

Handbook for International Students and Visitors

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This handout doesn't endorse any location or business. It is just a starting point to resources for being in Tifton.

AIRPORTS

Hartsfield Jackson International Airport (Atlanta, GA) (www.atlanta-airport.com)

Address:

6000 North Terminal Parkway

Suite 4000

Atlanta, GA 30320

1-800-897-1910

Distance: 173 miles from the campus. Driving time 2 hours 30 minutes.

Parking at Airport: \$9-16/day. There are park and fly locations near the airport with shuttles to the airport with a reduced parking rate.

Shuttle: Groome Transportation (<http://macon.groometransportation.com/>) does have a shuttle from Macon to the airport. Cost of \$38 one way or \$76 roundtrip.

Jacksonville International Airport (Jacksonville, FL) (airport.jacksonville.com)

Address:

2400 Yankee Clipper Dr

Jacksonville, FL 32218

Distance: 179 miles from the campus. Driving time 2 hours 40 minutes.

Parking at Airport: Price varies between \$5/day to \$18/day. Depends on which lot that is used.

Southwest Georgia Regional Airport (Albany, GA) (flyABY.com)

Address:

3905 Newton Road #100

Albany, GA 31601

Distance: 44 miles Driving Time: 55 minutes

Parking: \$8-12 daily maximum

Notes: Three Delta Connection Carrier Express flights per day.

Valdosta Regional Airport (Valdosta, GA) (www.flyvaldosta.com)

Address:
1750 Airport Road
Valdosta, GA 31601

Distance: 55 miles from campus Driving Time: 48 minutes

Parking: No charge but there is a form (www.flyvaldosta.com/parking.html) to fill out if you leave your car for more than five days.

Notes: Three Delta Connection Carrier Express flights per day. My personal experience has been to be prepared for flights being cancelled or delayed.

APARTMENTS

ABAC (<http://www.abac.edu/student-life/housing-why-live-on-campus/housing-rates>)

2017-2018

Lakeside

2 Person Suite	\$2,606/semester
4 Person Suite	\$2,251.50/semester

ABAC Place

4 Bedroom Apartment	\$3022/semester
3 Bedroom Apartment (Shared Bathroom)	\$3,393/semester
3 Bedroom Apartment (Private Bath)	\$3,508/semester
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$3,740/semester

Summer Housing

ABAC Place Summer Housing (June – July)	\$968
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Fees

New Resident Application Fee	\$235
Priority 1 Renewal Fee & Prepayment (Jan. 23 – Feb. 19)	\$75
Priority 2 Renewal Fee & Prepayment (Feb. 20 – Apr. 9)	\$150
Priority 3 Renewal Fee & Prepayment (Apr. 10 – Move-in)	\$300

Amelia Apartments

2010 Emmett Ave Apt T1, Tifton, GA 31794
229-386-2304

2 BR/1Bath \$565/month. Administrative fee: \$200; Application Fee: \$35; Cat or Dog Fee: \$200

Creekside Villas (Garvey and Garvey) (prices from website for all Garvey and Garvey properties January 24, 2017)
Central and 18th

1 BR/1 Bath	flat	\$640/month
2 BR/ 1 Bath	flat	\$720/month
2 BR/ 1.5 Bath	townhouse	\$785/month
2 BR/ 2.5 Bath	townhouse	\$825/month
3 BR/ 2 Bath	townhouse	\$925/month

\$500 security deposit

Crescent Ridge (Garvey and Garvey)
1300 Block of Crescent Drive

1, 2, 3 BR units prices starting at \$485/month, security deposit start at \$410/month

