



Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am contemplating coming to The University of Georgia. What is life at The University of Georgia like for LGBTQIA+ students and allies?

The experience of LGBTQIA+ students varies which will provide different responses to this question. Climate will vary across departments, classrooms, social circles, and individuals based on personal identities. If you would like to speak to someone about campus life The Pride Center staff can connect you our student leaders.

2. After arriving in Athens, where do I go to find community?

Visit The Pride Center, give us a call, or send us an email. We can connect you to a variety of student groups, resources, and services both on and off campus.

3. How do I find out about what's going on at The Pride Center?

There are many ways to get involved with The Center. Among many things, you can join our [ListServ](#) to receive weekly updates from staff, visit The Center (Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM), and you can follow The Center on social media (Instagram) by searching for our handle "pridecenteruga."

4. Are there any LGBTQIA+ student groups on campus?

Yes, there are many groups related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression and many are housed within The Pride Center. To learn more about the groups in The Pride Center visit our student group section of our website and to learn more about other student groups browse through [The Involvement Network](#) of UGA.

5. I'm concerned about living on-campus. Is there someone I can talk to about this?

Yes, you can contact staff of The Pride Center to help you connect with University Housing staff or you can contact staff yourself. Staff of university housing will attempt to provide the best accommodation possible for you based on space availability and your discussions

6. Are supportive staff and faculty easily identifiable?

More than 400 faculty and staff members of the university have been participants in The Pride Center's LGBTQIA+ education and allyship training program, Dawg Ally. Nearly all of these individuals display Dawg Ally signs on their office doors to indicate support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Of course, there are other faculty and staff members of the university who have not been able to attend Dawg Ally but are still offer support for LGBTQIA+ and allied students.



7. Are there counseling and support services for LGBTQIA+ Students?

Yes, the university's Health Center is a supportive space for LGBTQIA+ students to seek support and counseling. Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) offers confidential counseling services provided by professionals to students. The Counseling Center offers many services including short-term individual counseling, short-term couple's counseling, and group counseling. For more information on support services offered through CAPS, visit [The University Health Center](#) website.

8. Are sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression included in the university's non-discrimination policy?

Yes, sexual orientation and gender identity are named in the university's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy; gender expression is treated as a gender identity under this policy. Excerpt from the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, "The University of Georgia ("the University") is committed to maintaining a fair and respectful environment for living, work and study. To that end, and in accordance with federal and state law, University System of Georgia policy, and University policy, the University prohibits harassment of or discrimination against any person because of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status by any member of the University Community (as defined below) on campus, in connection with a University program or activity, or in a manner that creates a hostile environment for any member of the University Community. Incidents of harassment and discrimination will be met with appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal or expulsion from the University.' For more information, see the full policy on the [Equal Opportunity Office's](#) website. Individuals with concerns can report incidents to the Equal Opportunity Office.

9. Are there single occupancy restrooms on campus?

Yes. The Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) has identified single use bathrooms at the university. This list is an ongoing project and is updated as needed; if you have questions or concerns please contact the Equal Opportunity Office. To view the list of these bathrooms visit their website: <https://eoo.uga.edu/>

10. Does Athens have local organizations that work with and provide support for LGBT people?

Yes, Athens has several groups you can reach out to to learn more about the local community. Organizations include Athens Pride, Live Forward, Boybutante AIDS Foundation.



11. What do LGBTQIA+ students like to do in the Athens community?

Students have a variety of interests and because so this question is difficult to answer but we have asked several of our students. Avid Bookshop, Rubber Soul Yoga, The Last Resort, and Cine Cafe were a few common names that students discussed.

12. I do not identify as a person within the LGBTQIA+ community. Can I come to The Pride Center?

Yes, we will support all individuals who enter our space.

13. What if I had additional questions?

Connect with staff in The Pride Center. Staff is here to support students, staff, and faculty members alike and can connect you to a variety of resources as well as organizations. To learn more about the staff members, visit our [contact](#) page or visit The Center.

14. Can I make an appointment with a specific Pride Center staff member?

Yes, we are more than willing to meet with individuals. To meet with a specific staff member please email that staff member using the information on our [contact](#) page.