

**ASU One of 11 Institutions Selected by American Council on
Education Selected for Internationalization LAB
(Institutional learning Community)
Cohort 16 (2018-2020)**

**ACE -Meeting with Cohort 16 -----11 Institutions to dialogue
internationalization process and outcomes at ACE Office, DC**

- 1. Albany State University**
- 2. Auburn University**
- 3. Florida Gulf Coast University**
- 4. Franklin and Marshall College**
- 5. George Mason University**
- 6. Holy Family University**
- 7. Monmouth College**
- 8. State University of New York College at Brockport
University of California, Santa Cruz**
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- 10. University of Maryland, Baltimore, Baltimore**
- 11. University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

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ACE INTERNATIONALIZATION LAB COHORT PROFILE | Albany State University

INSTITUTION OVERVIEW

Albany State University (ASU), a proud member of the University System of Georgia (USG), is in Albany, Southwest Georgia. It was founded in 1903 and consolidated with former Darton State College (GA) in January 2017. The university is a four-year institution with over 6,000 traditional and nontraditional students who come from Georgia, other states, and over thirty foreign countries. It has 306 diverse faculty members, and 597 non-teaching staff in its employment.

The university offers graduate degrees in 11 majors, including an education specialist degree. Its baccalaureate programs cover more than 30 undergraduate degree majors, of which the most popular are biology, criminal justice, computer science, middle-grades education, business administration, and nursing. The associate and certificate programs cover more than two dozen public and community-need programs. All of the university programs are offered at its main campuses in Albany, as well as at strategically placed branch sites and online. ASU fosters the growth and development of Southwest Georgia and beyond through teaching/learning, research, creative expression, public service, and collaborative initiative with other institutions. The university responds to the needs of its constituents and enhances the quality of life of its publics through advocacy of educational, cultural, artistic, and social development in the region. It has a wealth of international faculty members who has helped the university to establish relationships with international partner universities in China, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Belize, South Korea, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Innovative Programs: IBM Partnership, Dual Degree, and Honors Programs: ASU has two USG-approved nexus degree programs in blockchain with machine learning, and blockchain with data analytics, which is the culmination of three years of IBM and other industry partnerships. The partnerships engaged faculty and students in experiential, hands-on immersive learning strategies that combined theoretical learning with practical apprenticeship and internship training, soft skills acquisition, workplace ethics, leadership, management, and

operational activities, using the latest technological tools and assets to produce competent and productive employees by the time students graduate.

The university offers the board of regents' engineering transfer program and the dual degree program in engineering with Georgia Institute of Technology.

ASU Honors Program offers strategic mentoring to minority students. In summer 2018, sixteen students in the Honors Program were selected to conduct research at premier research institutions in the United States and abroad, including Carnegie Mellon University (PA); Duke University (NC); University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Irvine; University of Iowa, Western University of Health Sciences (CA); Tuskegee University (AL), and Meharry Medical College (TN). One of the students received the prestigious Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship and studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa.

INTERNATIONALIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Faculty-led study abroad programs to Belize, China, Dominican Republic, India, Jamaica, Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, England-France, Portugal, Spain, and Rome
- Participant to USG Council Collaborative consortium study abroad programs to Europe and Asia
- U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship workshop initiative with 51 Gilman scholars during 2012-18
- Free Passport Initiative for first-time travelers and study abroad students
- Faculty curricular internationalization project, yielding internationalized courses and publication outcomes (free access here)
- Global learning initiative via Study Abroad Alumni, Global Ambassadors, and International Students class presentations and peer sessions
- ASU Global Issues publication for dissemination of study abroad and global learning stories (free access here)