

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

Vision

Transforming Lives, Advancing Communities

Mission

Ina, Deskubre, Setbe:
To Enlighten, To Discover, To Serve

The University of Guam empowers the region by uniting island wisdom with universal sources of enlightenment to support exceptional education, discovery, and service that respect and benefit local and global communities.

Values

- Respect and Supportiveness
- Honesty, Integrity, Trustworthiness, and Dependability
- High Standards
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Community Engagement
- Sustainability and Campus Beauty
- Innovation and Proactivity

[Download the list of UOG's Shared Values](#)

ACCREDITATIONS

The University of Guam is accredited through 2024 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a U.S. regional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

All of UOG's academic programs, non-degree certificate programs, and its Intensive English Program (a non-degree program) are covered by this accreditation.

The University of Guam has been continuously accredited since 1959.

See www.wascsenior.org and UOG's [accreditation webpage](#) for more information.

The Office of Graduate Studies is authorized to accept graduate credits transferred from graduate schools of other colleges and universities accredited by any of the American Regional Accrediting Agencies.

Degree Program Accreditations

The University also holds the following degree program accreditations:

Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima School of Health

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is approved by the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners and is accredited by the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing \(ACEN\)](#) until 2026. The program received initial accreditation in 1996 through the commission, which was at that time the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC).

The Bachelor of Social Work degree program is accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education \(CSWE\)](#) until 2024.

School of Business & Public Administration

The Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, and the Professional Master of Business Administration degree programs are accredited by the [International Accreditation Council for Business Education \(IACBE\)](#) until Dec. 31, 2025. This continues a history of accreditation for the school dating back to 1997.

The Master of Public Administration degree program is accredited by the [Network of Schools of Public Policy](#),

Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) through Aug. 31, 2029.

School of Education

The School of Education and all of its degree programs are accredited by the [Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation \(AAQEP\)](#). The accreditation covers all of the school's degree programs, which include bachelor's programs for elementary and secondary education and seven master's programs, until 2027.

Additionally, programs provided by the School of Education to prepare candidates for teacher certification in elementary and secondary education are accepted by the Guam Commission on Educator Certification.

INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (ISLO)

The expected fundamental knowledge, skills, and values that the University of Guam student will have demonstrated upon completion of any degree are:

- Mastery of critical thinking and problem solving
- Mastery of quantitative analysis
- Effective oral and written communication
- Understanding and appreciation of culturally diverse people, ideas, and values in a democratic context
- Responsible use of knowledge, natural resources, and technology
- An appreciation of the arts and sciences
- An interest in personal development and lifelong learning

For more clarification and examples of how students might demonstrate the ISLOs, see url.uog.edu/islos.

INSTITUTIONAL GRADUATE LEARNING OUTCOMES (IGLO)

Upon completion of their degree program, graduate students will:

- Demonstrate mastery of critical skills, theories, methodologies, and other content knowledge at a level that will enable them to address fundamental questions in their primary area of study;

- Plan, conduct, and complete a significant research or creative project;
- Exercise oral and written communication skills sufficient to publish and present work in their field;
- Adhere to the ethical principles of academia and their respective disciplines in coursework, fieldwork, and other appropriate situations; and
- Exemplify, through service, the value of their discipline to the academy and the community at large, interacting productively and professionally with people from diverse backgrounds.

LANGUAGE

While English is the primary language of instruction at the University of Guam, the University recognizes English and CHamoru as the official languages of Guam (P.L. 12-132). The University also adheres to spelling and usage conventions developed by the *Kumision I Fino' CHamoru*, which has the duty of establishing agreement on CHamoru orthography and notifying public and private institutions of updates to the language (P.L. 33-236). Courses and coursework may be delivered in *fino' CHamoru* or other modern languages upon the approval of the instructor and dean.

In line with this endeavor, the semester names at the University of Guam are officially the following, in line with the CHamoru terms for the local seasons:

- August to December: Fanuchånan ("a time for wet")
- December to January: Tinalo' ("in between")
- January to May: Fañomnåkan ("a time for sunshine")
- June to August: Finakpo' ("the conclusion")

