



# Explore the Possibilities

Governors State University  
2014 Transfer & Graduate  
Orientation





## Dear Student,

Welcome to Governors State University. You have already distinguished yourself as someone who is ready for success and good luck. You are smart enough to see the special opportunities waiting for you as you continue your education at GSU.

- You will make life-long friends, as you participate in group projects, clubs and campus organizations.
- You will be inspired as you study with dedicated faculty — leaders in their field.
- You will see the world in new ways, as you discover and create Big Ideas.

Remember that a full college experience means more than just taking classes. Make a resolution to try something new this year: audition for a play, join a team, lead a club, understand what it means to live in the midst of art, take Metra to Millennium Park — the possibilities are endless.

Be proud to be a Jaguar. Cheer on our teams. But also think about what it means to be part of Jaguar Nation. Jaguars are resilient, and so are you. Studies have shown that resilience — the ability to deal with stress and bounce back — is the essential attribute of college success. GSU is set up to help you manage the stress you will inevitably encounter. We are committed to help you balance your course schedule with employment opportunities, family commitments, and time for relaxation. Strong people ask for help when needed. Just ask.



GOVERNORS STATE  
**JAGUARS**<sup>™</sup>

I hope to meet each one of you during this academic year in your classes, at Prairie Place, at campus activities, and in the bleachers at athletic events. Have a remarkably successful year.

### ***And Go Jaguars!***

Warm regards,

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

## Schedule at a Glance

Noon - 1 p.m.	Student and Guest Check-in	Hall of Governors
Noon - 1 p.m.	Resource Fair	Hall of Governors
1:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Transfer Student Welcome from President Maimon Transfer Remarks from Dean Valente Introduction of Transfer Student Orientation Leaders	Sherman Recital Hall
	Graduate Student Welcome from Dean Cada Graduate Remarks from Darcie Campos Introduction of Graduate Student Orientation Leaders	E-Lounge
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Student Breakout Sessions with Orientation Leaders	
3 - 3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session 1	See Room Numbers Below
3:40 - 4:10 p.m.	Concurrent Session 2	See Room Numbers Below
4:20 - 5 p.m.	Student Breakout Sessions with Academic Advisors	Check Folder for Location



## Concurrent Sessions

Location	Concurrent Session 1 (3 - 3:30 p.m.)	Concurrent Session 2 (3:40 - 4:10 p.m.)
D34160	Veterans Resource Center	Veterans Resource Center
D2442	Navigating Your Library's Website	Navigating Your Library's Website
C3345	Release the Leader in You	Release the Leader in You
C3330	Can Do	Can Do
D34165	Writing Tips for Graduate School and Graduate Research	Writing Tips for Graduate School and Graduate Research
D34012	Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders	Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders
B2215	Blackboard	Blackboard
B1240	Career Services – <i>How to Find Campus Employment</i>	Career Services – <i>How to Find Campus Employment</i>
D34180	Your Health/Wellness-Meditation Session	Your Health/Wellness-Meditation Session
B2200	Information Technology Services <i>Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive</i>	Information Technology Services <i>Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive</i>
B2203	Financial Aid <i>Learning the GSU System</i>	Financial Aid <i>Learning the GSU System</i>
D34011	Prairie Place — GSU's First On Campus Housing	Prairie Place

## Concurrent Sessions

### **Blackboard**

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning provides a face to face workshop to assist students with Blackboard questions and concerns.

### **Can Do**

Sometimes having that “can do” attitude can be difficult, especially if you are feeling anxious about a project. Learn how and when to address anxiety, the importance of attitude and motivational incentives.

### **Career Services: How to Find Campus Employment**

On-campus student employment is a great opportunity to gain professional experience while making connections in a part-time paid position. Employment is available in multiple departments and in a variety of roles. Come to this session to learn about different types of employment, how to apply and follow up on an application, as well as explore other ideas for gaining experience during one’s education.

### **Financial Aid: Learning the GSU System**

Drop in and talk to someone from the GSU Financial Aid Office. Ask general questions or make an appointment to ask questions specific to your financial aid.

