

Wells Fargo
(770) 233-3258
www.wellsfargo.com

Restrictions

Checking Monthly Service fees range from \$5—\$35
Some accounts charge fees for non-Wells Fargo ATM use

Perks

4 Checking Account Options
Minimum opening deposit is \$25 with Social Security card & Personal ID
Online Banking & Mobile App
Monthly Service Charge can be waved by meeting bank criteria for all account options

Branch Locations

1506 GA Hwy 16
Griffin
Open:
Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to noon
Sunday Closed

ATM Locations

- 1506 GA-16, Griffin
Drive up
- 100 S Hill St, Griffin
Walk up

Regions Bank
(678) 692-6400
www.regions.com

Checking Monthly Service fees range from \$0—\$18.

Some accounts are not eligible for the monthly service fee waver.

Some accounts charge fees for non-Regions ATM use

6 Checking Account Options
Minimum opening deposit is \$50 with Social Security card & Personal ID
Online Banking & Mobile App
Monthly Service Charge can be waved by meeting bank criteria for most account options

Western Union Branch Services

327 W Taylor St.
Griffin
Open:
Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to noon
Sunday Closed

327 W Taylor St.
Griffin
Drive up

Truist Bank
(770) 229-2675
www.truist.com

Checking Monthly Service fees range from \$0—\$12.

Non-Truist ATM fees: \$3 in the US; \$5 outside the US.

1 Checking Account Option with 5 levels depending on your balance.
Minimum opening deposit is \$50 with Social Security card & Personal ID
Online Banking & Mobile App

Monthly Service Charge can be waved by meeting bank criteria

No overdraft fees

201 W Taylor St.
Griffin
Open:
Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to noon
Sunday Closed

201 W Taylor St.
Griffin
Drive up

English Opportunities in Griffin

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Local English Classes

Southern Crescent Technical College offers free English as a Second Language classes designed to assist students who have a primary language other than English. The classes provide assistance with speaking, writing, and understanding the English language with a focus on conversational English. Classes are offered in Fayette, Henry, & Spalding counties.

Spalding County	Henry County	Fayette County
770-229-3176	770-914-4422	770-229-3370

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Georgia Center for Continuing Education

This 6-week online course includes in-depth analysis of English grammar for intermediate to advanced English as a second language college students. Structure of standard English is explored in order to prepare the learner for regular mainstream English classes. (Offered through a partnership between the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Education To Go.) Cost as of 12/20/22 is \$159.

<https://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/courses/languages/grammar-for-esl>

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Get Involved in Student Organizations

Improve your English through student interaction in one or both of the following organizations.

- UGA Student Advisory Council: The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is the student organization on the UGA Griffin Campus which initiates and facilitates student activities. Students who are interested in joining SAC should fill out an application using this link or QR code: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7aLNpGOvQxbGUo5?Q_JFE=qdg
- UGA Griffin Ambassadors: The Griffin Ambassadors serve as official hosts and goodwill ambassadors for the Griffin campus and community events. They welcome university and government officials to the campus, assist incoming students at New Student Orientation, and talk with perspective students at a variety of campus events. Students interested in applying to be an ambassador should fill out an application using this link or QR code: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NQp8cbHlz4qeCV?jfefe=new

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Church Offered ESL Classes

- Periodically Crestview Baptist Church offers free English as a second language classes. You should watch for emails from Griffin UGA Academic and Student affairs for opportunities to take advantage of these classes.

Local Grocery Stores Around Griffin

GENERAL INFORMATION *

- Tipping is at least 20% of your pretax bill when eating out
- Servers are paid less than minimum wage. Your tip is part of their salary, so tipping is very important
- Tipping is not necessary at fast food restaurants or places without a wait staff
- Typically you can have free soda/soft drink refills
- Be prepared to provide valid identification to purchase alcoholic beverages (the legal age is 21)
- You may substitute side items, but you may be charged a small fee
- You can always leave out items (pickles, mayo, onions, cheese, etc.)
- If you have any questions, ask your server

AMERICAN & SOUTHERN FOOD *

- **Breakfast:** Cereal and milk, pancakes or waffles, grits, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, muffins or doughnuts, eggs, bacon, toast, etc.
- **Lunch & Dinner:** BBQ, fried chicken, cheeseburgers, pizza, French fries, fried okra, corn on the cob or creamed corn, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, green beans, etc.

