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Online Master of Science in Applied Economics prepares students for job market

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Students pursuing a Master of Science in Applied Economics through Georgia Southern University's online program have access to an affordable and flexible program that provides training for real-world situations.

The fully online Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE) program, which is ranked No. 1 in affordability by [Affordablecolleges.com](#) and No. 11 by [Bestcollegereviews.org](#), prepares students for careers in various roles including financial markets, industrial organization, government regulation, international trade, health care, economic development and consumer choice.

The MSAE program prepares students for inevitable changes in financial markets and teaches them how to pivot when making business and policy decisions.

By providing the skills and competencies necessary to perform theoretically meaningful, practical analysis of financial markets, students learn how to evaluate business decisions and policy programs and explain the progression of various events, as well as their impact on the economy in a business or policy context.

The courses taught in the online MSAE program are based on economic theory, providing a foundation in the structure and common patterns of business and policy decisions. Students are taught to quantify relationships while evaluating the relative importance of changes in the economic environment. Through courses and case studies, students are able to transfer knowledge and problem-solving skills across fields, allowing students to recognize the characteristics of new problems, adapt quickly to new circumstances and resolve the problems with skills that have been developed through the program.

Graduates of the program are ready to build sound econometric models and are able to use the best available software packages to interpret results in a way that helps make sound business and policy decisions. Graduates compete for employment in the for-profit and nonprofit private sectors as well as in federal, state and local agencies.

With geographic and schedule flexibility, the AACSB-accredited online MSAE program offers strong academics with courses designed and delivered by online certified professors, simulations and discussions and training in applied economic analysis using real-world data.

Students in the program also have the opportunity to receive a graduate certificate in Applied Economics to meet regional accreditation for teaching.

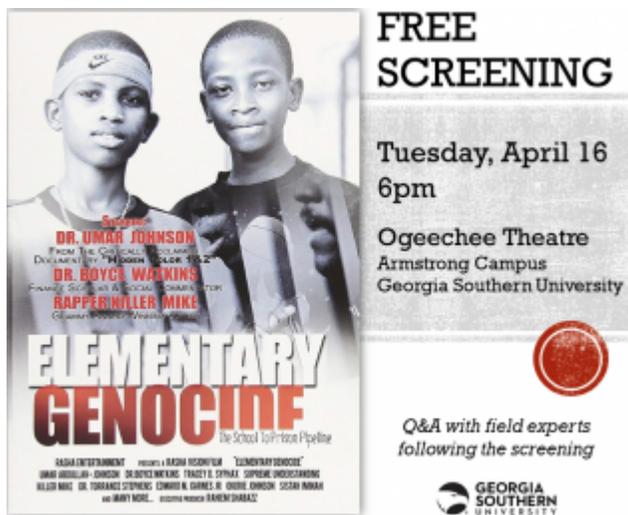
Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the 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.

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Georgia Southern to host free screening of 'Elementary Genocide' on April 16, Q&A with area experts to follow

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On April 16, Georgia Southern University College of Education (COE) will host a free screening of "Elementary Genocide: The School to Prison Pipeline," a film that explores the profitability of the federal and state prison system and links to illiteracy rates of fourth and fifth graders in the country. The screening, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. in the Ogeechee Theatre, located in the Student Union on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

The documentary is the first in a series of three films directed by Atlanta-based journalist Rahiem Shabazz that explore the role education plays on self-image, family structure, financial freedom and the collective future of the African American population in America. "Elementary Genocide: The School to

Prison Pipeline" focuses specifically on the social, cultural, political and personal ramifications of how the federal government allots money to each state to build prisons based on the failure rate of fourth and fifth graders.

According to Shabazz, the U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world. With discussions on how to lessen the prison population, "Elementary Genocide" magnifies various causes for incarceration rates and possible solutions that start with the public school system.

In an interview with TheSource.com, Shabazz stated, "In order to render a solution to this pressing problem, we must focus on the youth before they get to prison. We've got to start before the first day a child steps foot in a kindergarten class. Education must be of paramount concern in every household, parents need to be actively involved in PTA meetings and become school board members."

