

# Albany State University

## Student Handbook

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## **Mission and Vision Statement**

Albany State University, a proud member institution of the University System of Georgia, elevates its community and region by offering a broad array of graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate programs at its main campuses in Albany as well as at strategically-placed branch sites and online. Committed to excellence in teaching and learning, the University prepares students to be effective contributors to a globally diverse society, where knowledge and technology create opportunities for personal and professional success. ASU respects and builds on the historical roots of its institutional predecessors with its commitment to access and a strong liberal arts heritage that respects diversity in all its forms and gives all students the foundation they need to succeed. Through creative scholarship, research, and public service, the University's faculty, staff, students, and administrators form strategic alliances internally and externally to promote community and economic development, resulting in an improved quality of life for the citizens of southwest Georgia and beyond.

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Albany State University will be a world-class comprehensive university and a powerful catalyst for the economic growth and development of Southwest Georgia. ASU will be recognized for its innovative and creative delivery of excellent educational programs, broad-based community engagement and public service, and creative scholarship and applied research, all of which enrich the lives of the diverse constituencies served by the University.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Albany State University is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment that supports the dignity of all members of the University community. Pursuant to Section 4.1.7 of the Policy Manual of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (BOR), federal and state laws and regulations, and our vision, mission, and values Albany State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities. Moreover, Albany State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Educational and Employment Opportunity institution. Factors of race, national origin, color, sex, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability are not considered in the admission or treatment of students or in employment. To that end, University policy prohibits specific forms of behavior that violate federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and subsequent executive orders, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

For questions and issues concerning equal opportunity and compliance, see procedures outlined on the Title IX website at the following link: <https://www.asurams.edu/albany-state-university/administration/title-ix/>.