Duplexes (Garvey and Garvey)
Scattered around Tifton

2BR/1Bath or 2BR/2Bath From \$595-700/month \$500 deposit

Fulwood Point (Garvey and Garvey)
700 Block West 12th Street

2 BR/ 1 Bath \$670/month \$500 security deposit

The Groves (no openings January 24, 2017)
2826 Rainwater Road
229-388-1283

The Homeplace (Garvey and Garvey)
300 Block of East 20th Street

2 BR / 1 Bath \$655/month \$500 deposit

Huntington Apartments (no openings January 24, 2017)
111 20th Street Tifton, GA
229-386-8425

Park Place Apartments
2610 Emmett Avenue
229-386-0205

(no openings January 24, 2017)

Pine Creek (Garvey and Garvey)
18th and Love Avenue

2 BR / 2.5 Bath two story townhouse \$805/month

Rose Hill (Garvey and Garvey)
30th and Love Avenue

2 BR/1 Bath or 2 BR/2 Bath prices start at \$735/month
\$500 security deposit

Sunnyside Apartments
909 20th St W Apt A1, Tifton, GA 31794
(229) 386-2066

\$500 – 525/month

HOUSE RENTALS

Century 21 (229) 386-8737
http://www.century21tifton.com/listings/For_Rent_listings.shtml

D. Coleman Realty (229) 386-4222 <http://colemanrealtytifton.com/>

Advantage Realty “Julie Walker” (229) 386-2727
<http://getadvantagerealty.com/property-type/rentals/>

Garvey & Garvey Properties (229) 386-9931 www.garveryproperties.com

From checking various contacts for rental property it appears that several local real estate agents also have their own companies for rental properties. I didn't list these individual companies.

AUTOMOBILE RENTAL

Enterprise Rent a Car www.enterprise.com
508 7th Street West
229-382-6614

Hertz Rent a Car www.hertz.com
1802 U. S. Highway 82
229-387-8177

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS

A & V Auto (discount; used parts store)
121 7th St. W, Tifton, GA
229-238-3709

Griffin Ford Lincoln <http://griffinford.net/>
511 West 7th Street
Service: 229-382-1303, 888-892-3008

McKee's Auto Center Inc. <http://www.autorepairstifton.com/>
390 2nd Street East
229-382-7642

Prince Chevrolet of Tifton www.princeautotifton.com
1410 U. S. Highway 82 West
229-472-5298

Prince Honda www.princehondatifton.com
1501 Highway 82 West
229-386-1400

Prince Toyota www.princetoyota.com
2013 Highway 82 West
229-386-4000

Tenneson Nissan www.tennesonnissan.com
535 Old Omega Road
229-382-7777

BANKS

Ameris Bank www.amerisbank.com
735 West 2nd Street
229-382-7311

Colony Bank www.colonybank.com
605 West 2nd Street
229-382-2493

First Community Bank
218 Love Avenue
382-0782

<https://fcbtifton.synovus.com/>

South Georgia Bank
725 West 2nd Street
382-1811

<http://www.sgbconline.com>

Suntrust Bank
200 John Howard Way
382-4411

www.suntrust.com

BICYCLES

K-Mart
144 South Virginia Avenue
229-386-2822

<http://www.kmart.com/stores/georgia/tifton/7028.html>

Wal-Mart
1830 U.S. Highway 82 West
229-386-0263

<http://www.walmart.com/store/1072/whats-new>

Western Auto
354 South Main Street
229-382-5767

DAYCARE

Kids Advocacy Coalition at Len Lastinger (kac-ccrr.org/index.htm)
1210 Lake Drive
229-387-5530

Kids Advocacy Coalition at Pre-K Center
506 West 12th Street
229-387-5473

Kids Advocacy Coalition is an after school program. There is a \$40 registration fee per child. Cost is \$32/week if the child is picked up before 4:45 and \$40/week if picked up after 4:45.