Following the screening, the College will host a Q&A session with local professionals in the fields of education, juvenile justice and literacy.

This screening is a part of the "Education Exposed Film Series" that is taking place on the Armstrong Campus during the Spring 2019 semester. The series is being offered at no charge to students or the community as a result of a Campus Life Enrichment Committee grant written and received by COE faculty members Regina Rahimi, Ed.D., Kathleen Burke-Fabrikant, Ed.D., and David Owens, Ph.D.

For more information on "Elementary Genocide," visit: <http://elementarygenocide.com/>.

Georgia Southern, Nine Line Foundation sign agreement to promote veteran education

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Georgia Southern Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Carl L. Reiber Ph.D., and Nine Line Foundation President Megan Hostler signed a memorandum of understanding at the Armstrong Campus' Sustainable Aquaponics Research Center.

Georgia Southern University's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Carl L. Reiber Ph.D., and Nine Line Foundation President Megan Hostler recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the Armstrong Campus' Sustainable Aquaponics Research Center (SARC).

"Signing this MOU exemplifies what Georgia Southern should be doing, which is working with the community," Reiber said. "We're taking what we do very well, which is education, and combining it with community need. This, specifically, is a serious community need. It's an amazing opportunity to advance all of those causes at once."

Aquaponics, or soilless farming, mixes aquaculture, the farming of fish, and hydroponics, to fuel the growth of plants in water. The SARC, a 4,100 square-foot greenhouse, has four independent recirculating systems, each containing 900-gallon tanks capable of holding more than 100 mature tilapia.

Working within the College of Science and Mathematics, the SARC is focused on providing students, faculty and volunteers with the opportunity to conduct fundamental, interdisciplinary research in the area of aquaponics. The partnership with Nine Line Foundation will extend education opportunities to area homeless veterans and provide faculty and students an opportunity to engage with the veterans.

"We believe in not giving a handout but a hand up," Hostler said. "In partnership with the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Nine Line Foundation's current initiative is to build a portion of their new veterans' village, which will consist of 72 tiny homes and a community center. The veterans in our area will be enrolled in an aquaponics training program with Georgia Southern at a compound at Nine Line Apparel. There they will learn the skills they need to reengage in society, become more productive citizens and transition into a better home."



(l-r): Nine Line Foundation Founder Tyler Merritt; Foram Group CEO Loretta Cockrum; SARC Director Brent Feske, Ph.D.; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Carl L. Reiber, Ph.D.; Dean of College of Science and Mathematics Delana A. Gajdosik-Nivens, Ph.D.; Nine Line Foundation President Megan Hostler; and Nine Line Foundation Treasurer David Hostler

An open house to showcase the aquaponics facility and research was held after the signing.

“Between Nine Line Foundation’s mission and ours, we feel that we can develop a mutually beneficial relationship that will ultimately help homeless veterans,” said SARC Director Brent Feske, Ph.D.

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Online Master of Science in Applied Economics named most affordable

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Georgia Southern University has the most affordable Online Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE) according to [Affordablecolleges.com](#). The [AACSB](#)-accredited, fully-online program offers an academically rigorous program, equipping students with a flexible degree while preparing them to pursue a variety of careers.

"We are very proud to be able to offer a high-quality program at an affordable price," said Amanda King, Ph.D., professor of economics and MSAE coordinator. "Students who complete our program have a marketable analytical skill set that allows them to make business decisions in a diverse and changing data-driven world."

An online master's in economics is a highly marketable degree with numerous transferable skills attained throughout the program. Many graduates from the program pursue careers in financial markets, industrial organization, government regulation, international trade, health care, economic development and consumer choice.

The MSAE program's coursework contains multimedia simulations and presentations designed to engage students in analytical studies of market infrastructures, regulatory issues and economic growth. Graduates are prepared for careers with for-profit and non-profit private sectors as well as federal, state and local agencies.