IDEAL LOCATION AND CLIMATE:
Tucked in the hills of North Georgia, Athens is a classic university town located near the Blue Ridge and Great Smokey Mountains, and the Atlantic Coast. With Atlanta just one hour away, students can conveniently take advantage of a major international city while enjoying the easy pace of life in Athens. Just a short drive to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains or the beaches of the Georgia coast, many great outdoor activities including camping, hiking to waterfalls and biking can be enjoyed in the Athens area. Athens enjoys a comfortable climate year-round with long spring and fall seasons and a mild winter.

GREAT SOCIAL SCENE: Home to a thriving local music scene that has produced national acts including REM, Widespread Panic and many others, Athens boasts a broad range of musical opportunities – from the alternative/pop bands that entertain at the pubs and taverns of its downtown area to the Broadway shows and symphony orchestras that play at the newly-built Classic Center. In 2003, Rolling Stone magazine named Athens the #1 College music scene. Athens is also home to many outdoor festivals (such as AthFest) and activities like the Twilight Criterion (a one-of-a-kind nighttime bicycle race).

AFFORDABLE LIVING: Athens is not only a beautiful place to live but also an affordable one. With quality apartments and homes to rent for just a few hundred dollars a month, your monthly salary will go further in Athens than in other metropolitan areas. Many of the apartments are conveniently located near the downtown area of Athens and are within walking distance to the University.

BIG TIME SPORTS: Part of the Southeast Conference (SEC), the University of Georgia is home to many nationally ranked college sports teams. The culture and excitement of SEC college football can be enjoyed each fall in Athens as scores of fans converge at Sanford Stadium to support the Georgia Bulldogs. UGA holds nine NCAA championships including numerous SEC championships. Women’s sports program is consistently ranked among the top five in the country and UGA has twice finished in the top three in recent Sears Cup competition, which ranks the best collegiate sports programs.

For More Information on Life in Athens Visit:
www.bmb.uga.edu/athens

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