Mothers Love Child Care and Learning Centers
(<http://www.motherslovetifton.com/index.html>)
1925 Whiddon Mill Road
229-796-1685

Infant Care: \$140/week
Toddlers and Twos: \$130/week
Three's 120/week (older siblings \$110/week)
Georgia Prekindergarten Program for 4 Y/O FREE – no meal charge
Extended Day for 4 Y Pre-K \$58/week (older sibling \$55/week)
Holiday Care for 4 Y Pre-K \$30/day (older sibling \$26/day)
Morning Care and School Delivery \$45/week
Afterschool Transport and Care \$70/week (older sibling \$58/week) [inside city limits]
Afterschool Transport and Care \$73/week (older sibling \$67/week) [outside city limits]
KIDZ KLUB Summer Camp and Holiday Care \$98/week (older sibling \$93/week)

Mothers Love II Childcare Center
3148 Fulwood Road
229-382-5588

Potter's House
1800 North Central Avenue
229-382-4418

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

Literacy Volunteers of Tifton-Tift County (<http://tiftlv.org/>)
52 Tech Drive
229-391-2527

Bonnie Sayles is teaching at Southern Regional Technical College Monday – Wednesday from 5 – 8 PM.

GROCERY STORES/PRODUCE

Campus. From time to time there will be announcements via email on campus that there is some produce available and a location will be given. It is good to be quick to respond to these locations if you want to get some free produce. **Remember NOT to take produce from research plots or that the scientists have not released for consumption.**

Apna Bazaar – Indian Grocery – Tallahassee, Florida
2819 Mahan Drive
850-597-9774

Curtis Foods <http://curtispacking.com/curtisfoods.html>
1363 South Main Street
229-382-9540
[have had several locals refer to purchasing meat from this store]

Downtown International Grocery (Valdosta, GA)

109 East Hill Avenue #1a

Valdosta, GA

229-245-9700

[I have gone with people to purchase frozen halal meats at a grocery store in Valdosta and I believe this is it.]

Farmers Markets

[There is one by the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and another at the train museum downtown. Location to purchase local produce, bread, and other items. Seasonally open on Saturdays.]

Fooks Food a Specialty (Chinese Groceries)

2026 South Milledge Avenue

Athens, GA

706-208-8839

H-Mart [can take exit 237A on Highway 75 to get to the store and head west.]

6335 Highway 85

Riverdale, GA

678-435-0909

[Stopped at this store one time and everyone regardless of what country they came from was excited at what was available. Large fresh produce section.]

Harveys

Highway 41 North

[store is close to campus, and some apartments (Amelia and Sunnyside)].

La Caletana (bakery)

728 East 5th Street

229-472-9116

La Rosa (authentic Mexican food and bakery making traditional Mexican bread and pastries)

110 6th Street West

229-382-4314

Lynn's Oriental Market

1214 Capital Circle NE

Tallahassee, FL

850-656-6148

[reviews refer to this as the finest Asian grocery store in Tallahassee and they do have some food from India as well.]

New River Flea Market (Discount store; produce, tools, used items, etc.).
44 Old Brookfield Rd W, Tifton GA . Saturday-Sunday

Publix

620 North Virginia Avenue
386-1166

[traditionally has a reputation for higher prices but they do have a good selection of items.]

Save a Lot

121 Virginia Avenue
229-382-9473

[store will sell dented cans of food for a cheaper price]

Supermercado El Primo (authentic Mexican food plus bread and pastries)

1001 Ferry Lake Road
229-382-5552

Tienda La Palma (authentic Mexican food)

4463 U. S. Highway 319 South
229-391-9600

Wal-Mart

1830 U.S. Highway 82 West
229-386-0263

Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery Store

1810 Tift Avenue North
229-339-8484

MEDICAL

Affinity Health Group (<https://myaffinityhealth.com/>)

2225 US Highway 41 North [crossroad of US Highway 41 and Highway 75]
229-391-4100

Affinity is a part of Tift Regional Medical Center. Office Hours 8-5 Monday - Friday

Affinity Express Care (<http://affinitywalkinclinic.com/>)

Phone: 229-391-4080

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Hours subject to change based on holidays)

“Located on the first floor of the Tift Regional Medical Center West Campus/Affinity Clinic building, Affinity ExpressCare is a walk-in, convenient care clinic serving patients with minor injuries or illnesses. It provides an alternative to waiting in a crowded emergency room for non-emergency care. ExpressCare is open seven-days-a-week and does not require appointments. The clinic is staffed by midlevel providers and nurses under the supervision of the Affinity physicians, learn more about our [ExpressCare providers here](#). It has its own entrance and waiting area, as well as convenient parking. Cash, credit cards and most forms of insurance are accepted.

