

Student Handbook
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Welcome to ABAC!

Friendly, smiling faces have been a part of the ABAC tradition for as long as anyone can remember. Students and faculty get to know each other in a warm, personal atmosphere which is the rule rather than the exception at ABAC. Faculty and staff are always ready to assist students in any way possible. All you have to do is ask.

Extracurricular activities will allow you to grow outside the classroom. You have the opportunity to participate in many phases of campus life. Perhaps the Baldwin Players theatre troupe attracts your attention or the excitement of intercollegiate or intramural sports. Gain leadership training through participation in the Student Government Association. With over 37 clubs and organizations, ABAC offers one of the most active student activities programs of any state college in Georgia. There is truly something for everyone—including you!

Above all, ABAC is a place where students of all ages from all over the state, all over the country, and all over the world come together for a short time to gain a quality education. Enjoy outside interests, but stay focused on your academic pursuits. While you are here, you have the opportunity to set the stage for making your state, your nation, and your world a better place. Embrace the spirit of ABAC and become a part of the noble tradition.

About this Handbook

This is the official student handbook of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC). It is published by the Division of Student Affairs to provide you with a resource for campus activities, student life, student services, and college policies and procedures.

The College makes this handbook available to each student. It is your responsibility to become aware of its contents. By enrolling at this institution, you agree to comply with all rules and regulations. If you have questions which are not answered in this handbook or questions about the handbook itself, please call the office of Student Affairs at 229-391-5130.

While some academic policies have been printed in this handbook, students should consult the College Catalog for questions concerning academic policies and regulations.

The College reserves the right to alter or change the regulations and policies stated in this handbook through clearly defined channels.

This handbook is prepared for the convenience of students, faculty, and staff at ABAC and is not to be construed as an official publication of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. In case of any divergence from

or conflict with the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Regents, the official Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Regents shall prevail.

ABAC Mission Statement

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is a student-centered institution. As a point of access to higher education, the College provides a learning support program for under-prepared students. Evening, off-campus, and online courses furnish educational opportunities for individuals who are unable to attend classes in the traditional setting. Intercollegiate and intramural athletic programs and numerous student organizations offer students opportunities for physical and social development. Modern, state-of-the-art apartments provide the convenience of on-campus residence.

Vitaly involved with the educational and economic development of south Georgia, ABAC continually strives to expand its service to the region. Public service programs include special-interest activities and courses, occupation-enhancing classes, youth enrichment courses, and performing and visual arts events. The College also provides administrative services and facilities that enable community and state organizations, as well as other units of the University System of Georgia, to bring seminars, meetings, and upper-level and graduate instruction to the region.

The College's goal is to contribute to a better-educated Georgia. To that end, it engages in a comprehensive planning and assessment process, enabling it to build upon its strengths and correct weaknesses. The College's faculty, staff, and administration are committed to excellence in preparing students to be informed, productive citizens in the Twenty-First century.

Student Affairs Mission Statement

The Division of Student Affairs at ABAC complements the academic mission of the College by providing services, programs, and activities which promote student learning both inside and outside the classroom. The Division accomplishes its mission through enrollment management; career and personal counseling, academic support, and financial aid services; leadership and judicial programs; club, organization, and recreational activities; and management of a supportive living/learning environment for students in campus housing.

In cooperation with other College units, we seek to create a campus environment which fosters the academic, ethical, psychological, cultural, and physical development of each student. Our work with students is based on our collective professional values, which include integrity, respect, diversity, consistency, and fairness. In addition to modeling these values to students, we

are committed to help students develop into lifelong learners and responsible citizens, who successfully combine a strong belief in freedom of expression with genuine respect for pluralism and multiculturalism.

Civil Rights Compliance

ABAC subscribes fully to a policy of nondiscrimination with regard to all students, employees, and services to the community. Specifically, the College has given assurance of compliance with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and of Executive Order 11246 as amended. All members of the College's faculty, staff, and student body are expected to subscribe to this assurance of compliance and to assist in making such assurance valid in fact.

Discrimination Prohibited Against Individuals with Disabilities

ABAC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. In its efforts to comply with these regulations, ABAC has designated the Director of Student Development, second floor, J. Lamar Branch Student Center, as the individual responsible for compliance in areas related to students, and the Director of Human Resources, third floor, J. Lamar Branch Student Center, as the individual responsible in the area of employment related disabilities.

Sex Discrimination Prohibited

ABAC complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination in education programs and activities on the basis of gender. The Director of Human Resources, third floor, J. Lamar Branch Student Center, is responsible for Title IX compliance.

Equal Opportunity Employer

ABAC is an equal opportunity employer for all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, or disability of the individual.