GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL
2024 PROSPECTUS

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UNIVERSITY
Location: Statesboro, Ga. (main campus), Savannah, Ga., and Hinesville, Ga.
University Founded: 1906
Enrollment: 26,000 (consolodated with Armstrong State University on 1/1/18)
President: Dr. Kyle Marrero
Director of Athletics: Jared Benko
Conference: Sun Belt East
Nickname: Eagles
Mascot: GUS; Live Mascot: Freedom
Abbreviation: GS (**not GSU**)
Primary Colors: Blue (PMS 282) and White
Secondary Colors: Gray (PMS 429) and Gold (PMS 872)

COACHING STAFF
Head Coach: Clay Helton
Overall Record: 58-38 (Eighth Full Season)
Record at School: 12-14 (Third Season)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Ryan Aplin (Third Season)
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Brandon Bailey (Second Season)
Tight Ends/Inside Receivers/Pass Game Coordinator: Clilnt Trickett (First Season)
Safeties & Nickels: Darius Eubanks (Second Season)
Wide Receivers: BJ Johnson (Second Season)
Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator: Zach Lankford (First Season)
Running Backs: Taylor Reed (Second Season)
Defensive Line: Rip Rowan (Third Season)
Cornerbacks: Darius Safford (First Season)
Special Teams Coordinator: Turner West (Third Season)
Graduate Assistants: Keenan Murphy, Jalen Pearson, Dillon Springer, Damion Willis
Senior Offensive Analyst: Bryan Schor
Senior Defensive Analyst: Cal King
Senior Special Teams Analyst: Blake Wilson

Aplin and Bailey are in the press box on game days

STADIUM INFORMATION
Facility: Allen E. Paulson Stadium (1984)
Capacity: 25,000
Playing Surface: FieldTurf Prestige Vertex (installed 2023)
Paulson Stadium Record (%): 214-49 (.814) ^

PROGRAM HISTORY
First Year of Football: 1924 *(No football from 1941-81; discontinued in '41 due to WWII)*
Program Restarted: 1981 as club team; 1982 as NAIA
Modern Era: 1983-pres.
Record (%): 349-173 (.669) ^ *- three wins vacated by NCAA*
First NCAA Division I-AA Year: 1984
First NCAA FBS Year: 2014
No. Years in NCAA FCS Playoffs: 19
FCS National Championships (last): 6 (2000)
All-Time Playoff Record: 45-13
Conference Titles (last): 11 (2014 - Sun Belt)
Bowl Appearances: 6
Bowl Record: 3-3
Last Bowl Game: 2023 Myrtle Beach Bowl
Retired Numbers: #3 Adrian Peterson • #8 Tracy Ham
College Football Hall of Fame: Tracy Ham (2007) • Adrian Peterson (2017) • Paul Johnson (2023)

TEAM INFORMATION
2023 Record/Postseason: 6-7 (3-5 Sun Belt)/Myrtle Beach Bowl
Offense: Multiple **Defense:** 4-2-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 38 (15/19/4)/28 (13/14/1)
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6
Returning (2023 starts): RB OJ Arnold (3), WR Derwin Burgess Jr. (13), WR Dalen Cobb (4), WR KD Dorsey (1), WR Marcus Sanders Jr. (3) C Chandler Strong (13), RB Jalen White (10), OG Pichon Wimbley (13)

Lost (2023 starts): QB Davis Brin (13), OG Khalil Crowder (13), WR Khaleb Hood (13), TE Jjay Mcafee (10), OT Brian Miller (13), OT Rasheed Miller (13), WR Anthony Queeley (6), TE Keaton Upshaw (2)

Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3
Returning (2023 starts): DL Latrell Bullard (13), DB Tyrell Davis (7), DL Elhadj Fall (1), LB Davon Gilmore (1), DB Justin Meyers (5), DL Davion Rhodes (13), DL Justin Rhodes (13), DB TJ Smith (13), DB Marc Stampley II (10), DL MJ Stroud (1), DL Isaac Walker (11), LB Marques Watson-Trent (13), DB Cam Williams (2)

Lost (2023 starts): DB Shemar Bartholomew (4), DB Jalen Denton (5), DB Damel Hickman (12), LB Khadry Jackson (11), LB Tarian Lee Jr. (2), DB Seth Robertson (5)

Specialist Starters Returning/Lost: 2/2
Returning (2023 starts): P Alex Smith (13), SS Jackson Wheeler (13)
Lost (2023 starts): KO Brendan Franke (4), PK/KO Michael Lantz (13/9), LS Collin Springer (13)

RADIO INFORMATION
Flagship Radio Station: 106.5 FM WMCD - Statesboro
Online: gseagles.com/watch
Play-by-Play: Danny Reed (9th year)
Color Analyst: Terry Harvin (19th year)
Sidelines: TBA

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