ExpressCare offers treatment for adults and children over the age of six months for minor conditions such as:

- o Cold and flu
- o Sinus infections
- o Allergies
- o Minor injuries, burns, and rashes
- o Sore throat
- o Sprains and strains
- o Bronchitis
- o Ear infections
- o Urinary tract infections
- ...and more!”

Apple Care (<http://applecaresdoctors.com/>)
1909 US Highway 82 Suite 5
229-382-6414

Walk in Clinics where they say patients are normally seen in 30 minutes or less.

- Mon: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Tue: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Wed: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Thu: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Fri: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Sat: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Sun: Closed

Quick Care
1430 U.S. Highway 82
(229) 388-0266

Monday – Saturday 8 AM – 7 PM

Tift County Public Health Department (<http://southhealthdistrict.com/county-health-departments/tift-county-health-department/>)

305 East 12th Street
229-386-8373

Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Thursday

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

Tift Regional Medical Center (www.tiftregional.com)

901 East 18th Street
229-382-7120 OR 800-648-1935

MOVING TO TIFTON

City of Tifton

130 1st Street East

P. O. Box 229

Tifton, GA 31793

Donna Pate

Phone: 229-391-3949

Fax: 229-391-3877

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Provided Utilities: Water Sever, Natural Gas, county wide sanitation (garbage) pickup, dumpster service, roll off containers for debris, recycling [should be curbside pickup for residential houses starting in August], and curbside yard debris pickup in the city.

Starting Services need to come to the Customer Service Center in City Hall, 130 1st Street East. There is a form available on the city website (www.tifton.net)

Requirements to start service: Valid picture ID, rental or lease agreement, social security number, and deposits.

Deposits: Water - \$50.00; Sewer - \$50.00; Gas - \$50.00 and Garbage - \$15.13.

Residents in the county should contact Golden Environmental 21 Farmers Market Road, Tifton, GA 31794 or 229-382-0309 for county garbage deposits.

Payment Options: Cash, check, bank draft, VISA, Master Card, Discover Card, or Money Order. Checks or money orders must be made payable to “City of Tifton.” Paying by mail send to City of Tifton/ P. O. Box 229/ Tifton, GA 31793. Payments can be made at the office during business hours.

Georgia Power
888-660-5890
Georgiapower.com

Required to start service:

- Your name (or name for the primary account holder, if different)
- Service address (where the power is to be turned on)
- County, Lot, and Neighborhood information (if the home is new)
- Home phone
- Alternate phone number (work, etc.)
- Social Security Number (of the primary account holder)
- Spouse or roommate name
- Mailing address (if different than service address)
- Effective date you would like service to be turned on (Monday through Saturday)
- Temporary contact information for us to use during the installation process
- Descriptions of any access problems such as locked gates, dogs, etc.

Connections are only made during Monday – Friday.

Deposit amount required is based on a credit scan. The deposit may be as high as \$150. The deposit amount may be waived based on the credit report.

There is a \$30.00 service establishment fee that will appear on the first month's bill.

The online website has an online form to start service.

Post Office
205 John Howard Way (2 miles from campus)
Tifton, GA 31794
800-275-8777

Retail Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
 Saturday: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Post Office
3272 US Highway 41 North (6 miles from campus)
Chula, GA 31733
229-382-9369

Retail Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Tifton Post Office is closer but is usually busier. The Chula Post Office has less traffic, is smaller, and has less hours for retail sales (stamps, mailing packages).

