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# Georgia Southern Master of Kinesiology program earns Level 5 comprehensive accreditation

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Georgia Southern University's Master of Kinesiology with a concentration in coaching degree has earned Level 5 Comprehensive Accreditation by the United States Center for Coaching Excellence Board of Directors and the National Committee for the Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCAACE). Additionally, Georgia Southern's minor in coaching behavior was re-accredited as a Level 3 Comprehensive Accreditation.

"Georgia Southern University continues to demonstrate that it is a leader in quality coaching education by the successful completion of this impressive accomplishment, serving as a benchmark for other coaching education providers," said Sara Plasohl, DrPH, interim chair for the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology.

The University's coaching programs, housed in the Waters College of Health Professions, are one of only 29 accredited programs nationwide. NCAACE accreditation signifies that Georgia Southern's programs meet or exceed requirements in the National Standards for Sport Coaches and the NCAACE accreditation guidelines.

The NCAACE is the premier authority for coaching education in the U.S., offering coaching education programming support and accreditation of programs through NCAACE.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. Visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

# Georgia Southern invites community to participate in Strategic Planning process through February events

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Georgia Southern University is creating a new Strategic Plan for the University with the help of community members, students, faculty and staff. The University wants to receive community input that will help define the goals and priorities for the institution through seven facilitated Strategic Planning Town Hall events in Hinesville, Statesboro and Savannah.

"Building on an impressive legacy of academic excellence, Georgia Southern's new Strategic Plan will offer a collective vision for the future to ensure student success, unity, community engagement, and inclusive excellence, while strengthening our financial and human capital, and advancing teaching and research," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl L. Reiber, Ph.D., who is overseeing the Strategic Planning process. "The planning process, designed to be inclusive, encourages everyone to contribute their ideas as we think creatively about Georgia Southern's future."

Throughout the 2018-2019 academic year, the University Strategic Planning Committee has engaged students, faculty and staff – and now the community – in the strategic planning process. The Strategic Plan, a five-year vision for the institution's future, will move the University forward with a clear set of goals, strategies and measurable outcomes for key areas. The plan also will update the University's mission and vision statements.

"We welcome feedback from community members, business leaders and alumni across the region," said Helen W. Bland, Ph.D., co-chair of the University Strategic Planning Committee and professor of health policy and community health at Georgia Southern. "We invite everyone to attend the Town Hall events in Hinesville, Statesboro and Savannah."

The Strategic Planning Town Hall schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, February 6**  
**Liberty Campus – Hinesville**

2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
175 West Memorial Drive, Room 106

**Thursday, February 7**

**Statesboro Campus – Statesboro**

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
Military Sciences Building, Room 1100

**Friday, February 8**

**Armstrong Campus – Savannah**

1:30 p.m.  
Health Professions Academic Building, Room 160

**Thursday, February 21**

**Armstrong Campus – Savannah**

5:30 p.m.  
Student Union – Savannah Ballroom

Parking for the community is available on each campus free of charge for the town hall events.

In addition, community members may submit input online at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/StrategicPlanning](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/StrategicPlanning).

“We want the University’s new Strategic Plan to incorporate ideas from the community,” said Julie Gerbsch, co-chair of the University Strategic Planning Committee and executive director of development at Georgia Southern. “This is a very exciting time for Georgia Southern University.”

To learn more, please visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/StrategicPlanning](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/StrategicPlanning).

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