JUST A NOTE... *

- American food is typically higher in fat and sugar
- There are a lot of fried foods in the South
- Don't overload on American food too soon- you may get a stomach ache
- Vegan / vegetarian options may be difficult to find, but don't be afraid to ask servers or employees for help
- Vegetables can be cooked in chicken or beef stock- always ask to make sure restaurants vegetables are vegetarian
- Many restaurants add a gratuity (tip) automatically if you dine-in with a group of a certain size (typically 8 or more people). This is only for sit down restaurants, not for fast food establishments
- You can often split checks (pay the bill in separate pieces). Not all places are able to do this, though- ask before ordering

Walmart Supercenter

1569 N Expressway

Griffin, GA 30223

770-229-5040

Open 6 am to 11 pm Everyday

Kroger Grocery Store

1524 GA-16

Griffin, GA 30223

770-229-7427

Open 6 am to 11 pm Everyday

Aldi

1418 GA-16

Griffin, GA 30223

855-955-2534

Open 9 am to 8 pm Everyday

Food Depot

1201 W Taylor Street
Griffin, GA 30223

Or

816 S Hill Street
Griffin, GA 30224

Open 7 am to 10 pm Everyday

1.5 miles from Campus

*From Athens International Student Life webpage.

Getting a Georgia Driver's License

The state of Georgia has some provisions for International residents to drive with a valid driver's license from other countries. Please see the DDS website for more details.

The necessary requirements for receiving a GA driver's license

1. You must be at least 18 years old.
 2. You must pass the knowledge Exam.
 3. You must pass the Road Skills Test.
 4. You must pass the Vision Exam (bring your glasses or contacts!)
 5. You must present the following documents:
 - Unexpired passport with valid U.S. visa—see the DDS website for more details
 - Three of the following:
 - Utility bill issued within the last sixty (60) days with your current address
 - Bank statement issued within the last sixty (60) days with your current address
 - Current rental lease or receipts for rent payments within the last sixty days
 - Employer verification such as
 - Paycheck or stub
 - Letter from employer on company letterhead with applicant's full name & address
 - W-2 for current or preceding calendar year
- To learn more about the knowledge exam, please review the Georgia Driver's Manual on the DDS website.
- The cost of applying for a Regular Non-Commercial Driver's License (Class C) is \$20. Class C is the type of license you should apply for.

Georgia Department of Driver Services

1313 Arthur K Bolton Pkwy
Griffin, GA 30223
678-413-8400

Open Tuesday—Friday 8AM to 6PM

DDS Website: <https://dds.georgia.gov/>

To Schedule Appointments: <https://dds.georgia.gov/your-georgia-drivers-license/appointments>

Driver's Manual: <https://dds.georgia.gov/dds-forms-and-manuals/manuals>

It is important to know that you must renew your car registration (car tag decal) every year. You must also renew your driver's license periodically. Please notice when your license expires. The expiration date can be found at the top right of your driver's license.

Getting Connected At UGA Griffin

UGAMAIL EMAIL ACCOUNT

Your must create a UGA MyID in order to set-up an email account

- Go to <http://ugamail.uga.edu>
- A total of 10 GB available for email, Webpages and other files

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS IN GRIFFIN

Xfinity: 866-349-3272 <https://www.xfinity.com/overview>

AT&T: 844-376-8067 <https://www.att.com>

TMobile Home Internet: 855-919-4208 <https://www.t-mobile.com>

INTERNET CALLING/VIDEO CHAT

- Skype: For more information visit their website at <http://www.skype.com/>
- Google Voice: For more information visit their website at <http://www.google.com/voice>
- FaceTime: For more information visit their website at <http://www.apple.com/facetime>

POSTAL SERVICE IN GRIFFIN

Downtown US Post Office

101 N 8th Street

770-412-8840

Open Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday 3:30am to 12:pm

Passport Services available • 1.5 miles from campus

Experiment US Post Office

1392 Experiment Street

Griffin GA 30223

770-227-1101

Open Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday 3:30am to 12:pm • half a mile from campus

The UPS Store

1545 N Expressway

Griffin GA 30223

770-412-7363

Open Monday—Friday 9am to 7pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, & Sunday 10am to 4pm • 2 miles from campus

GRIFFIN GA ZIP CODES:

A zip code is a 5-digit code that identifies a specific geographical mail delivery area and is a required part of an address when mailing items.

