The University System of Georgia includes all state-operated institutions of higher education in Georgia: four research universities, two regional universities, thirteen state universities, eight state colleges, and eight two-year colleges. These thirty-five (35) public institutions are located throughout the state. The system also supports one Independent Research Unit.

An eighteen-member constitutional board of regents governs the University System, which has been in operation since 1932. Appointments of board members are made by the governor and are subject to confirmation by the state Senate. Regular terms of board members are seven years.

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.

The overall programs and services of the University System are offered through three major components: instruction, public service/continuing education and research.

Instruction consists of programs of study leading toward degrees, ranging from the associate (two-year) level to the doctoral level, and certificates. The degree programs range from traditional liberal arts studies to professional and other highly specialized studies.

Public service/continuing education consists of non-degree activities primarily and special types of College degree-credit courses. The non-degree activities include short courses, seminars and conferences. Typical College degree-credit courses are those offered through extension center programs and teacher education consortiums.

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.

The policies of the Board of Regents provide autonomy of a high degree for each institution. The executive head of each institution is the president, whose election is recommended by the chancellor and approved by the board.
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