### **Information Technology Services: Microsoft Office Web Apps and SkyDrive**

Did you know that you have free access to the web version of MS Word, Excel, Power Point and One Note through your GSU student email account? Did you know that your email account includes 7GB of storage for your documents and files? This demo will introduce you to the web applications of Office 365 and your SkyDrive.

### **Navigating Your Library’s Website**

This session provides an overview of online library resources. Topics include selecting appropriate databases, using the I-Share catalog, searching tips and strategies, and time for Q&A.

### **Prairie Place — GSU’s First on Campus Housing**

Prairie Place is the first on-campus residential community on the GSU campus. The complex is open to enrolled graduate and undergraduate students and consists of fully furnished apartments and suites. Learn more about the benefits of living on campus and what Prairie Place has to offer you.

### **Release the Leader in YOU!**

This workshop will discuss opportunities to get engaged in the university from joining a club to student governance. Come to this workshop to receive all the trade secrets to enhancing the educational experience and releasing the leader in YOU!

### **Transfer Success Panel with Orientation Leaders**

We’re sure you have more questions. Here’s your chance to ask current students about their experiences and make connections with your peers.

### **Veterans Resource Center**

Meet in Hall of Governors near the Academic Resource Center to be escorted to the session location. Meet other veterans on campus. Introduce yourself to the Coordinator of Veteran Services. Visit the Veteran Resource Center and learn where you can go on campus to enjoy a quiet spot you can call your own.

### **Writing Tips for APA Research Papers**

Join us so you will be prepared for writing. This workshop will discuss how to begin a research paper and how to conquer APA documentation style. This workshop will also inform you of the resources and services offered by the GSU Writing Center.

### **Your Health/Wellness: Meditation session**

Mindfulness has been shown to be very helpful in reducing stress, increasing concentration skills and improving emotional regulation. Daily meditation is the exercise that strengthens mindfulness. Come to this session and learn how to meditate and begin an ongoing meditation practice.

*For your convenience, Follett’s GSU Bookstore and the GSU Cafe will be staffed during new student orientation. Feel free to visit and see what they have to offer.*



# Resource Fair Exhibitors

The Academic Resource Center

Campus Bookstore

Campus Health Services

Career Services

Counseling Lab

Information Technology Services

Recreation and Fitness

Student Enrichment Program

Student Life

TWAG (This Week at GSU)

University Honors Program

University Library

Veterans Resource Center

Writing Center

## Weeks of Welcome

### Kick-Off Events

**Friday, August 15**

Game Night  
7-9 p.m.  
Residence Hall

**Saturday, August 16**

Explore Chicago  
10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Navy Pier

**Thursday, August 21**

Prairie Place Official Move In  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Friday, August 22**

Academic Convocation  
CPA  
3-4:30 p.m.

### Welcome Week 2014

**Monday, August 25**

GSU Café and PACE Campus Connection  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

**Tuesday, August 26**

Club and Organization Fair  
Secretary of State Mobile Station  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

**Wednesday, August 27**

Student Employment Fair  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

**Thursday, August 28**

Student Leadership Exchange  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hall of Governors

**Thursday, August 27**

Open Mic Night  
6 p.m.  
Café Annex

**Friday, August 29**

Movie Under the Stars  
7 p.m.  
CPA Lawn

**Saturday, August 30**

Day of Service Project  
Regal Farms  
University Park, IL  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
\*prior registration required

### Important Dates

**Saturday, September 6**

Audition Notice  
for the GSU production  
of "A Raisin in the Sun"  
10:30 a.m.  
Center for Performing Arts

**October 9-12**

GSU Friends and Family Weekend  
Fun for GSU students and  
their families.  
Visit [www.govst.edu/weekend](http://www.govst.edu/weekend)



## What's New @ GSU?

### **New! On Campus Housing**

Your chance to live on campus begins August 2014 with the opening of Prairie Place, GSU's first on campus housing. The suites and apartments of Prairie Place give all GSU students (freshman through graduate) the opportunity to enjoy the benefits and convenience of joining a true living and learning community. Visit [www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing) to learn how to apply for housing.

