1935 - Armstrong Junior College founded by Savannah mayor Thomas Gamble as a two-year institution; required students to enroll in courses that emphasized the social sciences, including history and political science.

1948 - Armstrong Junior College becomes Armstrong College after Commission Chairman Herschel Jenkins suggests that “Junior” be dropped from the institution’s name.

1952 - Armstrong College changes name to Armstrong College of Savannah, as indicated by the course bulletin for the 1952-53 academic year.

1959 - Armstrong joins the University System of Georgia, which requires that all faculty possess a graduate degree and all departments to appoint a department head.

1960 - W. Orson Beecher named first chairman of Armstrong’s Department of Social Sciences, which continues to offer courses in History and Political Science.

1964 - Armstrong earns status as a four-year institution, with its first bachelor’s degrees to be rewarded in 1968.

1965 - Roy Carroll of the newly re-named Armstrong State College founds the History and Political Science Department with expanded course offerings in American and European history, Russia, and the Far East; for the first time, department offers one elective geography course.

1966 - Armstrong moves from Bull and Gaston Streets in downtown Savannah to its current location at Abercorn Street on the city’s south side; the history department at this new campus is initially located in Victor Hall.

1970 - Evans C. Johnson becomes head of the History and Political Science Department, which begins to provide courses on Latin American history.

1971 - Roger K. Warlick named chairman of Armstrong’s History department, a position he holds for twenty-three years; university forms joint graduate studies program with Savannah State College, ultimately offering an M.Ed. in History.

1972 - Armstrong’s history faculty and students recognized in the spring as an official chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society; by September, Armstrong’s Sigma Theta chapter is chosen for Honorable Mention in the Best Chapter Award Contest for campuses with 1,700 to 4,000 students.

1973 - Department offers its first courses emphasizing African history and the history of the American Indian.
1976- The introductory “civilization” courses required by the department since 1967 shift their focus from Western history to the history of the globe.

1977- Department offers its first courses in women’s history and the history of Savannah.

1979- History department moves to second floor of Gamble Hall from Victor Hall; faculty starts to offer degrees with an emphasis on Museum and Preservation Studies; university ends the joint graduate program with Savannah State.

1980- In cooperation with the university’s Department of Education, the History department offers an M.Ed. with an emphasis in History.

1981- Center for Low Country Studies established for the purpose of conducting archaeological and historical research and the salvage of deteriorating records.

1984- Department offers its first course on the History of the Middle East.

1985- History department breaks away from the Political Science and Economics departments and is authorized to offer a Master of Arts degree.

1986- M.Ed. in History no longer offered.

1987- Roger Warlick assumes the role of Graduate Coordinator, after two years of no listed coordinator in this position.

1988- Olavi Arens becomes Graduate Coordinator.

1990- ASC and SSC graduate programs become affiliated with Georgia Southern, after Georgia Southern is granted University Status.

1993- Museum and Preservation Studies courses subsumed into the new Public History emphasis.

1994- Roger Warlick steps down as department head and is temporarily replaced by Jimmie Gross; department hires its first full-time geographer, Dr. Thomas Howard.

1995- Nancy White becomes department head, and Robert Patterson becomes Graduate Coordinator; ASC and SSC graduate programs disaffiliated from Georgia Southern University.

1996- Armstrong changes its name to Armstrong Atlantic State University.

1997- Christopher Hendricks becomes Graduate Coordinator.

1999- Department offers its first courses in African-American History and introduces its course on Ethics and Values in History.
2000- Michael Price becomes department head.

2003- History department moves from second floor of Gamble Hall to first floor of Hawes Hall.

2005- June Hopkins becomes department head.

2011- Michael Price becomes temporarily becomes acting department head.

2013- Christopher M. Curtis becomes department head.

2014- Armstrong Atlantic State University becomes Armstrong State University; Ella Howard becomes Graduate Coordinator of the History program.