

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Section Twelve

Darton State College is one of 31 institutions in the University System of Georgia. The University System of Georgia consists of four research universities, four comprehensive universities, 10 state universities, and 13 state colleges. [\(See list on next page.\)](#)

The University System of Georgia is a network of colleges governed by an 19-member constitutional Board of Regents, which has been in operation since 1931. Appointments of Board members are made by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Regular terms of Board members are seven years. State appropriations for the University System are requested by, made to, and allocated by the Board of Regents.

The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and other officers of the Board of Regents are elected by the members of the Board. The Chancellor, who is not a Board member, is the chief executive officer of the Board and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

Each institution in the University System is governed by the President and faculty under the general jurisdiction of the Chancellor and the Board of Regents. The policies of the Board of Regents allow considerable autonomy, and each college is headed by a President whose election is recommended by the Chancellor and approved by the Board.

The overall programs and services of the University System are offered through three major components: Instruction, Public Service/Continuing Education, and Research. Students who receive credit from institutions within the System enjoy easy transfer of courses, a major advantage for those attending System colleges.

INSTRUCTION consists of programs of study leading to degrees, ranging from the associate (two-year) level to the doctoral level. Many colleges have certificate programs as well. The degree programs range from the traditional liberal arts studies and professional or highly specialized programs to job specific career education.

CONTINUING EDUCATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT consists of non-degree activities, primarily, and special types of college-degree-credit courses. The non-degree activities include short courses, seminars, conferences, and consultative and advisory services in many areas of interest.

RESEARCH encompasses scholarly investigations conducted for discovery and application of knowledge. Most of the research is conducted through the universities; however, some of it is conducted through several of the senior colleges. The research investigations cover matters related to the educational objectives of the institutions and to general societal needs.