Students with a computer, Webcam, a microphone and Internet access will be able to have face-to-face conversations with a Georgia Southern University admissions counselor via Skype (http://www.skype.com), an online Internet service that enables one-to-one video calls, instant messaging and more.

Skype will allow interested students to make voice calls over the Internet and through the use of a Webcam and microphone. Georgia Southern’s Office of Admissions recently set up an account and plans to test using the service to connect with prospective students and parents who may have questions about attending the University. Calls to other users within the Skype service are free of charge.

"We are inviting both students and their parents to participate during this month long test,” said Amy Smith, associate director of admissions at Georgia Southern University. “If there is enough interest, we will consider adding more dates and times.”

**SKYPE GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS SCHEDULE**

The University's Office of Admissions will be available via Skype each Thursday in February from 3 to 5 p.m., EST.

February 3, 2011

February 10, 2011

February 17, 2011

February 24, 2011

"Skype enables the University to talk face-to-face with interested students from around the world,” said Christian Flathman, director of marketing and communications. “Even if you are a thousand miles away, you will be able to talk face-to-face with someone at Georgia Southern.”

**Get Started**

To talk with Georgia Southern University Admissions via Skype, prospective students and parents should take the following steps:

1. Visit: www.skype.com on the Internet on a Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m., EST.
2. Login to Skype or register to become a new Skype user.
3. Ensure your computer has a Webcam and microphone.
4. Select “Add a Contact” from Contacts Menu.
5. Enter Skype Name: Admissions.Georgia.Southern
6. Select Add.
7. Select Admissions.Georgia.Southern and then “Call”

Note: Calls will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Georgia Southern University was recently ranked as the fourth most popular university in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The ranking is based on yield, or the number of students that are accepted and then enroll. "We pride ourselves on making interested students feel welcome and it starts with getting to know our admissions team," says Smith. "If successful, we hope to continue to use Skype to expand our abilities to respond directly to questions from students and their parents.”