



# 2019–2020 UNIVERSITY UPDATES



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# PASSION FIRST. PURPOSE FOREVER.

Governors State University offers a full-time, day-time distinct undergraduate experience in the Chicago Southland. Our freshman class is capped at 300 students to make sure every student receives the support needed to succeed throughout each academic year, including a free laptop. All freshman classes are taught by full-time faculty and capped at 30 students. And this small-class feel doesn't end after the freshman year—on average, GSU undergraduate classes have only 18 students. No teaching assistants. No packed auditoriums. That's the GSU experience.

## STRUCTURED UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

We take passion to heart. GSU's campus resources are dedicated to helping students find their purpose through intentional experiential and mentorship experiences. Advisors in the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center tailor each student's curriculum to fit their professional goals, while the Center for the Junior Year houses ten Peer Success Coaches who help students find their paths forward. The GSU Honors Program provides an enriched academic experience for students seeking a greater challenge through internships, conference participation, and opportunities to participate in Guided Pathways.

**5,185**

STUDENTS  
ENROLLED

**10:1**

STUDENT-FACULTY  
RATIO

**\$313**

PER CREDIT  
HOUR

# WHAT'S NEW AT GSU

## AIM HIGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS

GSU is offering more scholarships than ever before, both for freshmen and transfer students. Students who receive AIM HIGH funding are asked to participate in Student Success Programs, which include options such as Transformational Leadership, Male Success Initiative, and Career Compass Exploration.

Learn more at [govst.edu/AIMHIGH](http://govst.edu/AIMHIGH).

## GUIDED PATHWAYS

Honors-eligible students are invited to participate in Guided Pathways such as Health and Life Sciences, Five-Year MBA, and Nursing. Students who stay within GPA requirements and pass discipline-specific exams are also eligible to participate in the Guaranteed Graduate Admissions Pathway, guaranteeing a seat in one of GSU's competitive health programs, such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Communication Disorders.

Learn more at [govst.edu/pathways](http://govst.edu/pathways)

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER

GSU Jaguars men's and women's soccer teams celebrate their debut season in the fall 2019 season.

Learn about the scholar-athletes and view a schedule of this year's games at [GSUJaguars.com](http://GSUJaguars.com).

## CREATIVE TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are now available to emerging student-artists who demonstrate interest and aptitude in five categories: Creative Writing, Film Arts, Media Studies, Theatre and Performance, and Visual Arts.

View criteria and application guidelines at [govst.edu/creativearts](http://govst.edu/creativearts).

## GRANTS FOR CHILDCARE

Full-day childcare for the children of 18 full-time GSU students will be covered at the university's Family Development Center (FDC) in the 2019 – 20 year. Offered in partnership with the Office of Dean of Students (ODOS), the program supports additional wraparound parent resources through a designated advocacy program.

The opportunities are funded by a grant through the Department of Education.

Learn more at [govst.edu/GSU4U](http://govst.edu/GSU4U).

## FORENSICS TEAM

A new Forensics Team was launched in fall of 2019, allowing students with a passion for speech and debate to compete in areas such as poetry, persuasive argument, or other work. New Communication faculty member Eddie Gamboa was named the Outstanding New Coach at the 2018 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.

Learn more at [gsunews.govst.edu/gsu-launches-forensics-team](http://gsunews.govst.edu/gsu-launches-forensics-team).

## TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS REINSTATED

GSU has reinstated undergraduate teacher education programs in Biology, Chemistry, English, and Math. Post-baccalaureate certificates, master's degrees, and dual credit certification programs are also still available for students interested in teaching at the post-secondary level.

Learn more about each at [govst.edu/CAS-programs](http://govst.edu/CAS-programs).

## HONORS HOUSING IN PRAIRIE PLACE

GSU's on-campus residence Prairie Place welcomed its first designated Honors Living-Learning community in Fall 2019.

This cocurricular opportunity will allow students in the Honors program to provide peer-to-peer support, both in academics and social-emotional wellbeing.

## NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Two new graduate programs were launched in 2019: the Master of Science in Human Resource Management ([govst.edu/HRM](http://govst.edu/HRM)) and the Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art ([govst.edu/ArtMFA](http://govst.edu/ArtMFA)). Both programs are now enrolling.

View a full listing of academic programs at [govst.edu/programlisting](http://govst.edu/programlisting).

