

From Georgia State University to the Southeast

Information on the IDEAL Program at GSU and
the Southeast Postsecondary Education Alliance

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Postsecondary education is a most important key to shaping a new reality for people with disabilities. It has the exciting potential to create a future based *not* on low expectations, the can'ts and shouldn'ts, but on the high expectations of productivity and personal and economic freedom.

-Madeleine Will



IDEAL Program
Georgia State University

Why is IDEAL unique?



- IDEAL leverages GSU's core strengths and location in a global hub for **media and the arts**
- Development of **digital literacy, storytelling, and media production savvy**, resulting in development of each participating student's communication skills and media maker "voice"
- Work on their digital "**exit portfolio**" that highlights each participant's best project outcomes, skills, and products as a web-based "calling card" for employment.



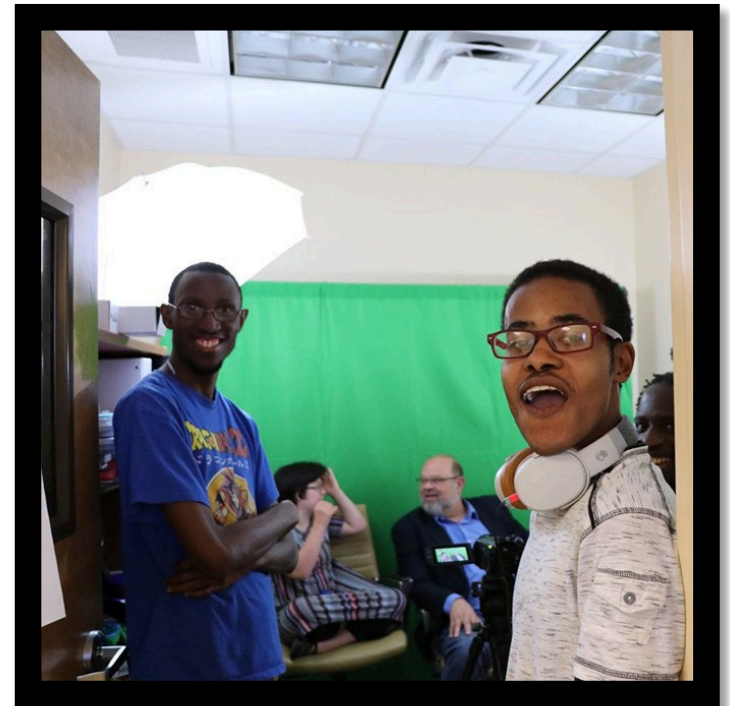
Program Details



Two-year course of study

IDEAL required core courses focus on:

- technology use
- digital & media literacy
- communication skills
- success in the college environment
- self-determination
- career development



Academics



- IDEAL students audit two courses per semester for five consecutive semesters (including one summer session):
 - Students will complete a core curriculum
 - students will audit additional elective courses to build knowledge and skills in their selected areas of interest (e.g. film, art, music and theater).

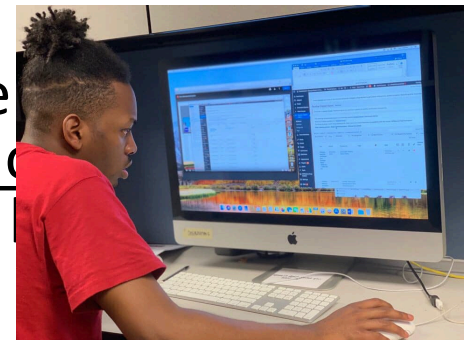


Work Experiences



- IDEAL students will participate in on-campus, part-time work experience
- Album88, GSTV, Bookstore, Library, CineFest, Athletics, Rialto, Digital Aquarium, CMII

• IDEAL student will participate in internship in a local business or organization related to his or her career goals



IDEAL Program Structure

	Summer Session	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance and Preparation for Freshman Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSU 1010 – Introduction to GSU CPS 2500 - Career Development and Life Planning IDEAL First Year Seminar IDEAL Program Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peers, Skills to pay the bills, Friendships and Dating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>One course from program of study</u> <u>One course from program of study</u> IDEAL Program Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peers, Skills to pay the bills, Friendships and Dating IDEAL First Year Seminar
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SEPSEA Mission

Promoting access to quality inclusive postsecondary education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the southeast through a shared focus on collaboration through program development, research, and public policy in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina & beyond!



SEPSEA Vision

The vision of the Southeast Postsecondary Education Alliance (SEPSEA) is for all institutions of higher education in the southeast to be inclusive of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).





Annual Conferences

- Professional Development, especially conferences, is a key learning activity for professionals.
- You learn from other professionals in your field
- You have the opportunity to network with people who do a similar job
- Regional conferences allow you to make connections with programs closer to home



Research Collaboration

- SEPSEA enables scholars and practitioners in this field to collaborate on research endeavors across state lines.
- Research and Publications section on the website which lists the publications from our member states
- Vice Chair of Research gathers publications from researchers within the region on inclusive college research
- “Shared space” featuring spreadsheet of upcoming & ongoing research projects and research interests with researcher contact information, in order to facilitate regional research collaborations



Public Policy

- Universities have very strong guidelines around public policy
- Having a professional organization that can focus on public policy in the area of inclusive higher education is essential to moving the needle forward within states and nationally





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SEPSEA 2020

May 21-22, 2020

University of Alabama

For more information visit www.sepsea.org

Thank You!

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