



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
**VIEWBOOK**



***Governors State***  
UNIVERSITY



## **I welcome you to Governors State University, a world-class university in the Chicago area.**

GSU offers you value combined with academic excellence. Our professors, and the programs in which they teach, are recognized for leadership and innovation. GSU can prepare you to succeed in our competitive, global economy.

GSU offers you a transformative experience. Our diverse and multicultural community fosters global ideas and real-world solutions. This university is an extraordinary place to broaden your mind and discover your passions.

We look forward to sharing our beautiful campus and our welcoming community with you.

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.  
President, Governors State University



## GSU IS WAITING FOR YOU NOW

The college experience at Governors State University is like no other. We take pride in our diversity. We look like the world. We look like you. This is where you will find an entire campus designed to give you exactly what you need to succeed.

If you are a freshman, you'll be taught by great, full-time professors in classes of no more than 30 students. No teaching assistants. No packed auditoriums. This great freshman learning environment is unlike most U.S. public universities.

If you are a graduate student, you'll find degree programs that are among the most sought after in the U.S., taught by professors who are leaders in their fields.

### **The Degrees You Want**

GSU has the degrees you want to meet your education and career goals. Our most popular degrees with international students are: Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science and Master's degrees in Analytical Chemistry, Business Administration, Health Administration, and Management Information Systems.





## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

### Improve your English skills

Reading, speaking, and writing English are key to your academic success. GSU's American Language and Culture Institute can help. Our Intensive ESL Program is a special 15-week study program taught by faculty who can help you with language, and much more, so you have a solid understanding of the social and cultural environment in the U.S.

In addition to 20 hours of classroom instruction — with two lab hours each week — you can get to know Chicago and all this exciting city has to offer, and you can take advantage of peer mentoring and cultural enrichment activities. GSU offers short-term summer programs as well.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Get in touch with Akiko Ota,  
GSU ESL Director, at [esl@govst.edu](mailto:esl@govst.edu).

## GSU offers the following degrees:

### Bachelor's Degree Programs

**Accounting**

*Accelerated Track*

**Anthropology and Sociology****Art****Biology**

*Teacher Education*

**Business Administration**

*Finance*

*Human Resources Management*

*Management*

*Management Information Systems*

*Marketing*

*Operations and Supply Chain Management*

**Business and Applied Science****Chemistry**

*Teacher Education*

**Communication Disorders****Communication**

*Advertising and Public Relations*

*Filmmaking and Multimedia*

*Human Communication*

*Journalism*

**Community Health**

*Health Promotion Education*

*in the Community Setting*

*Pre-Occupational Therapy*

**Computer Science****Criminal Justice**

*Restorative Justice*

**Early Childhood Education****Economics****Elementary and Middle School Education****English**

*Teacher Education*

**Gender and Sexuality Studies****Health Administration****Health Informatics****History**

*American History*

*Global History*

**Information Technology****Interdisciplinary Studies****Manufacturing Management****Mathematics**

*Actuarial Science*

*Teacher Education*

**Media Studies**

*Global Media and Information Flow*

*Media Industry and Production*

*Social Networking and*

*Participatory Culture*

**Political Science****Psychology**

*Forensic*

*Industrial/Organizational*

*Mindfulness Studies*

*Pre-Clinical*

**Social Work****Theatre and Performance Studies**

### Master's Degree Programs

**Accounting**

*Accelerated Track*

**Addictions Studies**

*Addictions Counseling*

**Analytical Chemistry****Art****Business Administration****Communication Disorders****Communication and Training**

*Communication Studies*

*Human Performance and Training*

*Media Communication*

**Computer Science****Counseling**

*Clinical Mental Health*

*Marriage and Family*

*School Counseling*

**Criminal Justice****Education**

*Bilingual/ESL*

*Mathematics Education*

**Educational Administration and Supervision**

*Principal Leadership*

**English**

*Literature*

*Writing*

**Environmental Biology, Management and Policy**

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**Health Administration****Health Informatics****Independent Film and Digital Imaging****Management Information Systems****Mathematics****Multicategorical Special Education****Nursing**

