Your Guide to New Student Orientation

Welcome to GW! This guide includes your schedule, session and event descriptions, and reminders. Please keep this on hand as you go through Orientation this week, August 25-29.

HOW TO READ YOUR SCHEDULE

- It is important that you follow the schedule provided for your track. Each track has a slightly different schedule.
- Attendance at Orientation events is mandatory (if you have to miss part of an event due to a COVID test appointment, this is acceptable).
- Please sign up for one excursion per District Connections time block on your orientation schedule. When you identify the excursion you'd like to attend, simply click "I will be attending" under the RSVP to Event section, and then click the blue button "RSVP to Event." You will be automatically registered for the event and receive a confirmation email.
- Event registration is first come, first served. Once an event reaches capacity it will be closed for additional registrations. We will not maintain waitlists for these events, but you are welcome to check back to see if cancellations have created open spots.
- Your registration here indicates to us that you plan to attend so we will reserve a spot for you accordingly. If your plans change, please cancel your RSVP by navigating back to the event and changing your response so that another student may attend in your place.

REMINDERS

- Download the GW mobile app (https://it.gwu.edu/gw-mobile), click the Orientation icon, click View Schedules, and use the Filter feature to view your track schedule. This is where the most up-to-date information will be located during Orientation Week!
- Download the GET mobile app (https://dining.gwu.edu/) to see food options and all locations that take GWorld!
- Add your GW Engage unique QR code (event pass) to your mobile wallet on your phone. You will need this to check in to certain events!
- Keep your GWorld on you at all times!

In the event of inclement weather, changes to event locations will be communicated via the GW mobile app Orientation schedule and via GW email (as applicable).
ORIENTATION CHECK-IN

Transfer student check-in for Orientation is on Tuesday, August 24 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Admissions & Alumni Welcome Center in the University Student Center (800 21st St., NW).

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

ORIENTATION CENTRAL

You can find us from Sunday, Aug. 22 - Sunday, Aug. 29 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in our Orientation Central Office located in the University Student Center (800 21st St., NW) in the Admissions & Alumni Welcome Center on the 1st floor.

RELAXATION ROOM, ROOM 403, (UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER, 4th Floor)

Available the week of Orientation (Sunday, Aug. 22 - Sunday, Aug. 29) from 8 a.m. - midnight. Need a break from the crowds and activities? Stop by the Relaxation Room to take a break -- do a puzzle, color, or use the space to relax and recharge.

GW POLICE DEPARTMENT

2145 G St., NW

COLONIAL HEALTH CENTER

University Student Center, Ground Floor
Phone: 202-994-5300 (24/7)

LOST & FOUND

Facilities Central, Support Building, 2025 F St., NW
First Floor, Suite 101
https://facilities.gwu.edu/lost-found
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Raise Up GW Community Fair (students & families)
Join our campus partners to learn how well-being plays an integral role in your success at GW during our community fair! Participants will learn more about the Raise Up GW initiative while entering to win prizes from the GW Campus Store!

LOCATION
University Yard
(U-Yard)

TIME
4-6 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Community Meeting (for residential transfer students)
Meet your Community Coordinator, Neighborhood Team, and fellow residents while also learning more about your role and responsibilities in the residential community, important phone numbers, helpful resources, and tips and tricks for creating a great relationship with roommates and suitemates.

LOCATION
Your Residence Hall. See the email from your Community Coordinator for more details.

TIME
9 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Building Activity (for residential transfer students)
Come mix and mingle with your Community Coordinator and fellow residents for our first event(s) of the semester. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about living on campus while making new friends in the process. We can't wait to see you there!
LOCATION

Your Residence Hall. *See the email from your Community Coordinator for more details.*

TIME

8 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

International Services Office (ISO) Orientation

GW International Students! Upon your arrival at GW, we invite you to join the International Services Office for the in-person New International Student Orientation. Due to covid-19 safety regulations, in-person attendance is limited. The orientation session will be livestreamed for students attending virtually. Join the orientation session to learn how to maintain your immigration status during your time at GW and meet students from all over the world.

See email from iso@gwu.edu for details regarding the virtual option.