North Griffin area code—30223

South Griffin area code—30224

To look ups area codes use this link: [https://www.usps.com/?](https://www.usps.com/?utm_medium=search&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=evergreenps&utm_content=e317_eese&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-)

[utm_medium=search&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=evergreenps&utm_content=e317_eese&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-](https://www.usps.com/?utm_medium=search&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=evergreenps&utm_content=e317_eese&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-)

CELL PHONE STORES IN GRIFFIN

Metro by T-Mobile
1667 N Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-233-0478

T-Mobile
1436 N Expressway, Suite A
Griffin, GA 30223
770-233-4622

AT&T Store
1447 N Expressway, Suite B
Griffin, GA 30223
770-467-9901

Verizon
1445 N Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
800-880-1077

Housing Tips

UGA Griffin Students have two options for permanent housing. The Gordon State College residence hall in Barnesville GA or an off campus apartment. At times there may be some short term temporary availability in the visitor house on campus. For more information on visitor housing use this URL:

<https://www.griffin.uga.edu/visitorhouse>

Gordon State College Residence Halls

Gordon State College is located in Barnesville Georgia approximately 20 miles or 24 minutes from the UGA Griffin Campus. Current pricing (2/7/23) is \$760 per month for a total of \$3040 for a 16 week semester. Gordon will accommodate tenants who wish to stay during holidays for additional rent. All utilities and parking are included. There is a one time \$150 application fee and a \$80 cleaning fee. For more information and to complete an application go to : <https://aceweb.gordonstate.edu/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=CSEUGA> and <https://www.gordonstate.edu/non-student-housing/>.

Off Campus Housing—Griffin Apartments

Most students look for housing many months in advance. The majority of leases are year-long and do not have subleasing agreements. If you sign a 12-month lease, you are required to pay for those 12 months. Leases are legally binding documents. Take special note of when you have to notify your landlord that you will not be renewing your lease. Be sure to check Zillow.com or Apartments.com for more rental options.

****Rent amounts listed below are subject to change****

Walden Pointe
701 Carver Road
Griffin GA 30224

(770) 400-0994

<https://www.southwoodrealty.com/community/walden-pointe-apartments/>

1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Apartments
Monthly Rent: \$1345—\$1845

3.6 Miles from Campus

Vineyard Place
657 Carver Road
Griffin GA 30224

(770) 212-3785

<https://www.vineyardplaceapartments.com/>

1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Apartments
Monthly Rent: \$1185—\$1620

3.4 Miles from Campus

Vineyard Villas
1560 Flynt Street
Griffin GA 30223

(770) 212-2405

<https://www.vineyardvillasapartments.com/>

2 Bedroom Apartments
Monthly Rent: \$1200—\$1300

2.1 Miles from Campus

Vineyard Creek
1569 GA HWY 16 W
Griffin GA 30223

(770) 214-3033

<https://www.vineyardcreekapts.com/>

1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Apartments
Monthly Rent: \$1120—\$1410

2.3 Miles from Campus

Westwind Apartments
1456 Williamson Road

Managed by: Hollberg Properties
770-227-5634

<https://www.hollbergrentals.com/westwind.php>

3.7 Miles from Campus

Summerwoods Duplexes
Summerwoods Lane

You can come into the office to pick up an application at 612 W. Solomon Street. The application fee is \$50 for the 1st applicant and \$35 for each additional adult. We will need 2 months of proof of income. And picture of and social security card.