### **New! GSU myONECARD**

It's here! The one-stop-one-ID that gives you all you need at GSU in one handy card. Work out at the Recreation and Fitness Center, check out some books from the library, get discounts on Center for Performing Arts tickets and access special Student Only activities. Soon you will also be able to pay for your lunch, use the vending machines or print a paper with the myONECARD.

### **New! Immunization Requirement for ALL students**

It's the law! ALL GSU students MUST submit proof of immunization. The completed immunization history form, signed by a healthcare provider, must be on file with GSU before you can register for classes. This applies to ALL GSU students - freshman, transfer, international and graduate students - whether you are new to GSU or in the middle of your degree program. Don't delay - get your immunization records on file.



## GSU Technology Tips

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### **Students can receive help with existing services using the following options:**

- Call the University Computer Help Desk at 708.534.HELP (4357)
- Email the University Computer Help Desk at [helpdesk@govst.edu](mailto:helpdesk@govst.edu)
- Submit a Help Desk ticket through <http://mygsu.govst.edu>
- Visit the Academic Computing Services (ACS) Lab in room D2431

### **Go to MyGSU Portal at <http://mygsu.govst.edu> to access:**

Account Summary • Blackboard • Course Registration • Create Help Desk service tickets • Financial Aid Status • Register for Classes • GSU Email • GSU View • Important University Announcements • Make a Payment • My Transcript • Papercut (Print to GSU printers) • and More ...

### **Passwords**

You will be prompted to change your password the first time you log into the MyGSU Portal and again every 120 days. Be sure to choose a password that is easy to remember but hard for others to guess. In order to ensure full password security, please take these additional steps to protect your password:

- Don't share your password. You're responsible for all activities conducted on your account.
- Make sure you log off MyGSU when using a public computer. You must also close the browser for the log-off process to be complete. If you don't properly log off, someone else may be able to access your information.
- Don't store your password in a program. When your email client or web browser stores your passwords, it is very easy for a hacker or computer virus to retrieve them without your knowledge.

# Make Your Orientation Day a Success

Please keep this information for reference.  
These resources will be very useful in your success at Governors State University.

My GSU Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@student.govst.edu

My Academic Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

## Orientation leaders and other students I would like to keep in contact with later

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Things I am interested in getting involved in at GSU

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## Questions I should ask before I leave Orientation

