

Appendix 7
Quality Enhancement Plan
Georgia Southern University
Advancing a Culture of Engagement

Theme I: Academic Engagement

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- Goal 2 Enhancing the Level of Academic Challenge
- Goal 3 Engagement in Learning

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- Goal 2 Modeling Engagement
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Theme III: Engagement in Learning for Life

- Goal 1: Preparing for Life after College
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Theme I: Academic Engagement

- Goal 1 Eliminating Barriers to Success*
By 2010, the University will have in place a revised First Year Experience program, including a completely reorganized and improved freshman course, GSU 1210.
- Goal 2 Enhancing the Level of Academic Challenge*
By 2012, the University will have taken substantive action to enhance the level of academic challenge and engagement in learning. It will continue progress toward an outcomes-driven curriculum by aligning course content, relevance, currency, rigor, and synergy with intended learning outcomes. Further, it will examine rigor in course assessment and assignments, increase student involvement in scholarship, include active learning in all classes, and create capstone experiences in all degree programs.
- Goal 3 Engagement in Learning*
By 2009, the University will solidify its emphasis on leading students to engage in learning on a deep level by becoming intentional learners. Prospective students will write an admissions essay on their learning goals.

Theme II: Engagement through Serving

- Goal 1 Encouraging Student Engagement*
By 2012, the University will lead a renewed effort to foster student engagement in student organizations, campus advisory groups, and community service.
- Goal 2 Modeling Engagement*
By 2007, criteria for evaluation and training of supervisory personnel will emphasize engagement through serving. The President's Cabinet will take the lead in promoting the theme of engagement through serving. The University will identify, support, celebrate, and reward champions of this form of engagement.
- Goal 3 Enhancing Civic Engagement*
Through *The American Democracy Project* and other initiatives, the University, by 2008, will develop a well-rounded program designed to promote civic engagement.

Theme III: Engagement in Learning for Life

- Goal 1: Preparing for Life after College*
The University, by 2008, will promote learning experiences that lead to fulfilling lives beyond college including transcultural opportunities, teamwork, and experiential learning.
- Goal 2: Transitioning to Life after College*
By 2007, the University will have an integrated transition process in place to include career planning, graduation issues, alumni status, communication, and exit surveys.
- Goal 3: Learning beyond College*
By 2009, the University will have in place its Alumni University. Academic units, Alumni Affairs, and the Division of Continuing Education and Public Service will cooperate to provide enriching, web-based offerings that encourage lifelong learning.