LOCATION

University Student Center
1st Floor, Betts Theatre

University Student Center
3rd Floor, Grand Ballroom

TIME

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Buff & Blue Kick Off

You are encouraged to bring your buff & blue spirit, and learn some GW traditions at this high energy kick-off event! You will be addressed by GW President Thomas LeBlanc, Vice President and Dean of Students Cissy Petty, and student leaders from the Student Association, Residence Hall Association, Program Board, and others.
LOCATION
Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd St., NW

TIME
10 a.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Military & Veteran Services (for military-affiliated students & their families)
Join members of the MVC team for an overview of GI Bill benefits, university resources, and staff members who work in direct support of the GW Military Affiliated Community.

LOCATION
University Student Center, 800 21 St., NW , 1st Floor, Presentation Space

TIME
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
GW First-Generation Welcome Social (for first-generation college students)
Meet fellow first year and sophomore first-generation students, learn about important campus resources and programming, and get to know GW's first-generation student organization, First Gen United!
*Bring your lunch. Limited supply of snacks provided.

LOCATION
University Student Center, 1st Floor, Columbian Square

TIME
12:30 - 2 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Pre-Health Information Session
Interested in going to medical school, dental school, or another health professional school? Please join us for a Pre-Health Information Session! We will briefly review a variety of health
professional programs, example courses and timelines, recommended and required activities, and motivation for the healthcare field! This is the required first step in the pre-health advising process!

LOCATION

VIRTUAL SESSION

Zoom Link: https://gwu-edu.zoom.us/my/prehealthadvisor

TIME

1 - 2 p.m. AND 4 - 5 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Pre-Law Information Session (CCAS STUDENTS)
Interested in going to law school? Please join us for a Pre-Law Information Session! We will briefly address a range of topics ranging from exploring and preparing for law school and a career as an attorney, the skills required for law school, the practice of law, the law school application process, a brief introduction to the LSAT, the law school application timeline and the Pre-Law Advising resources available to the GW community. This is the required first step in the pre-law advising process!

LOCATION

VIRTUAL SESSION
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6110089675

TIME

1 - 2 p.m. AND 4 - 5 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Pre-Law Information Session (ESIA STUDENTS)
Considering law school and a career in the law? Please join me for an Elliott School Pre-Law Information Session! I will briefly address a range of topics, including: your IA degree as preparation for law school, the skills required for law school, the LSAT and the law school application process and timeline, and the Pre-Law Advising resources available to you. This is the required first step in the pre-law advising process.
LOCATION
The Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E St., NW, Room 113

TIME
1 - 2 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
District Connections: D.C. Excursions and Welcome Days of Service Experience **
Advanced registration is required.
You will have the opportunity to experience the cultural and intellectual diversity of D.C., learn to navigate the city, and connect with their new classmates through excursions all over D.C. led by upperclass student leaders.

Registration is OPEN! Click here to register (go.gwu.edu/gwxdctransfer)

If you are participating in a Welcome Days of Service event, check-in is available from 12-2 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. in Kogan Plaza.

LOCATION
Various locations around our campus & the District of Columbia

TIME
Events start at 2 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Dining Food Festival
Enjoy FREE samples from GW Dining Partners + fun giveaways + coupons! Learn about the affordable, diverse, and nutritious dining options on and near campus.

LOCATION
University Yard (U-Yard)

TIME
5 - 7 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Orientation Leader Small Group Meeting
Get connected with other new students, debrief the day's activities, and get questions you still have about life at GW answered from your Orientation Leader.
LOCATION
Consult your Orientation Leader for your group’s location.

TIME
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
GW Late Night presents House Party
Celebrate your first week of college (on-campus) with a House Party hosted by the Office of Student Life! Presented by Make Party Movement, our House Party will feature live music, games, and prizes!

Note: no large bags will be permitted and no re-entry into this event.

LOCATION
Charles E. Smith Center

TIME
8:30 - 11:00 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Monument Walks
Enjoy an evening under the stars in our nation’s capital and explore the monuments by moonlight, led by Orientation Leaders.

LOCATION
Meet outside of the Smith Center, 22nd St. side.

