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INSTITUTIONAL DISCLOSURES UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2008

The Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), includes many disclosure and reporting requirements. A disclosure requirement is information that an institution of higher education is required to distribute or make available to another party, such as students or employees. For certain topics, institutions are required to make information available to students or others and to submit information to equity
the Department of Education.

Piedmont University provides access to information that will allow consumers such as students, parents, and other interested parties to make informed decisions about postsecondary education. This web page provides a single access point to all federally-mandated reports and disclosures.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Institutions of higher education must annually provide to all enrolled students a notice setting forth the information required to be made available to students under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA). The notice must list and briefly describe the information and include a statement of the procedures required to obtain the information. For information listed in the notice that is disclosed on an institution's website, the notice must include the exact electronic address and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy upon request. Piedmont University provides this information on the University website via the links shown below. Paper copies are available upon request from the areas listed in the sections below.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INSTITUTIONAL OR FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Institutions must make available to prospective and enrolled students information regarding contact information for individuals designated to assist enrolled or prospective students in obtaining the institutional or financial aid information required to be disclosed under HEA Sec. 485(a). Piedmont University provides this information on the University website via the links shown below. Paper copies are available upon request from the areas listed in the sections below.

GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION
PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS – FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Each institution must provide an annual notice to all enrolled students concerning:

1. the right to review their education records,
2. the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information,
3. the right to file complaints with the Department of Education
4. provide procedures for reviewing education records and requesting amendment of the records

The following information is designated as Directory Information. Piedmont University may release this information unless the student has submitted a request for non-disclosure:

1. student's name,
2. telephone listing,
3. email address,
4. date and place of birth,
5. major field of study,
6. participation in officially recognized activities and sports,
7. weights and heights of members of athletic teams,
8. visual image,
9. dates of attendance,
10. degrees and awards received,
11. and the most recent previous educational institution attended by the student.

A student may request that directory information not be released by requesting a *Request for Non-Disclosure* form from the Registrar's Office - 706-778-8500 ext 1162 or email at reg@piedmont.edu .

Information regarding student privacy and FERPA is available at:
https://www.piedmont.edu/registrar/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act/or contact the Registrar's Office at 706-778-3000 ext 1162 or email at reg@piedmont.edu

For additional information from the Department of Education regarding FERPA:
https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html

CONSUMER INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITY NAVIGATOR WEBSITE

The U.S. Department of Education is required to post 26 items on the University Navigator website for each institution of higher education, including a link to each institution's website that provides the following information:

1. student activities offered by the institution
2. services offered by the institution for individuals with disabilities
3. career and placement services offered to students during and after enrollment
4. policies of the institution related to transfer of credit from other institutions

The Department of Education's posting for Piedmont University may be found at:
http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=Piedmont+College&s=all&id=140818

Information on student activities may be found at: https://www.piedmont.edu/academics/student-resources/
Or by contacting the Office of Student Engagement at 706-778-8500 ext 1050 or via email at kcrawford@piedmont.edu

Information regarding disability services can be found at: https://www.piedmont.edu/student-success-center/disabilities-support/or by contacting
Courtney Snow at 706-778-8500 ext 1504 or via email at csnow@piedmont.edu.
Information regarding career and placement services may be found at: https://www.piedmont.edu/student-success-center/career-services/ or by contacting Lisa Mann at 706-778-8500 ext 1507 or via email at lmann@piedmont.edu.

Information regarding transfer credit may be found at: https://www.piedmont.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/or by contacting the Registrar's Office at 706-778-8500 ext 1162 or via email at reg@piedmont.edu

STUDENT BODY DIVERSITY

Information about student body diversity at Piedmont University, including the percentage of enrolled, full-time students who are male, female, self-identified members of a major racial or ethnic group, and Federal Pell Grant recipients, is collected annually by the Office of Institutional Research and provided to the Department of Education.

The race/ethnicity and the gender data are collected in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Fall Enrollment Survey. Information about Pell Grant recipients is collected for the prior year in the IPEDS Student Financial Aid Survey. This information may be accessed at the IPEDS website: http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/InstitutionByName.aspx

Student diversity data is also disclosed by the Department of Education on the University Navigator web site: http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

Information on IPEDS as related to student body diversity and race/ethnicity and gender date may also be obtained from the Office of Institutional Research; 706-778-8500 ext 1311 or via email to janderson@piedmont.edu .