*Clinical Nurse Specialist*

*Family Nurse Practitioner*

*Nursing Administration*

**Occupational Therapy****Political and Justice Studies****Psychology**

*Clinical*

*Theoretical*

**Public Administration****Social Work**

*Children and Families*

*Holistic Practice and Wellness*

*School Social Work*

**Joint Degree Programs**

*Criminal Justice, M.A. and Public*

*Administration M.P.A.*

*Political Justice Studies, M.A. and Public*

*Administration M.P.A.*

**Specialist Degree Program**

*School Psychology (Ed.S.)*

### Doctoral Degree Programs

**Counselor Education and Supervision****Interdisciplinary Leadership**

*Higher Education*

*Not-for-Profit/Social Entrepreneurship*

*Public Safety*

*Superintendent*

**Nursing Practice****Occupational Therapy****Physical Therapy**

For a complete listing of degree and certificate programs, visit [www.govst.edu/degree](http://www.govst.edu/degree)



# TUITION AND FEES

GSU combines academic excellence with affordability. Tuition and fees here are the lowest of any international degree program in the country — including those of both public and private colleges and universities.

## Estimated Expenses

As an international student, you must show proof of financial support to cover the estimated expenses for your first academic year.

Use the following estimated expenses listed below to know how much financial support you need to show in order to obtain your certificate of eligibility [I-20 (F-1 Students) or DS-2019 (J-1 Students)] that is required for your visa.

<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>	<b>TOTAL*</b>
General	\$24,848
<b>GRADUATE</b>	<b>TOTAL*</b>
Master's (General)	\$22,340
Master's (Business Administration)	\$24,156
Master's (Occupational Therapy)	\$26,280
Specialist (School Psychology)	\$24,156
Doctoral (Nursing Practice)	\$22,422
Doctoral (Occupational Therapy)	\$22,422
Doctoral (Physical Therapy & Supervision)*	\$20,502
Doctoral (Interdisciplinary Leadership)	\$20,502
Doctoral (Counselor Education and Supervision)	
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM</b>	
Intensive English Language Program	\$26,000**

\* Total includes the sum of tuition and fees, living expenses, and books.

\*\* \$5,000 per semester for tuition, fees, and books, with 3 semesters of attendance required, and \$11,000 for living expenses. This is a non-credit/non-degree granting program.





## Students from India

If you are a prospective student from India and wish to pursue a degree from Governors State University, please use the contact information below for the INDUS Foundation, our collaborator in your country. INDUS will help you with the entire application process to attend GSU.

### Contact:

**Ashok Kallam**

The INDUS Foundation  
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Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029  
Tel: 91.9912881199  
Email: [indus@indus.org](mailto:indus@indus.org)  
Website: [www.indus.org/higheredu](http://www.indus.org/higheredu)

### For other inquiries, please visit:

GSU Office of International Services at [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois). Prospective and admitted students can also send questions directly to OIS by emailing [ois@govst.edu](mailto:ois@govst.edu).



“My experience at GSU was truly transformational. I was an international student from Africa and came to GSU from a community college. Upon my arrival, I imagined it would be difficult to adjust to a

whole new place all over again. I was afraid to come out of my shell. But the students and staff at GSU welcomed me with open arms. GSU truly prepared me for my career and my future. I am so grateful for the faculty and staff who realized my potential and challenged me to reach for the sky. GSU will always be a place I can call home.”

**Bianca Mangabhai McArthur '15**  
CloudBlue Technologies, Inc.  
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“What I like most about working at GSU is the range of opportunities the university provides our students and faculty to grow professionally and individually in a friendly, yet intellectually challenging, environment. We are a very diverse campus — both student body and faculty. I enjoy working with students who come from very different backgrounds because it enriches the classroom as well as the campus diversity.”

**Jun Zhao, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Management  
Division Chair, Management,  
Marketing and Public Administration





# Office of International Services

**The Office of International Services (OIS)** is ready to help you join this vibrant community by assisting with a variety of issues. These include visa and immigration issues, help in adjusting to the United States, guidance on how to prepare for your trip to the U.S., and assistance connecting with GSU students, faculty, and staff. OIS also offers programs and events throughout the year to ensure your academic success at GSU and your adjustment to the Chicago area.

