UGA Connections with India
2015

UGA is growing its connections with India and developing valuable educational and research partnerships.

Visiting Students and Scholars in Athens:
From the 2011-2012 through the 2014-2015 academic years, UGA hosted 980 students from India, including undergraduates, master’s students and doctoral candidates. During the same period, UGA has hosted over 300 Indian scholars. Indians make up the second largest international student population at the University of Georgia, behind only China.

UGA Students in India:
From academic year 2010-2011 through the summer of 2014, 28 UGA students undertook studies for credit in India. Some of these students have participated in independent research, internships and service learning while others have gone on study programs offered by Indian institutions.

Engineering and CAES Partnerships:
Faculty in UGA’s College of Engineering and College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) have been working with various institutions in India to carry out valuable bioenergy and agriculture research and to improve agricultural education. UGA faculty have been working with SRM University and Anna University to research bioenergy, bio-refining, natural resource management, and applied genetic technologies. UGA faculty have also collaborated with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the areas of biotechnology, bioenergy, and post-harvest handling of fresh produce. Additionally, UGA faculty have engaged with Banaras Hindu University to develop agricultural education.

Partnership with Takshila Education:
UGA College of Education faculty are collaborating with Takshila Education, an organization looking to improve education in India and the United States. UGA faculty and students can undertake research in rural education, educational design, and alternative fuel sources at a school established by Takshila Education. The school serves children who lack other educational opportunities in a rural area outside of New Delhi, from kindergarten through secondary.

Partnership with Central University of Gujarat:
Humanities faculty in UGA’s Franklin College of Arts and Sciences have been collaborating with Central University of Gujarat in such areas as English, comparative literature, diaspora studies, and post-colonial literature. UGA faculty are assisting Central University of Gujarat in developing its comparative literature program.
Other Connections:
UGA has two thriving Indian student organizations, the Indian Student Association and the Indian Cultural Exchange, both of which promote Indian culture and community in Athens and help to serve the needs of Indian students on campus.