



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Public Health

Fall 2026 Graduate Student Cohort

Greetings,

Congratulations on your acceptance to University of Georgia College of Public Health! Welcoming new students to campus is one of the most exciting parts of the year, and we look forward to seeing you at the [CPH Graduate Student Orientation](#) scheduled for **Thursday, August 13, 2026**.

Our admissions team has enjoyed getting to know you throughout the application process, and are excited to introduce you to the rest of the college community when you arrive. In anticipation of your arrival, we are planning New Student Orientation. This program includes presentations designed to acquaint you with graduate student life here at UGA, with your fellow cohort and faculty, and with the people and services that will help your time here be smooth and easy. It is also designed to give you the opportunity to handle business around campus, enabling you to prepare sufficiently for class start date of August 17.

Enclosed is the **Tentative** Agenda for the Graduate Student Orientation, along with information on logistical matters such as parking, identification, email, campus-wide orientations, and housing. Please be sure to review all of the information, visit the website for your official RSVP to orientation, and contact us if you have questions.

You are beginning a great academic adventure, and we look forward to seeing things unfold for you. We'll see you around campus and at college events, and we look forward to assisting you in any way we can as you work towards your graduate degree. Once again, congratulations and welcome to the UGA Public Health community!

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Tentative Agenda

| Time | CPH Graduate Student Orientation | Location |
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| Thursday, August 13 | | |
| 12:30PM | Check In & Lunch | Wright Hall 150 |
| 12:45 PM | Student Services Welcome Mumbi Anderson | |
| 1:00 PM | Mumbi to Introduce (1:00pm) Dean: Marsha Davis & Erin Lipp Academic Affairs: Introductions Academic Honesty UGA Mentor Program & Career Center Inclusive Excellence | |
| 1:40 PM | Departmental Panel Welcome HPAM– 1:40pm HPRB – 1:45pm EHSC – 1:50pm EPIBIO – 1:55pm Q&A | |
| 2:00 PM | Institute & Certificate Panel Welcome Disaster Management Gerontology Global Health Obesity & Weight Management Social Determinants of Health Q&A | |
| 2:35 PM | Break | |
| 2:45 PM | Degree Program Breakouts MPH Program Mumbi Anderson EHS PhD/MS TBD HPRB PhD TBD HSR PhD TBD EPIBIO TBD | MPH: Wright Hall 150 EHSC: TBD HPRB: TBD HSR: TBD EPIBIO: TBD |
| 3:30 PM | MPH Program Breakouts EPI/BIOS, DMAN, GRNT, EHSC, HPAM, HPRB | HPAM: TBD EHSC: TBD HPRB: TBD EPIBIO: TBD DMAN: TBD GERON: TBD |
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Incoming Student “To Do” List

The following information should be helpful to you as you plan your move to Athens and the University of Georgia. The “to-do list” is divided into two categories: Pre-Arrival Checklist and Post-Arrival Checklist. All steps may or may not apply to your individual situation. If you have questions, contact the appropriate office or the CPH Academic Affairs office (cphadm@uga.edu).

Pre-Arrival Checklist

Provide Verification of Lawful Presence: The University of Georgia must verify that you are lawfully present in the United States before allowing you to enroll. Please see the [instructions for providing proof of lawful presence](#) for information on how to provide this information.

Complete Final Admissions Details: If you recently completed a degree and your acceptance letter indicated that you must provide a final transcript or proof of degree, send your final transcript to the **Graduate School**. The College of Public Health does not receive transcripts. For questions, email gradadm@uga.edu and include your 81x number.

Get Your UGAMail Account: Soon after your UGA acceptance, you received an email titled “UGAMail Account Information – Please Keep,” which contains information about your UGAMail account. This email was to the email address you provided to submit your admissions application. UGAMail is the University’s email system and all official UGA correspondence will be sent to your UGAMail address going forward. You must complete your MyID profile before you can access your UGAMail. If you haven’t received this email within 24 hours of receiving your UGA admission notification, please check your spam folder or contact the EITS Help Desk or phone 706-542-3106.

Housing: Family and Graduate Housing in 1-3 bedrooms is available for graduate students, their spouses, domestic partners, and children in one of 20 apartment buildings on campus, including The Health Sciences Campus. Rent includes power, water, cable, laundry, and high-speed internet. Register at housing.uga.edu. If you would prefer to live off campus or unable to secure an apartment through them, consider using online classifieds, such as [Flagpole](#), to identify potential properties or property management companies.

University Health Center Forms: You must provide [proof/certification of your immunization](#). Questions and completed immunization forms should be directed to the [University Health Center](#) at (706) 542 - 8617.

Apply for A Parking Permit: If you plan to drive a car, motorcycle, or scooter to campus, you will need a UGA parking permit. Information and instructions are on the [Parking Services website](#). Parking spaces for cars are assigned based on a priority system. If the majority of your classes will be on the Health Sciences Campus, it is advised you register for the HSC lots. Students may also wait until they arrive to apply for a parking permit.