Once international students have applied to GSU, they can start the process of obtaining their student visas by submitting their International Student Information Form and their Proof of Financial Support to the Office of International Services. The initial I-20 or DS-2019 documents can be issued after students are admitted to the university. The I-20 or DS-2019 can be used to arrange a visa interview at a U.S. consulate or embassy abroad.

Please visit [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois) for more information. Prospective and admitted students can also send questions directly to OIS by emailing [ois@govst.edu](mailto:ois@govst.edu).

## How to Apply

Information about the application process can be found online at [www.govst.edu/admissions](http://www.govst.edu/admissions).

## International Student Visa Procedures

The Office of International Services will work with you to obtain your visa. All international students interested in attending GSU in either F-1 or J-1 status must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) in order to apply for their student visa. To obtain your I-20 or DS-2019, submit the following documents to the Office of International Services:

- Proof of financial support for the first academic year of study. For more information regarding what type of financial documentation is supported, please visit the OIS website at [www.govst.edu/ois/future/](http://www.govst.edu/ois/future/).
- International Student Information Form, located at [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois).

Please note: international students can submit their proof of financial support and their International Student Information Form once they have applied to GSU. However, the I-20 or DS-2019 cannot be issued until the student has been officially admitted to GSU.

## International Student Application Assistance

Both Governors State University's Office of International Studies and College Study US, Inc. can help international students complete GSU's entire application process.

## Contact:

### Darya Gauphier

College Study US, Inc. (CSUS)

6 Baywood Place - Suite A

Huntington, New York 11743

Tel: 631.427.8989

Email: [admin@collegestudyus.com](mailto:admin@collegestudyus.com)

Website: [www.collegestudyus.com](http://www.collegestudyus.com)

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## STUDENT LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A great college experience goes beyond a great education. At GSU you'll find a diverse community just waiting to welcome you and get you involved.

GSU offers more than 80 clubs to broaden your interests, develop your leadership skills — or just have fun. Two of those clubs — the International Culture Organization and International Business Club — are designed especially for you. You'll meet other international students — as well as U.S. students — working to bring cultural awareness to our campus.



"My time at GSU — both in the classroom as a Master of Science candidate in analytical chemistry and as a member of the international community — was great preparation for my work at Purdue University. I will always value everything I learned at GSU."

**Ravikiran Yerabolu '12**  
Master of Science, Analytical Chemistry  
Purdue University, Doctoral Candidate, Analytical Chemistry



## THE GSU JAGUARS

Let your competitive spirit roar! The athletes of GSU are the heart of our new mascot — Jax the Jaguar.

With intercollegiate teams plus club and recreation teams – your college experience is everything you want it to be. GSU is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC).

### GSU Jaguar Intercollegiate Teams

- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Cross Country

**Athletic Scholarships:** GSU intercollegiate athletes can compete for a limited number of intercollegiate athletic scholarships. Criteria: Head Coaches select athlete scholars based on three categories: athletic ability, academic standards, and financial need.

If you are **interested in becoming a student-athlete at GSU**, please complete our **Prospective Student-Athlete Interest Form:** [www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit](http://www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit)

### Athletic and Recreation Center

The Athletic and Recreation Center has a 167,000 gallon Olympic-style lap pool, fitness classes, and strength and conditioning equipment — all waiting to help keep you fit.

### GSU Recreational/Club teams:

- Bowling
- Cricket
- Softball
- Soccer
- Dance/Cheer Team
- Table Tennis

**Want more information about GSU Athletics? Contact us by email, phone, or the internet:**

**Email:** [athletics@govst.edu](mailto:athletics@govst.edu) **Phone:** 708.534.4556

**Website:** [www.gsuaguars.com](http://www.gsuaguars.com)





## LIVE HERE

Our on-campus student residence, Prairie Place, is designed as a true living/learning community. And, living on campus can be a great way to adjust to your new surroundings.

