

*About*  
**UGA**



UGA is tied for 20th in U.S. News & World Report's 2009 list of the 50 top public universities in America. The rankings are based on factors such as academic reputation, student retention, faculty resources, student selectivity and financial resources.

Kiplinger's magazine ranks UGA 7th on its list of best values among 100 public colleges and universities in America. Schools on the list—chosen on the basis of academic quality, cost and financial aid—are places “where students can receive a stellar education without graduating with a mountain of debt,” according to the magazine.

UGA is 9th among 345 public and private colleges on the Princeton Review's “Best Academic Bang for your Buck” list. The rankings are based on an analysis of academic and cost-related factors.

The School of Law is tied for 32nd among the nation's 100 top accredited law schools in rankings compiled by U.S. News & World Report magazine. The school is tied for 11th among the nation's public law schools and is one of the top four public law schools in the South.

The doctoral program in rhetoric in the Speech Communication department is ranked 1st in the nation in a survey conducted by the National Communication Association. The survey was conducted among some 7,100 educators, practitioners and students in the U.S. and more than 20 other countries

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**University of Georgia  
DEBATE**



The University of Georgia Debate Union has been fielding competitive policy debate teams for over fifty years and has a long-standing tradition of success.

Head Coach Casey Harrigan (Member, 2004 NDT Championship Team; Winner, 2006 NDT; Coach, 2008 NDT Champions) has brought a tradition of success to Bulldawg Debate.

In addition, an extensive staff of graduate and assistant coaches (Blake Abbott, Will Mosley-Jensen, Mary Mosley-Jensen, Len Neighbors, Rob Mulholand, John Turner, and Andrew Hart) devotes their time to the development of debaters.

Scholarships are available for both in- and out-of state students and are awarded based on merit and need. Contact Dr. Ed Panetta ([epanetta@uga.edu](mailto:epanetta@uga.edu)), Director of Debate, for further information.

- Recently Renovated Office in Phi Kappa Hall – The Nicest Squad Room in the Country - An Entire Floor of an Historic Campus Building
- First Year Students Regularly Travel to National Tournaments
- Individualized Coaching Designed for All Levels of Experience and Commitment
- State-of-the-Art Technology Available for All Students
- All the Benefits of Big City Living (45 Minutes from Atlanta) and the Amenities of a Large Campus, with the Small Town Convenience and Safety of Athens, GA
- Access to UGA Law Facilities, a Top-Tier Program

[www.GeorgiaDebate.org](http://www.GeorgiaDebate.org)

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*A Tradition of*  
**Innovation**

The University of Georgia is the first nationally competitive public University to make the transition to environmentally and economically sustainable paperless debate. The Georgia Debate Paperless Initiative is the cutting edge of debate technique, and we have committed the technological, economic, and coaching resources to making every debater a success in the paperless system. No more tubs, more travel for more students, and the competitive advantage of being the first to adopt a new technology are just a few of the reasons to consider the Georgia Debate Union.



- Coaching support for traditional policy and Kritik arguments
- Opportunities for Public Debate experience
- International Debate opportunities when against the British, Japanese, and Russian teams
- Commitment to integrating technological innovation for education and competitive advantage
- Outreach to area high schools



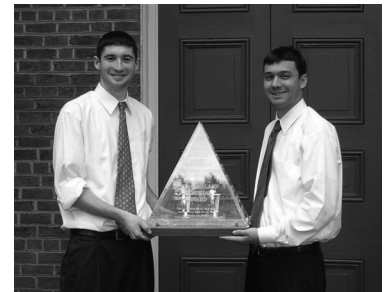
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**Achievement**

— *National Debate Tournament* —

**NDT Qualifiers:** 1967-1977, 1990-2008. UGA has qualified two teams for the NDT in 13 separate years, and has qualified three teams for the NDT in four separate years.

**NDT Elimination Rounds:** UGA has had 16 different teams in the elimination debates at the NDT, and has had at least one team in the elims 11 out of the last 18 years.

In 2007, UGA won the Rex Copeland Award, given to the top First Round At Large Bid to the NDT.



UGA reached the NDT final round in 1997. Georgia is one of six programs to have two teams reach the semifinals of the NDT in the same season.

— *Tournament Success* —

UGA Debate experiences success at major national tournaments on a regular basis. Here are some recent highlights:

**FINALS:**

- ADA Nationals
- Alabama
- Catholic University
- Dartmouth Round Robin
- Harvard
- Kentucky Round Robin
- Kentucky
- National Debate Tournament
- Wake Forest

**WIN:**

- Dartmouth Round Robin
- Emory
- Florida
- Florida State
- Fullerton
- Georgia State
- Southern California
- US Naval Academy
- University of Miami (FL)
- West Georgia

— *Success After Debate* —

UGA Debate alumni have gone on to experience success in a wide variety of fields. Governor of Georgia Roy Barnes was a UGA debater. A number have gone on to successful law practices, clerkships, and professorships all over the country. We count several pastors among the ranks, as well as investment advisors, teachers, and librarians. UGA Debate helps students succeed in any field they choose.

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