## NEW COUNSELOR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Prairie Place now has a live-in counselor who will work with the Counseling & Wellness Center and University Housing to support the academic and personal growth of students through the provision of on-site consultation, mental health support services, and psychoeducational outreach programming. The counselor-in-residence will also be available for emergency intervention and crisis care during office hours, if necessary.

Learn more at [govst.edu/health-and-counseling](http://govst.edu/health-and-counseling).

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

## BUSINESS

Accounting (B.S.)  
Business Administration (B.A.) – Concentrations in:  
Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource  
Management, Management, Management  
Information Systems, Marketing, Operations  
and Supply Chain Management  
Business and Applied Science (B.A.)  
Economics (B.A.)  
Manufacturing Management (B.A.)

## HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)  
Art (B.F.A.)  
Communication (B.A.)  
Criminal Justice (B.A.)  
English (B.A.)  
Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)  
History (B.A.)  
Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)  
Media Studies (B.A.)  
Political Science (B.A.)  
Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

## SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Biology (B.S.)  
Chemistry (B.S.)  
Computer Science (B.S.)  
Information Technology (B.S.)  
Mathematics (B.A.) – Concentrations in General  
Mathematics and Actuarial Science

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Communication Disorders (B.H.S.)  
Community Health (B.H.S.)  
Health Administration (B.H.A.)  
Health Informatics (B.S.)  
Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)  
Social Work (B.S.W.)

## EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education – Licensure and  
Non-Licensure (B.A.)  
Math Teacher Ed  
Biology Teacher Ed  
Chemistry Teacher Ed  
English Teacher Ed  
Elementary Education (B.A.)  
Psychology – Concentrations in: General, Forensic,  
Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)

For a full listing of programs, including graduate and doctoral, visit [www.govst.edu/programlisting](http://www.govst.edu/programlisting).

**42.6%**

**OF UNDERGRADUATES  
ARE FIRST-GENERATION  
COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**55%**

**OF STUDENTS IDENTIFY  
AS BELONGING TO A  
RACIAL AND/OR  
ETHNIC MINORITY**

**20**

**COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED IN  
STUDENT BODY**

**61.5%**

**OF UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS RECEIVE  
GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS**

# THE FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

Your Freshman experience at GSU: as extraordinary as you and as practical as it needs to be so you can be a college graduate in four years flat.

Choose from seven First Year Focus Areas including Arts & Entertainment, Business, Discovery, Education, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences or STEM. Be paired with one of three learning communities made up of peers and mentors you can lean on and learn from. Meet your academic advisor who will help you develop a structured, full-time schedule structured to ensure you succeed.

## Already attending a community college?

Start GSU's Dual Degree Program now to lock in today's tuition rate and become part of the 91% of DDP students who have graduated or are on track to.

Schedule a pre-admission appointment:  
[admission@govst.edu](mailto:admission@govst.edu).



**2.8/4.0**

AVERAGE GPA FOR  
CLASS OF 2018

**17.8**

AVERAGE ACT SCORE  
FOR CLASS OF 2018

**57,000**

ALUMNI

# WE WERE BUILT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS.

## TRANSFEROLOGY

Governors State University is an active participant within Transferology, a nation-wide network that provides detailed information on how your credits will transfer across higher education institutions. This free online transfer planning tool can assist you in determining how your previous coursework will transfer to GSU.

Sign up now at [www.transferology.com/govst](http://www.transferology.com/govst).

## TRANSFER GUIDES

GSU strives to make your transfer process as seamless as possible by offering transfer guides with area community colleges to assist in the transfer process. Check out the transfer guides at [govst.edu/TransferGuides](http://govst.edu/TransferGuides).

Don't see your specific school or program listed? Transferring is still an option! Contact the Office of Admissions at [admission@govst.edu](mailto:admission@govst.edu) to discuss how your program will transfer.

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Not all learning happens within university walls. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a process used to evaluate and provide college credit for the knowledge you have obtained through areas outside of the academic setting. Learn more and take a self-assessment at [govst.edu/PLA](http://govst.edu/PLA).

# UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Prairie Place provides convenient, cost-effective housing options for undergraduate and graduate students. Choose from suites with a connecting bathroom or apartments (two and four bedrooms with full kitchen and bathroom). Housing costs per semester range from \$3,051 for a semi-suite, double occupancy bedroom to \$4,319 for a four-bedroom, single occupancy apartment—wireless access, cable, and utilities are included.