This is no ordinary college dorm. It's a state-of-the-art residence that offers a living option that's right for you:

- Two-bedroom apartment/single occupancy bedrooms (*limited availability*)
- Two-bedroom apartments/double occupancy bedrooms (*with roommate*)
- Semi-Suite/double occupancy bedrooms (*with roommate*)
- Four-bedroom apartment/single occupancy bedrooms

There are also community kitchens on each floor, and there's even an in-house classroom for meetings and events. Trained resident assistants and full-time faculty members live in Prairie Place, providing you with support and assistance and enhancing your intellectual life.

Discover your housing options at [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing).

### **Our new Science and Health Professions Wing is waiting to give you a state-of-the-art experience.**

This 80,000 square foot, \$25 million renovation is full of cutting-edge classrooms and labs. When you graduate from GSU, you'll have worked on the same technology-leading equipment you'll find in industry, healthcare, and research.

### **Live surrounded by world-class art**

In 2014, the education website Best Value Schools released its list of the "25 Most Amazing Sculpture Gardens in the World." The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the GSU campus was listed in the top ten. The list includes private, municipal, and collegiate sculpture gardens and museums in a variety of international locations.

### **World-class performances**

The Center for Performing Arts at GSU presents more than 50 live performances each year to more than 60,000 people. Seated in the world-class auditorium, you can see national touring acts, Chicago-based artists, and community and academic theatre. Whatever your taste, there is something for you.







## GSU AND CHICAGOLAND: THE BEST OF MANY WORLDS

Whether you're coming to GSU from another of the world's biggest and busiest cities or from the quiet and charm of a rural area, you'll find many things to make you feel right at home here.

Surrounding GSU are trails for biking and hiking, nature preserves for getting to know the prairieland of our Midwest region, and communities full of culture, entertainment, sports, and shopping experiences. In summer months, we also have a sustainable garden at GSU, with plots available for students and the entire community.

Also near campus — and a very short GSU shuttle ride away — is the commuter train that will take you into the heart of Chicago. No matter what you study at GSU, Chicago is an international hub with internships and careers waiting. This is where you'll find world-class healthcare — with hospitals, research organizations, pharmaceutical, and medical companies; education — with one of the largest public school districts in the U.S.; the world's leading technology and consulting companies; award-winning theatre companies, symphonies, and opera companies; and communications companies. Chicago has it all.





This is also a city built around neighborhoods. No matter where you and your family come from, there's a Chicago community full of people who speak your language, serve your food, and understand your culture. And we'll help you find them.

Chicago is also a place to have fun. Festivals dot the calendar — particularly in summer and fall. Lake Michigan, an inland sea, is one of the largest fresh water lakes on the planet. The Chicago lakefront is full of parks, paths, museums, sports venues, restaurants, and spots to just sit and enjoy. And of course, our sports teams are legendary. We'll introduce to you U.S. football. Our professional soccer (fútbol), hockey, baseball, and basketball teams are thrilling to watch.



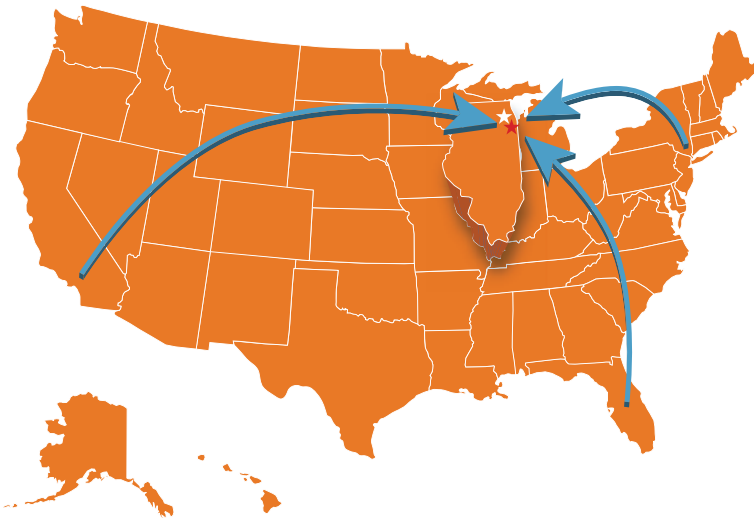
**Chicagoland has it all.  
We can't wait to show you.**



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Office of International Students [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)

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easily accessible by car or Metra commuter train.**



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