



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
University System of Georgia
Chair Department of Foreign Languages
Search # 53843
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences/Foreign Languages

Georgia Southern University, a member institution of the University System of Georgia, invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Chair in the Department of Foreign Languages in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Georgia Southern University is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a Doctoral/Research institution. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Georgia Southern offers 117 academic majors in a comprehensive array of baccalaureate degrees and selected master's and doctoral programs. The University has earned national accreditation in 60 program areas from 21 accrediting bodies. Academic programs are organized in eight colleges --Business Administration, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Information Technology, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology, and the Jack Averitt College of Graduate Studies. The University awarded 2,660 degrees in 2006-07.

A residential university with a projected Fall 2007 enrollment of over 16,000 students, Georgia Southern is the largest university in the southern half of Georgia and apart from the three research universities, the most comprehensive center of public higher education in the state. One of the top choices in Georgia for new freshmen, including HOPE Scholars, Georgia Southern enrolls an increasingly selective student body representing all of Georgia, 48 states, and more than 85 nations. Ninety percent of undergraduates are full-time students. The University is enhancing its academic profile through higher admission standards, an expanded Honors Program, and scholarships for academically talented students.

Georgia Southern University is committed to advancing the State of Georgia and the region through the benefits of higher education, offering baccalaureate through doctoral degrees, and a variety of outreach programs. The University fosters access to its educational programs, provides a comprehensive and fulfilling university experience, and enhances quality of life in the region through collaborative relationships supporting education, health care and human services, cultural experiences, scientific and technological advancement, athletics, and regional development. Georgia Southern celebrates its 2006 centennial with a strategic plan to advance the University to the top tier of national rankings in its class.

The 675-acre park-like campus continues an era of capital construction that has opened new facilities for colleges and academic programs, student recreation and development, university housing, athletics, and public service. The learning environment is enhanced by a museum of cultural and natural history, a botanical garden, a unique wildlife education center, a performing arts center, and a continuing education and conference center. The University's Division I athletic teams compete in the Southern Conference. The campus is located in Statesboro, a safe, hospitable, and progressive Main Street community of 30,000, an hour from historic Savannah and beach resorts, and approximately 200 miles from Atlanta.

Position Description. Reporting to the Dean of the College, the Chair position is a 12-month appointment; salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Primary responsibilities will include administrative and leadership duties associated with chairing a department of 22 active teacher-scholars who contribute significantly to the institution's core curriculum.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral-level credential
- Teaching experience in languages including, but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, or Spanish.
- Evidence of excellence in and commitment to teaching and pedagogy.
- The successful candidate must also qualify for the rank of associate or full professor within the department and must meet requirements for appointment to the graduate faculty of the university.
- Significant publication record in peer-reviewed venues and a record of outstanding contributions to their professional field.
- Minimum of four years college or university teaching experience at the assistant professor level or higher required for appointment at the associate professor rank.
- Minimum of five years of college or university teaching experience at the associate professor level required for appointment at the professor rank.

Preferred Qualifications:

- One to three years of administrative experience preferred.
- Strong commitment to promoting and encouraging foreign language at the local, state, and regional levels.

Screening of applications begins November 15, 2007 and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is July 1, 2008. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum *vita*; sample publications, and at least three letters of recommendation. Other documentation may be requested. Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities.

Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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professional service within the University and beyond. Finalists are required to submit to a background investigation. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.