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Information regarding the cost of attendance at Piedmont University, including tuition and fees, room and https://www.piedmont.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid/tuition-fees/

Additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

Undergraduate Admissions	706-778-8500 x 1103	ugrad@piedmont.edu
Graduate Admissions	706-778-8500 x 1181	grad@piedmont.edu
Financial Aid	706-778-8500 x 1114	finaid@piedmont.edu
Student Accounts	706-778-8500 x 1155	biz@piedmont.edu

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

The net price calculator allows prospective students to calculate an estimated net price of attendance utilizing the following basic formula: price of attendance minus grant aid. The estimates generated by the net price calculator do not represent a final determination, or actual award, of financial assistance or a final net price. The estimates are based only on price of attendance and financial aid provided to students in a given year; the estimates are not binding.

The college's net price calculator may be found at: https://www.piedmont.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid/net-price-calculator/For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 706-778-8500 ext 1114 or via email at finaid@piedmont.edu

REFUND POLICY, REQUIREMENTS FOR WITHDRAWAL, AND RETURN OF TITLE IV FINANCIAL AID

Information regarding Piedmont College's refund policy, requirements and procedures for official withdrawal and requirements for return of Title IV, HEA grant, or loan aid is located here:

Refund Policy
Piedmont University Online Catalogs at:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Expenses-Graduate
http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Undergraduate-Catalog/Expenses

Return of Title IV Funds Policy:
Piedmont University Online Catalog
at:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Undergraduate-Catalog/Financial-Aid/Title-IV-Federal-Aid-Policy

Information is also provided in the Piedmont University Student Handbook may be accessed at:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Student-Handbook

Additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

Financial Aid	706-778-8500 x 1114	finaid@piedmont.edu
Student Accounts	706-778-8500 x 1155	biz@piedmont.edu
Registrar's Office	706-778-8500 x 1162	reg@piedmont.edu

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

The Piedmont University Bookstores are operated by Barnes & Noble. The Demorest bookstore is located at 551 Georgia Street. Students may also purchase their books online at:

https://piedmont.bncollege.com/shop/piedmont/page/find-textbooks

The Piedmont University Bookstore discloses the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and retail price information of required and recommended textbooks and supplemental materials for each course listed, to the extent the disclosure of the information is determined to be "practicable". If the ISBN is not available, it will include the author, title, publisher, and edition for the textbook or supplemental material. For information regarding textbooks, you may contact the Piedmont University Bookstore directly at:

https://piedmont.bncollege.com/shop/piedmont/home

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
(EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES, AND FACULTY)

Information regarding the college's academic programs include:

1. Current degree programs and other educational and training programs
2. Faculty and other instructional personnel for each program
3. Plans for improving academic programs

Information on current academic programs may be found in the Piedmont University Online Catalogs:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Undergraduate-Catalog/Programs-of-Study

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Graduate-Catalog/Programs-of-Study

Alternatively, by contacting the respective Admissions Offices:
Undergraduate Programs, 706-778-3000 x 1103 or via email to ugrad@piedmont.edu
Graduate Program, 706-778-3000 x 1181 or via email to grad@piedmont.edu

Information on faculty and instructional personnel for each program may be found in the Online Piedmont University Catalog at:

https://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/undergraduate-catalog/faculty/

Or by contacting the Office of Academic Affairs, 706-778-8500, ext 1110 or via email to vpaa@piedmont.edu .

Information on continuous program improvement may be found in the Piedmont University Online Catalog:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Undergraduate-Catalog/Academic-Program/Assessment

Or by contacting the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 706-778-8500 ext 1359 or via email to blovern@piedmont.edu .