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## Notes

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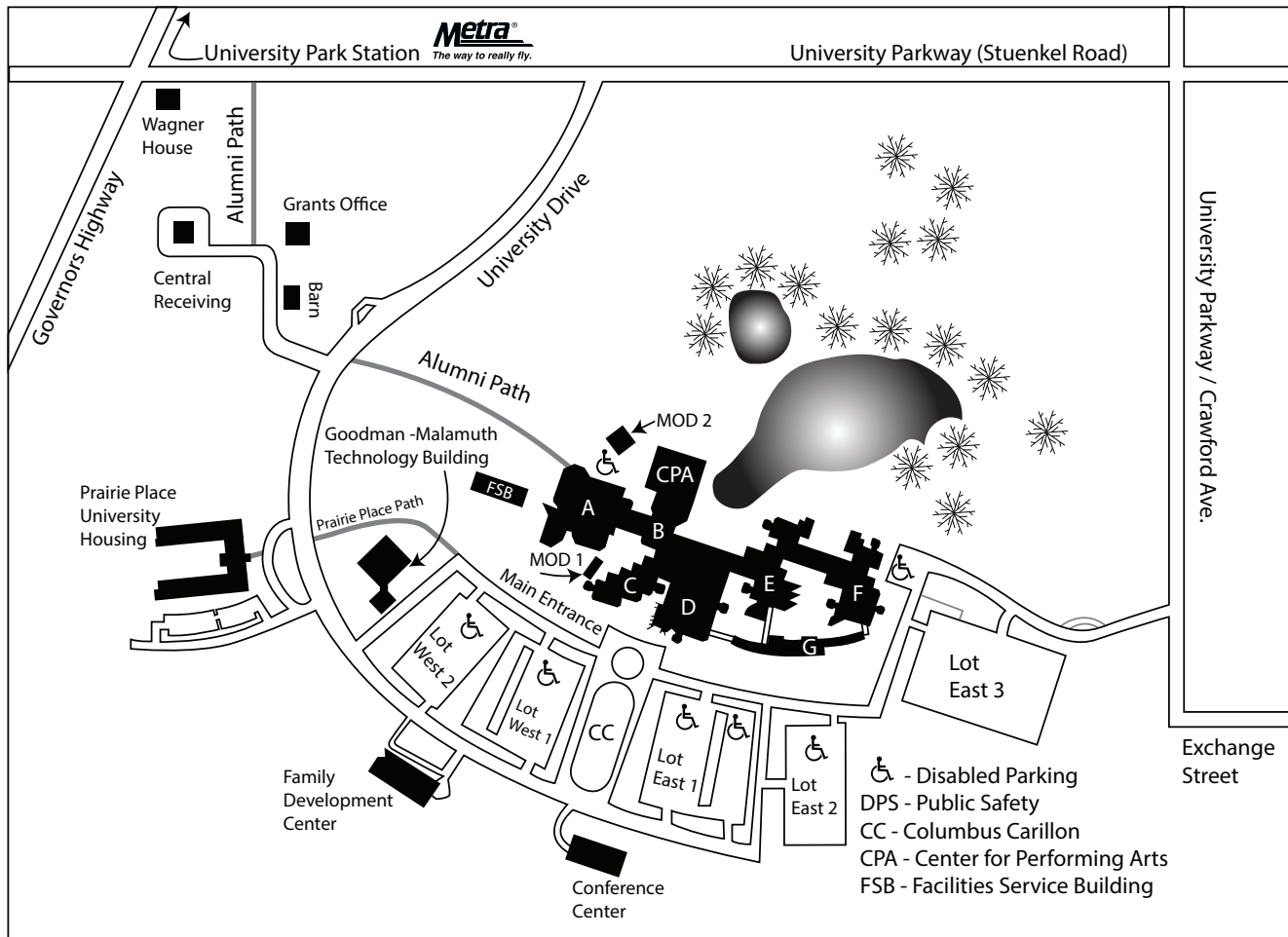
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# Campus Map



Building	Room	Number	Room	Number
<b>A Building</b>				
Career Services	A1120	708.235.3974	Admissions	D1400 708.534.4490
Dean of Students	A2134	708.235.7595	Bookstore	D1493 708.534.4558
Fitness Center/Gymnasium	A1106	708.235.7662	Financial Aid	D1413 708.534.4480
Student Clubs and Organizations	A2100	708.235.7653	Hall of Governors	1st Floor
Student Commons	A2140		Hall of Honors	D1490
Student Life	A2100	708.235.7653	Library	D2400 708.534.4112
Veterans Resource Center	A2109	708.235.2223	Welcome Center	D1400 708.534.4363
<b>B Building</b>				
Academic Resource Center	B1215	708.534.4090	<b>E Building</b>	
Center for Performing Arts	1st Floor	708.235.2222	Art Gallery	E1580 708.534.4021
Disability Services	B1215	708.235.3968	College of Arts & Sciences	
Engbretson Hall	B1200		Dean's Office	E2575 708.534.4101
<b>C Building</b>				
Auxiliary Services and University Housing	C1330	708.235.7110	E-Lounge	E1571
Cashier	C1336	708.534.4055	Sherman Recital Hall	E1530
DPS/Campus Police	C1375	708.534.4900	<b>F Building</b>	
Human Resources	C1360	708.534.4100	<b>G Building</b>	
International Services	C3370	708.235.7611	College of Education	
Registrar's Office	C1300	708.534.4500	Dean's Office	G256 708.534.4050
Writing Center	C1321	708.235.7337	College of Business & Public Administration	
<b>D Building</b>				
Academic Computing Services (ACS) Lab	D2431	708.534.5000 x 5370	Dean's Office	G263 708.534.4930
			College of Health & Human Services	
			Dean's Office	G156 708.534.4388