Cable/ Internet/ Phone

Mediacom
1821 U. S. Highway 82 West
Tifton, GA 31793
229-256-5604

Or

229-244-4400
Mediacomcable.com

Plant TiftNet
1703 U. S. Highway 82 West
Tifton, GA 31793
229-382-3003
Tiftnet.com

CELL PHONE SERVICE

It is possible to obtain cell phones from Wal-Mart and sign up for a plan there.

Verizon Wireless
1430 U. S. Highway 82 West, Suite 107
229-388-0972

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Department of Driver Services
3057 U. S. Highway 41 South (near the airfield)
Tifton, GA 31794
229-386-3530
Dds.ga.gov

Secure ID Requirements

- Documentation showing your identity: Passport or Certified Copy of Birth Certificate
- You must provide further documentation if your name has changed since birth, such as a Marriage License.
- TWO documents showing proof of residential address (utility bill, bank statement, mortgage statement, etc.)
- Full Social Security Number (Social Security Card or tax or Medicare documents)
- Proof of U. S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States

RECREATION

Football (Soccer)

Several people on campus get together to play soccer. Dr. Greg Fonsah would be a good contact to find out about games.

Tennis

ABAC

Tift County Recreation Department

Volleyball

First United Methodist Church where people play volleyball on Mondays at 8:30 pm.

There are a couple locations (Entomology Building and NESPAL) on campus where people sometimes play.

YMCA (<http://www.tiftareaymca.org/>)

1657 South Carpenter Road

229-391-9622

NOTE: may need to pay to become a member.

Dr. Bret Wagenhorst (bwagenhorst@hotmail.com) is a contact for the following activities. I added a few comments.

Running (There is a group that meets at the Eighth Street Middle School Wednesday nights at 6 PM to run about 6 miles. There are other groups that run in town.)

Bicycling (The YMCA has an annual fundraiser, the Tour de Tifton, and bicycle riders can go on rides from 11 miles to 100 miles. The BRAG (Bicycle Riders Across Georgia) have stopped in Tifton on their rides.)

Swimming

Hiking/camping

Canoeing/kayaking (Dr. Wagenhorst maintains a facebook page for canoeing and kayaking in south Georgia.)

Gardening

RESTAURANTS

Tifton has many restaurants and I am only listing a few that the campus international group has gone to for our monthly lunch.

El Cazador (Mexican)
1021 West 2nd Street
229-386-2126

King Buffet (Chinese)
121 South Virginia Avenue
229-382-5555

La Cabana (Mexican)
211 South Main Street
229-382-1011

Saigon Kitchen (Thai-Vietnamese-Chinese) (<http://thaichineserestaurant.com/>)
724 West Second Street
396-5888 OR 396-5381

Will deliver food (\$12 minimum for lunch and \$15 for dinner)

Lunch, dinner and to go menus on their website)

SECOND HAND STORES

Second hand stores are good locations to find used household items and clothes at a reduced price.

Brother Charlie's Thrift Store
146 Love Avenue
229-382-5540

Garage Sales
Several of these will be listed in the Tifton Gazette.

Goodwill
359 Commerce Way
229-382-0093

New River Flea Market (Discount store; produce, tools, used items, etc.).
44 Old Brookfield Rd W, Tifton GA . Saturday-Sunday

Salvation Army
1205 US Highway 82 East #1
229-386-1503

TRAVEL TO ATHENS

Campus personnel frequently travel to Athens. There have been email messages posted on campus requesting a ride to Athens. Check with the department secretary or the librarian about posting a request for a ride to Athens.

UGA TIFTON CAMPUS INFORMATION

Campus Mail

The street address for the campus is
2360 Rainwater Road
Tifton, GA 31793.

Packages should be delivered to your building or department. Mail is delivered to departments once each day.