Applications will be available online February 2020. Early application and deposit are advised.

For information, contact the Department of University Housing:  
708.235.7115

housing@govst.edu

[www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)

# ATHLETICS

Part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, GSU student-athletes shine on the field and in the classroom. In 2018, the men's basketball team took home a CCAC championship—the first in university history.

## 2019–20 GSU Competitive Sports

Men's and Women's Basketball

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Men's and Women's Golf

Men's and Women's Soccer

Women's Volleyball

For more information, contact Tony Bates, Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Head Coach, at abates99@govst.edu or 708.235.7431.

[www.gsu-jaguars.com](http://www.gsu-jaguars.com)

## Complete the Prospective Athlete Interest Form:

[www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit](http://www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit)

GSU athletic scholarships are available to qualified students.



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GSU offers a variety of institutional scholarships based on academic merit, personal achievement, or financial need. Presidential, Provost, and Dean's scholarships recur over eight consecutive fall and spring semesters for students who continue to qualify for honors program participation, and awards can be applied toward tuition, fees, housing, and books.

[www.govst.edu/scholarships](http://www.govst.edu/scholarships)

**Ideal candidates for Presidential, Provost, and Dean's scholarships will meet the following criteria:**

- 3.75 GPA unweighted on a 4.0 scale
- Complete application by November 1
- Complete Presidential Scholarship application by December 1
- Complete FAFSA in October

## **Presidential Scholarship:**

(up to two awards each fall):

Full tuition, fees, housing, \$500 book stipend per semester, and \$1,000 meal plan per semester.

## **Provost's Scholarship:**

\$2,500 award

## **Dean's Scholarship:**

\$1,750 award

## **Merit Scholarships:**

Students applying on or before February 1 may qualify for GSU merit scholarships. Awards vary based upon academic profile and available funds. Candidates directly admitted to the freshmen class with unweighted GPA between 2.75 and 3.75 considered for merit scholarships, as funds are available.

# HONORS PROGRAM

The GSU Honors Program takes a distinct approach to the undergraduate experience. Emphasis is placed on developing personal, professional, and leadership potential through experiential learning opportunities such as internships, conference presentations, and study abroad. Students in the GSU Honors Program represent the university population as a whole.

[www.govst.edu/honors](http://www.govst.edu/honors)

# DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

In the Dual Degree Program, students enroll in full-time classes at one of 17 Chicagoland community colleges while working with a DDP Transfer Specialist to map out a pathway to two degrees. DDP students receive a multitude of benefits—among them, a locked-in tuition rate, full-tuition scholarship opportunities, and a more affordable education.

When students complete an associate degree, they are even more likely to obtain further education—our numbers prove it. Eighty-five percent of DDP students complete a bachelor's degree within four semesters of transferring to GSU.

View a list of participating DDP colleges at [www.govst.edu/DDP](http://www.govst.edu/DDP)

# SPECIAL POPULATIONS RESOURCES

- **Undocumented Students:** GSU admits students regardless of undocumented status. Undocumented students follow the same admission procedures as all potential Governors State applicants. [www.govst.edu/undocumented-students](http://www.govst.edu/undocumented-students)
- **International Students:** Diversity is the heartbeat of Governors State University and our multicultural students and staff are the rhythm. [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)
- **Veterans:** GSU has been named Best of the Best for Vets four years in a row by U.S. Veterans Magazine. [www.govst.edu/veterans](http://www.govst.edu/veterans)
- **Students with Disabilities:** Access Services for Students with Disabilities is here to support students and help meet their individual needs through the accommodation of accessibility services.

[www.govst.edu/disability-services](http://www.govst.edu/disability-services)

# AIM HIGH

Governors State University's AIM HIGH scholarships may qualify new first-year students and transfer students to receive guaranteed scholarships ranging from 25% to 100% of your tuition cost. Learn how GSU is investing in your present so that you can invest in your future.