Information regarding instructional, laboratory, and other physical plant facilities relating to academic programs may be obtained from the relevant department or by contacting the Office of Facilities Management, 706-778-8500, ext 1102 or via email to hknight@piedmont.edu.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICIES AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Information regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution and the transfer of credits as related to articulation agreements may be found in the Piedmont University Online Catalog:

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Undergraduate-Catalog/Admission-to-Piedmont/Transfer-Students

Information is also posted on the University website: https://www.piedmont.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/

For information not located in the above links, please contact the Registrar's Office, at 706-778-8500 ext 1162 or via email to reg@piedmont.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAM ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, OR LICENSURE

Piedmont University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist, and doctorate degrees.
Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500, or at http://www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation of Piedmont University.

All teacher education programs offered by Piedmont University, as they appear in its published catalog, have the approval of the Professional Standards Commission of the State of Georgia. Authority to recommend for certification rests with the Dean of the School of Education.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta GA 30326, 1-800-669-1656.

The Walker School of Business is nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate
The Athletic Training program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731, 512-733-9700. The program has been placed on probation as of February 11, 2020, by the CAATE. The program is actively working to address the deficient standard, and is accepting both 3+2 and traditional graduate students as the process resolves.

The Cardiovascular Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and monitored by the Joint Review Commission on Education in Cardiovascular Technology (JRC-CVT), 25400 US Hwy 19 N, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763 (727-210-2350) (**www.caahep.org**).

This information is published on the University website at: https://www.piedmont.edu/about-piedmont/

For information regarding the procedure for obtaining or reviewing documents describing accreditation, approval, or licensing, please contact the following office:
Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 706-778-3000 ext 1359 or via email to blovern@piedmont.edu.

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICIES AND SANCTIONS (INCLUDING COMPUTER USE AND FILE SHARING)

Institutions must annually make available to current and prospective students the institution's policies and sanctions related to copyright infringement, including:

1. a statement that explicitly informs students that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject the students to civil and criminal liabilities
2. summary of the penalties for violation of federal copyright laws
3. the institution's policies with respect to unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, including disciplinary actions taken against students who engage in illegal downloading or unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials using the institution's information technology system

Unauthorized or unlicensed copying of copyrighted materials (books, periodicals, audio or video programs, or software of any type) is prohibited by federal and international law. Persons conducting such copying or using improperly acquired materials are subject to disciplinary procedures.

File Sharing and Copyright
Piedmont University takes copyright protection very seriously. Many scholars and music artists rely on copyright to protect their intellectual property.

"Peer-to-peer" (P2P) file sharing applications have made it easy for Internet users to share files with one another. There are many legitimate uses of P2P file sharing, such as updates and software purchases. However, P2P file sharing applications are also used to share copyrighted material such as songs, movies, software applications, and games without permission. If you upload or distribute copies you make of copyrighted works, or download or acquire unlicensed copies of copyrighted works, you may be infringing someone else's rights.

Although using P2P file sharing technology is not in itself illegal, if you share copyrighted material without permission -- even unwittingly -- you are breaking both the law and University policy and could be subject to University, civil, and/or criminal sanctions.

Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws
The Department of Education publishes in the Federal Student Aid Handbook a summary of the civil and criminal penalties for violation of federal copyright laws:

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than $750 and not more than $30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to $150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504 and 505.
Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to $250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov

Disciplinary action, including loss of use of the University information technology systems up to and including expulsion from the University or employee termination could result from violations of these policies.

Piedmont University informs students regarding copyright infringement and academic integrity though each class instructor and is included on all syllabi. Rules and regulations are also published in online student handbooks and online University catalogs:

https://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/undergraduate-catalog/academic-program/academic-integrity-policy/academic-integrity-student-violations-policy/

https://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/undergraduate-catalog/academic-program/graduation/patents-copyrights-trade-secrets-and-intellectual-property/

http://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/2022-2023/Student-Handbook/Student-Rights-and-Responsibilities

https://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2022-2023/graduate-catalog/academic-program/academic-integrity-policy/academic-integrity-student-violations-policy/

https://piedmont.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2022-2023/graduate-catalog/academic-program/copy-of-patents-copyrights-trade-secrets-and-intellectual-property/

For additional information on Copyright Infringement or Academic Integrity, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 706-778-8500 ext 1110 or via email at vpaa@piedmont.edu.