

GSA Report

What's new with GSA?

Graduate student participation is at an all-time high. Students are getting involved with events, surveys, advocacy, and more.

Common themes among graduate student concerns:

Most graduate and professional student concerns are currently centered around Covid-19 and the university's procedures regarding it. However, there are a few other reoccurring concerns that have been shared. I have provided a list of common concerns below that were noted in a recent survey that I conducted. This list is by no way meant to be exhaustive, as there is not enough time to discuss every single concern here, but it will provide an overview.

- Lack of uniformity in safety precautions by departments.
- UGA's relationship with the Athens community. This includes covid-19 concerns as it appears that blame for cases is being placed on ACC and not being shared with the university's reopening.
- Mental health of students having to deal with "zoom lag," stressful home situations, extra workloads, and/or the implications of racial injustices being heavily broadcasted.
- UGA's efforts to (or lack thereof) promote and maintain diversity and inclusion efforts.
- Students, staff, and faculty not being able to opt-out of in-person teaching/learning unless they fall within accommodations guidelines.
- International students that are currently outside of the U.S. and cannot return and how UGA will support them.