[www.govst.edu/aimhigh](http://www.govst.edu/aimhigh)

## FRESHMEN STUDENTS

GPA THRESHOLD	GPA THRESHOLD
HS GPA: 3.75 +	\$24,000 (\$6,000 annually)
HS GPA: 3.25 – 3.749	\$20,000 (\$5,000 annually)
HS GPA: 3.0 – 3.249	\$16,000 (\$4,000 annually)
HS GPA: 2.75 – 2.999	\$12,000 (\$3,000 annually)

- 2.75+ GPA and 19+ ACT Composite or 980+SAT
- Must agree to participate in a guided pathway first year experience of your choice.
- Renewable up to four years (or 8 consecutive semesters) if renewal criteria is met.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

GPA THRESHOLD	GPA THRESHOLD
CUMM GPA: 3.75 +	\$8,000 (\$4,000 annually)
CUMM GPA (PHI THETA KAPPA): 3.5 – 3.749	\$6,000 (\$3,000 annually)
CUMM GPA: 3.25 – 3.499	\$4,000 (\$2,000 annually)
CUMM GPA: 2.75 – 3.249	\$3,000 (\$1,500 annually)

- Must meet all AIM HIGH requirements (see below).
- Transfer students from community colleges must have earned associates degrees to qualify for AIM HIGH grants.
- Transfer students with 24 or more transfer credits from any four-year institutions do not require earned associates degrees.
- Transfer students with 23 or less transfer credits from four-year institutions will be considered for First-Year AIM HIGH criteria and award amounts.



## ON-CAMPUS RESIDENT

Tuition: \$9,390  
 Fees: \$3,226  
 Room + Board: \$8,102

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Total: \$20,718

## COMMUTER:

Tuition: \$9,390  
 Fees: \$3,226

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Total: \$12,616

[govst.edu/finaid](http://govst.edu/finaid)

\*Based on 15 semester hours Fall and Spring Semester

\*\*Based on semi-suite double occupancy option plus meal plan

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply today, complete an application online at [www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply). Your application will be complete once you provide the following:

## FRESHMAN

- \$25 application fee
- Official high school transcript or GED score report
- 2.75 unweighted high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submission of official ACT or SAT scores (students 21 or over exempt)
- Earned fewer than 25 semester hours of college credit to start at GSU as a freshmen
- Unconditional admission is offered to students earning both an unweighted 2.75+ GPA and 19 or above on the ACT (composite, math, and English scores or SAT equivalent)\*

## TRANSFER

- \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Supplemental items required for your selected degree program. Applicants must have earned 2.0 or higher GPA and 25 transferable college level credit hours. Applicants must also be in good standing at their last institution attended. Some programs have special admission requirements.

\*Conditional admission is offered to freshman students earning an unweighted 2.25-2.74 GPA and/or 15-18 on the ACT (composite, math, and/or English scores or SAT equivalent).

Freshman with conditional admission requires participation in Smart Start, a two-week tuition free program beginning before the start of the fall semester (schedule revised for spring admission). All students are encouraged to participate in Smart Start. However, students offered conditional admission may show proficiency in math and/or English through university placement assessments to remove the conditional admission status.

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

National Survey of Student Engagement 2018

**73%**

RATE THEIR OVERALL EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD

**80%**

COMPLETE A HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICE

**101**

AVERAGE PAGES OF ASSIGNED WRITING IN THE FIRST YEAR

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019 – 2020

## SEPTEMBER

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## AUGUST

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Transfer Thursday



Open House



FAFSA Opening Day



Early Decision Deadline

## GSU CODES TO KNOW

- FAFSA code: 009145
- ACT college code: 1028
- SAT college code: 0807
- Advanced Placement code: 0807

# MEET OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM



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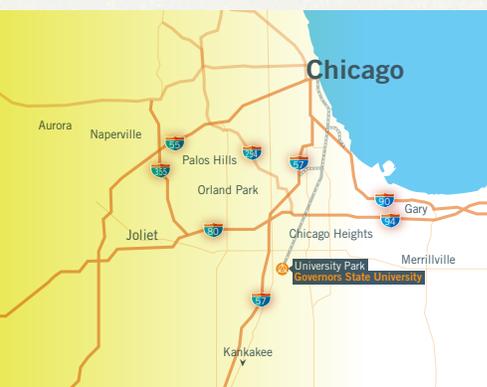
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## MILES TO GSU:

- Aurora (62 miles)
- Chicago Heights (7.5 miles)
- Downtown Chicago (36 miles)
- Gary, IN (31 miles)
- Joliet (24 miles)

- Kankakee (29 miles)
- Merrillville, IN (24 miles)
- Naperville (42 miles)
- Orland Park (20 miles)
- Palos Hills (22 miles)

**60 MINUTE METRA RIDE TO CHICAGO**