Photo ID Cards

Ms. Lisa Wimberly or the student worker in the Ag Innovation Center can take your picture for University of Georgia ID Cards. She needs a UGA ID number before taking the picture. There is a \$20 charge that can be paid with a credit card.

UGA Emails

UGA emails are part of the new employee paperwork to be filled out. People need a MyID to be employed.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Administrative Professionals</u> <u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Administrative Assistants/Associates</u>		
Machelle Clements - 7495	PATH/HORT(Extension)	Hort. Bldg.
Sarah Cook - 6882	Ag Innovation Center	Ag Innovation Center
Katie Davis - 3217	ADS (Research/Extension)	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Jodi Figgett - 3355	HORT (Research/Extension)	Hort. Bldg.
Christy Fletcher - 3371	PATH (Research)	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Evelyn Folds - 7274	NESPAL	NESPAL Bldg.
Cindy Hester - 3362	Engineering (CRSS/ENTO)	Engineering Bldg.
Samantha Thompson - 3374	ENTO (Research)	Ent. Bldg.
Salina McCallister - 3298	Bugwood Network (Extension)	Old Admin Bldg.
Staci Mullis - 3360	CRSS (Research)	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Rena Woods - 3512	AAE (Extension)	RDC

Michela Rinear - 3006	CRSS (Extension)	Hort. Bldg.
Debbie Rutland - 3424	ENTO/HORT (Extension)	Hort. Bldg.
Dena Watson - 3328	CRSS (Extension)	Hort. Bldg.
Jeannie Evans - 3337	FMO	Phys. Plant Bldg.
Tina Wood - 3416	TCCC	RDC

Administrative Specialist

Teri Hughes - 3338	Asst Dean	Tift Building
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Bookkeepers

Donna Abad - 7004	Business Office	Tift Building
Michelle Pitts - 3605	NESPAL	NESPAL Bldg.
Leslie Cromer - 3366	ADS (Research/Extension)	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Jenny Granberry - 3924/3835	BAE/ENTO	Bio & Ag/ENT Bldgs.
Tiffany Wiggins - 3337	FMO	Phys. Plant Bldg.
Paula Ivey - 3449	HORT	Hort. Bldg.
Cindy LaHue - 3351	CRSS	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Glenda Thomas - 3178	PATH (Research)	Plnt. Sci. Bldg.
Ann Wiggins - 3336	Business Office	Tift Building

UGA TIFTON CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL GROUP

The University of Georgia Tifton Campus International Group has co-chairs of Dr. Juan Carlos Diaz Perez and Dr. Xinzhi Ni. The librarian, Duncan McClusky, maintains a listserv for the group. The group meets monthly for lunch on the third Friday of the month. The group has gone on trips to the Atlanta Aquarium, CNN, the Coca Cola Museum, an Atlanta Hawks basketball game, an AMIS new international student welcoming reception, Callaway Garden's Fantasy in Lights and some other trips.

WEBSITES

AMIS (Atlanta Ministry with International Students, Inc. www.amis-inc.org.
Churches <http://www.churchfinder.com/churches/ga/tifton>
City of Tifton www.tifton.net
Explore Georgia <http://www.exploregeorgia.org/>
South Georgia Connections <http://www.sgaconnections.com>
Tift County www.tiftcounty.org
Tift County Schools www.tiftschools.com
Tiftarea Academy (Private School) <http://www.tiftareaacademy.com>
Tifton Chamber of Commerce www.tiftonism.com
Tifton Tourism www.tifontourism.com
UGA CAES Office of Global Programs <http://www.caes.uga.edu/global.html>
UGA International Student Life <http://isl.uga.edu/>
UGA New Student Orientation <https://orientation.uga.edu>
UGA Office of International Education <http://international.uga.edu/>
UGA Tifton Campus www.caes.uga.edu/campus/tifton/
UGA Visiting Researchers/Scholars <http://research.uga.edu/visiting/>