TIME
11 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Academic School Sessions
- Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA): External Transfer Briefing, 10-11:30 a.m.
  Location: The Elliott School of International Affairs building, 1957 E St., NW, check-in with a team member in the lobby
- GW School of Business (GWSB): Transfer Student Welcome, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  Location: VIRTUAL, Link: https://gwu-edu.zoom.us/j/97835083740
● **School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS): Transfer Student Meet and Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
  Location: Science and Engineering Hall (SEH), 800 22nd St., NW, 2nd Floor Room 2000

**LOCATION**
Various Locations

**TIME**
10 a.m - 12 p.m.

**EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:**
Black, Latinx, and LGBTQIA community sessions
Meet members of the Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) and learn more about these identity group communities here at GW.

**LOCATION**
VIRTUAL - TBA

**TIME**
12 - 2 p.m.

**EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:**
Healthy Relationships: Building a Community of Care
Everyone is deserving and worthy of having healthy relationships; whether that is with friends, family, romantic partners, classmates, or even yourself! The Office of Advocacy and Support will explore: healthy relationships, consent, sex, campus and community resources, and ways to support one another in seeking healthy relationships. Note: If you are unable to complete this session for reasons related to trauma or past experiences, please reach out to Olivia Blythe at oblythe@gwu.edu.

**LOCATION**
University Student Center
3rd Floor, Continental Ballroom

**TIME**
2 - 3 p.m.

**EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:**
Title IX
If you or someone that you know has been impacted by sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, or stalking, GW wants to get you the support that you need. GW's Title IX Office will describe the prohibited conduct definitions, consent, coercion, and the difference between intoxication and incapacitation. The Title IX Office will also cover important topics such as how to report, what happens when a report is made, and supportive measures that are offered fairly and equitably to those involved in a Title IX-related report. Finally, we will discuss the formal and alternative resolution processes and on and off campus resources for those impacted by these issues.

LOCATION
University Student Center
3rd Floor, Continental Ballroom

TIME
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Varsity Student-Athlete Welcome Panel
Join a panel of current GW student-athletes, coaches, and athletic administrators to discuss the GW Athletic Experience. Food provided. For first-year and sophomore varsity student-athletes currently on roster only.

LOCATION
Charles E. Smith Center
Tin Tabernacle Room

TIME
5:30 - 7 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

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LOCATION
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TIME
7 - 7:45 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Virtual Org Fair
The Virtual Student Org Fair is an essential stop for new students looking to build community or get involved at GW! During the event, student organizations will host "virtual tables" which are online meetings or chats (Zoom, Webex, etc.). As an attendee, you can browse through the org "tables" and drop into a conversation at your convenience and then move on to another virtual table when you're ready.

LOCATION
Hosted on GW Engage - go.gwu.edu/gwenqage

TIME
8 - 9:30 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Late Night at the Rec
Students will have the opportunity to engage in sample group fitness classes and explore connections with offerings from our club sports teams. Activities include a dodgeball competition for both first and second year students, music, esports, and all around fun!

LOCATION
Lerner Health & Wellness Center, 2301 G St., NW

TIME
8 - 11 p.m.

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LOCATION
Meet outside of the Smith Center, 22nd St. side.

TIME
11 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Academic School Sessions

- **Columbian College of Arts & Sciences (CCAS):** Drop-in advising - virtual and in-person, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  - In-person: Phillips Hall, 801 22nd St., NW, Room 107
  - VIRTUAL by POD:
    - POD 1 (Last Names A-G): [https://zoom.us/j/4221757733](https://zoom.us/j/4221757733)
    - POD 2 (Last Names H-N): [https://zoom.us/j/5407665613](https://zoom.us/j/5407665613)
    - POD 3 (Last Names O-Z): [https://zoom.us/j/8464025668](https://zoom.us/j/8464025668)

- **Corcoran School of the Art and Design:** locate your program on this [webpage](#) for details on times and locations.

- **Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA):** New Student Welcome, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  Location: The Elliott School of International Affairs building, 1957 E St., NW, check-in with a team member in the lobby

- **Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH):** Academics in Milken, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  Location: Milken Institute School of Public Health building, 950 New Hampshire Ave., NW, check-in with a team member in the lobby

LOCATION

Varies by school

TIME

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

**School of Media & Public Affairs: Orientation & Lunch**

This lunch event will include SMPA professors, staff and fellow incoming first-year and transfer students. We will hold a brief orientation session to introduce folks at SMPA and give a rundown of events for our students to look forward to. We will then have lunch ready for the students where they will have the opportunity to eat and chat with other new students.