Disability Resource Center: If you have a disability and need accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at (706) 542 - 8719, upon acceptance to UGA. The DRC coordinates and provides a variety of academic and support services to students with disabilities. To learn more or to begin the process of registering a disability, visit the [DRC website](#).

International Students: Make plans to attend the weeklong orientation activities provided by the International Student Life Office. Learn about the campus and community and make new

friends. Visit the [ISL website](#) for information about the schedule and temporary housing for the orientation.

Post-Arrival Checklist

Check-in with Your Department: You must attend the CPH New Student Orientation that will be held on August 13th. Doctoral students should also be sure to check with your department for additional departmental or Teaching Assistant (TA) meetings. The University's TA orientation is TBD. Visit [HERE](#) for updated information.

Registration: CPH requires that you be advised for courses prior to registering for class. **On-Campus MPH students** must be pre-advised prior to attending Orientation. [Schedule advisement with Dr. Anderson, the MPH director here](#). Once cleared, you may register online via the [ATHENA](#) online registration system. The academic calendar for 2026-2027 can be found here: <https://reg.uga.edu/calendars/academic-calendars/>.

All other students should contact their department.

NOTE: International students must visit the [Office of Global Engagement](#) before registering for classes to set up their files and obtain registration clearance.

Pay Fees: Depending upon when you register for classes, Phase I or Phase II of registration, there will be a deadline for payment of fees. Missing one of these deadlines may result in late fees and/or cancellation of classes. Billing information is sent to your UGA email account. Your student account is accessible via [MyUGA](#). If you have a graduate assistantship, you may deduct your fees from your paycheck. Contact the [Bursar's Office](#) for questions regarding your account.

Get a UGACard: Please check with your Department before going to get your UGACard. Some departments require a special type of card (a proximity card) for access control to buildings and labs. Your department will provide you with the necessary forms for you to get the correct type of card. Proximity cards are issued only with a signed authorization form from your department. Refunds/adjustments will not be given if you purchase the wrong type of card. The UGACard is the official University of Georgia identification card for students, faculty, staff, official campus visitors, and their dependents. The UGACard is your key to accessing many facilities and services throughout campus. *You must be registered for the current semester in order to purchase and use the UGACard.* The UGACard is non-transferrable and can only be used by the student to whom it is issued. Misuse of the UGACard may result in disciplinary action by University Judiciary. Visit the [UGACard Office website](#) for more information about the UGACard and how to get one. After the UGACard Office produces your card the staff will scan your hand image to create access security for your card. This feature will prohibit another person from using your card to access University services.

Health Insurance: UGA has a nationally ranked [University Health Center](#) that caters to many student health emergencies and psychological needs. It is highly recommended that students obtain health insurance because the University Health Center cannot provide major medical services. UGA has negotiated a [group health insurance policy](#) that meets most of the needs of students. **NOTE:** International students are required in most cases to purchase the international student health insurance through the Office of International Education (OIE); before purchasing insurance, international students should contact OIE at (706) 425-3274 or visahelp@uga.edu.

International Students: Take your immigration documents and passport to the [Office of Global Engagement](#) located at 1324 S. Lumpkin St.

Download the UGA App: Easily locate buildings on campus or find out when the next bus will arrive at your stop with the [UGA App](#) in the Apple App Store. Other features include the Food Services meal planner, Athletic Association scores and news, daily schedules for Recreational Sports, access to the GIL (Galileo Interconnected Libraries) catalog, Customizable maps, People search, and more!

Get Involved: To [get involved](#) and feel a part of the UGA community, consider joining a student organization, academic student organization, or other group of students/peers. CPH has an active registered student organization, Public Health Association, and all students are encouraged to become members or just attend meetings and events.

Graduate Student Handbooks & Curricula

On-Campus MPH Program

In addition to detailing the principles of community living and the standards by which each member of the CPH community agrees to conduct him/herself, the handbook outlines all rules and regulations, college policies and procedures, and further resources. This year's student handbook will be posted online shortly before Orientation Day. The previous version [can be found here](#).

Ph.D. Health Promotion and Behavior Program

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. For information on the Ph.D. curriculum, you can visit our [website](#).

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Epidemiology & Biostatistics

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review the most recent version, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view. For additional curricular information on the M.S. & Ph.D. programs, please contact the department at doctoral@uga.edu.

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Environmental Health Science

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review curricula, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view.

Directories & Campus Resources

CPH Social Media pages: You can like us on [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or connect with us on [LinkedIn](#).

CPH Directory: The College of Public Health directory includes administrative as well as departmental contact information and can be accessed via our [website](#). To view the faculty or staff biosketches, just click on the person's name in bold.

Campus Resources: Additional frequently used campus resource links for students can be found on UGA's [website](#).

CPH Visitor's Guide: If you would like to visit campus prior to orientation and would like directions, parking and transportation instructions, and additional information on our facilities' [locations](#).