The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies is the only academic unit at Georgia Southern University whose sole concern and primary advocacy is graduate education. The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies provides institutional oversight for more than 100 graduate curricula programs established across eight academic colleges, with nearly 3200 registered graduate students each semester. These programs span the breadth of graduate education from practice-oriented master’s programs that prepare students for leadership roles in a wide variety of professional settings to research-focused doctoral programs that develop the next generation of scholars. The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies works closely with the Faculty Senate Graduate Committee, the deans, and graduate faculties of the eight academic colleges and external accrediting organizations to ensure excellence in all aspects of the graduate experience. The Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies also helps the University maintain a culture of collegiality and ethical behavior through its dedication to fairness and integrity. In addition to the Colleges, several other departments or agencies within Georgia Southern University enhance the academic life of the University.

Message from the Dean

The mission of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies is to develop, promote and sustain graduate programs of the highest quality at Georgia Southern University. The College of Graduate Studies seeks to support graduate students and graduate programs at the highest level, to provide a foundation for university graduate program growth and development, and to advance excellence in research and scholarly activities associated with graduate education.

The namesake of the College, Dr. Jack N. Averitt, was instrumental in inaugurating graduate education in South Georgia and served the Institution as a visionary faculty member and Dean from 1945 to 1979. Dr. Averitt organized Georgia Southern University's first graduate programs with off-campus centers and served as the first Graduate Dean from 1969 until his retirement. A Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary International Foundation Trustee, Dr. Averitt further broadened the University’s horizons as Director of the campus Rotary Language Institute for international students. In 1998, the Graduate College was named the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies in honor of Dr. Averitt's many contributions to the Institution and to the development and support of graduate studies.

To this day, the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies proudly subscribes to the Rotary’s core value of “Service Above Self,” as the College continues to diligently serve the many faculty, staff, and students who encompass the graduate education enterprise at Georgia Southern, supporting more than 100 degree majors and programs offered to more than 3200 graduate students. Working independently and collaboratively, Georgia Southern graduate faculty members offer committed graduate student unlimited opportunities for development. The University’s facilities provide outstanding opportunities for distinguished careers in the science and mathematics, public health, health and human sciences, nursing, engineering and information technology, the arts and social sciences, business, and education.

This Graduate Catalog provides an overview of the many academic colleges and graduate programs across campuses, as well as course descriptions. For additional information, we invite you to visit our web page at http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/, and encourage you to become well acquainted with your graduate program, the graduate program directors, and your mentors and advisors within your program.

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