\$1300/month • 2 bed/2 ath

3 Miles from Campus

UGA Griffin Important Phone Numbers

Emergency – 24 Hours	911
Academic & Student Affairs	770-412-4400
Assistant Provost & Campus Director's Office	770-228-7264
Bookstore	770-914-7440
Business Office	770-228-7306
Center for Food Safety	770-228-7283
Center for Urban Agriculture	770-233-6107
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Program Director	770-228-7314
Continuing Education	770-229-3477
Crop & Soil Sciences	770-228-7289
Entomology	770-228-7341
Facilities Management	770-228-7225
Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center	770-228-7338
Food Science & Technology	770-412-4758
Franklin College of Arts & Sciences Program Director	770-229-3016
Horticulture	770-228-7242
Library	770-228-7238
Mathematics & Science Education Program	770-241-1302
Information Technology	770-229-3020
Plant Pathology	770-228-7202
Security	770-412-3008
UGA Griffin Counseling: For an appointment: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7x2NbYtM9QgSah?Q_JFE=qdg	770-412-4096

UGA Athens Important Phone Numbers & websites

Admissions, Graduate – Athens Campus	706-542-1739	https://grad.uga.edu/admissions/
Bookstore – Athens Campus	706-542-3171	https://www.bkstr.com/georgiastore/home
Bursar's Office – Athens Campus	706-542-2965	https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/
Financial Aid – Athens Campus	706-542-6147	https://osfa.uga.edu/
International Student Life Office – Athens Campus	706-542-5867	https://isl.uga.edu/
Registrar – Athens Campus	706-542-4040	https://reg.uga.edu/
Student Accounts – Athens Campus	706-542-2965	https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/

Getting Around Griffin

BUSES

Griffin does not have a mass transit system, however, Griffin does have a public transport program which operates under a demand response model. The Three Rivers Regional Commission Rural Public Transportation Program services Butts, Carroll, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties. It requires residents to call 24 hours in advance for transportation reservations. The bus picks up residents from their location and drops them off at their requested destination. TRRC charges a \$2.00 one way fare within Butts, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties. To schedule a ride please call one of the following numbers 24 to 48 hours in advance.

(855) 407-7433, or (844) 778-7826, or (678) 588-9456

For more detailed information go to the Three Rivers website listed below:

<https://www.threeriversrc.com/transportation-services.php>

Ride-Hailing Apps

Ride-hailing mobile apps, such as, Uber and Lyft allow students with smartphones to submit trip requests via their phone app. Most Uber and Lyft drivers use their own cars and fare prices will vary according to location and time of day for the requested transportation.

Social Security Office in Griffin

The Griffin Social Security Administration Office

1548 Flynt Street
Griffin, GA 30223

- **Schedule an Appointment at the Griffin SSA Office** – Call 1-866-964-1005 during business hours and schedule your appointment. The Griffin Office representative will be able to set you up with an appointment. You will save a lot of time by scheduling an appointment instead of simply walking in unannounced.
- **Don't be late!** – The Griffin, Georgia Social Security Office has limited resources so please be punctual when you set an appointment. We urge all our visitors to attempt to take care of their needs online and over the phone if at all possible.
- **Bring All Relevant Documentation** – You can find what documents are needed for each scenario online. If you are still unsure, please call your Griffin office and confirm what documentation is required. You will save yourself a lot of time by being prepared. The following documents are typically required: social security card, birth certificate, residency documentation, income documentation, proof of citizenship or eligible noncitizen status.
- **For more information visit:** <https://www.ssa.gov/>

- **UGA eLC:** <https://uga.view.usg.edu/d2l/login>
**UGA Griffin 101
- **UGA Griffin Website:** www.griffin.uga.edu
- **Social Media**
 - Facebook:
 - University of Georgia Griffin Campus: <https://www.facebook.com/UGAGriffinCampus/>
 - UGA Griffin Students: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/523039945021521>
 - Instagram—uga.griffin: <https://www.instagram.com/uga.griffin/>
 - YouTube—University of Griffin Campus: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC2illWz8goK3gVLtzRWIZQ/videos>
 - LinkedIn—University of Georgia Griffin Campus: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/ugagriffin/>
- **International Student Life:** <https://isl.uga.edu/>