LOCATION

Media & Public Affairs Building
805 21st St., NW, Room B07 & Lower Lobby

TIME

12 - 1:30 p.m.
EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Lunch and Games on the National Mall
Celebrate the start of your GW career with a picnic and lawn games on an iconic D.C. landmark, the National Mall! This event will give you a chance to connect with your new peers and build community.

LOCATION
Henry Bacon Ball Fields (corner of 23rd & Constitution Ave)

TIME
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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LOCATION
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TIME
Events begin at 1 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Transfer Connect
In collaboration with GW's Transfer Student Organization (TSO)
Join the TSO and your peers for a panel discussion and pizza. You'll have the opportunity to mix and mingle with other current and new transfer students and get your questions answered.

LOCATION
University Student Center
3rd Floor, Rooms 307 & 310

TIME
7 - 9 p.m.
EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

**Shabbat Dinner** (open to all students interested in attending)
Join GW Hillel for the first Shabbat on campus. Delicious food, great new friends, and a warm welcome to your home away from home.

LOCATION
GW Hillel Building
2300 H St., NW

TIME
7 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

**GW Late Night presents Movie Night**
Grab your GW blanket and swing by U-Yard to hang out with your new friends to watch a movie selected by all new and incoming students through a recent social media poll. Want to know what movie it is….you’ll have to come see for yourself. There will be snacks and chances to win prizes!

LOCATION
University Yard

TIME
9 - 11 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

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TIME
11 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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12-2 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. in Kogan Plaza.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
Opening Convocation
Join your peers in the ceremonial start of the academic experience, where GW faculty and administrators welcome the incoming class.

LOCATION
Charles E. Smith Center

TIME
10 - 10:45 a.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
**(MAKE-UP SESSION)** if you missed your session earlier in the week, attend this virtual option.
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LOCATION
VIRTUAL

Webex Link: https://gwu.webex.com/gwu/j.php?MTID=me24b456f1ed5f82348780155f6023f

password: makeup

TIME
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:
First Night
Welcome to First Night, an annual event that brings the GW community together in celebration of a new academic year. Explore the Foggy Bottom campus and enjoy some classic carnival games, inflatables, and food! You can also join the fun virtually through our First Night GooseChase for your chance to win big prizes like GW swag, bluetooth speakers, an iPad, and more!
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TIME
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TIME
11 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

*We invite you to take advantage of these optional excursions to wrap up your Orientation week!*

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Dupont Farmers Market (Foggy Bottom campus neighborhood)
*Check out the outdoor, Sunday farmers’ market offering local, seasonal produce, specialty foods & artisanal goods. The Market is open 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

LOCATION
Meeting location:
Foggy Bottom metro station

TIME
7:30 a.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Palisades Farmers Market (Mount Vernon campus neighborhood)
*Check out this grower’s only food market that provides seasonal produce, farm goods, flowers,
baked goods and more! The Market is open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LOCATION
Meeting location:
Mount Vernon campus, Ames Hall

TIME
8:30 a.m.

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

How to Find Your Classes Tour
Stop by the University Student Center (1st Floor) or the Mount Vernon campus fountain with your class schedule. An Orientation staff member will assist you in locating your classes, as well as give you tips for shortcuts through campus!

Meeting location for Foggy Bottom (FB):
University Student Center, 1st Floor, Outside Panera (1 & 4 p.m.)

Meeting location for Mount Vernon campus (MVC):
Fountain Outside Somers Hall (2 & 5 p.m.)

LOCATION
Foggy Bottom & Mount Vernon campuses

TIME
2 p.m. (FB)
3 p.m. (MVC)
4 p.m. (FB)
5 p.m. (MVC)

EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION:

Trips to Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond
Pick up last minute items before the school year officially starts!

Meeting location for both start times:
University Student Center, 1st Floor, Outside Panera

LOCATION
Foggy Bottom campus
TIME
11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
2 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.