint master of public administration / juris doctor
- Master of public policy
- Master of science in criminal justice
- Master of social work
- Doctor of philosophy in criminal justice & criminology
- Doctor of philosophy in economics
- Doctor of philosophy in public policy
- Doctor of philosophy in public policy (with Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Doctor of philosophy in urban studies

GRADUATE
- Master of arts in economics
- Master of arts in economics – policy track
- Master of interdisciplinary studies in criminal justice administration

DUAL DEGREE
- Eligible students can opt for the dual-degree program in economics to complete both a bachelor’s and master’s degree within five years

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
- Graduate certificate in nonprofit management & social enterprise
- Graduate certificate in planning & economic development

MAJOR CENTERS
- Evidence-based Cybersecurity Research Group
- Experimental Economics Center
- Georgia Health Policy Center
- Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange
- Georgia Policy Labs
- Nonprofit Studies Program
- Public Finance Research Cluster - Center for State & Local Finance - Fiscal Research Center - International Center for Public Policy
- Usery Workplace Research Group

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