

We are pleased that you have requested application materials from Governors State University. We recommend that you review all program requirements carefully. Major requirements may vary. Please review the specific requirements in the GSU catalog (on our website at [www.govst.edu/catalog](http://www.govst.edu/catalog)), or on the specific program fact sheet to verify additional admission requirements.

There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee for undergraduate applications. Please enclose a check or money order, made payable to Governors State University. To pay by credit/debit card, please apply online at <http://applynow.govst.edu>. The \$25 non-refundable application fee is waived for applicants who are veterans of or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please contact the Office of Admission for further information. Applications will not be processed until the application fee has been received.

The university reserves the right to cancel your admission if your final high school GPA or college cumulative grade point average for courses in progress at the time of application falls below that required for admission.

## FRESHMAN APPLICATION DEADLINES

--Freshman applications will be accepted for fall semester enrollment only--

### Early Application Deadlines

November 15 – Required application materials due (completed application, official transcripts, optional essay and test scores)  
December 15 – Early Admission Decision Date

### Application Deadlines

April 1 – Application Due  
April 15 – Required application materials due (official transcripts, optional essay and test scores)  
April 30 – Admission Decision Date  
May 1 – Enrollment Deposit Due

## FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Freshmen at GSU are required to attend full time (12 or more credit hours) and take classes that meet Monday-Friday primarily during the day. You are a Freshman applicant if you currently attend high school or have graduated from high school but never attended college or have less than 24 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution. Special consideration will be applied when considering military veteran, international student, home school student, and GED earner applicants. Dual Credit Courses, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits may be accepted (college credit earned prior to attending GSU cannot replace courses all freshmen must take as required in the general education cohort program).

To meet admission criteria, you must have graduated or will graduate from high school with a minimum 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT composite of 18 or SAT equivalent (minimum SAT score range of 860-890 when combining Critical Reading plus Math). Students below an 18 ACT may also be considered for admission. Additionally, you must meet the minimum high school subject requirements of 4 years of English, 3 years of Math, 2 years of Lab Sciences, 2 years of Social Sciences, 2 years of Fine Arts or 2 year of a Foreign Language and 2 years of Elective Academic Units, and submit a 300-500 optional personal essay. The essay may also be used for English placement and scholarship purposes.

Applicants are required to submit official high school transcript and official ACT or SAT score reports (if younger than 21 years old), or official GED. You must submit your final high school transcript after graduating or you will be unable to begin courses.

## PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Applicants with a disability are encouraged to contact the Academic Resource Center at 708.534.4508 for further assistance.

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The Dual Degree Program is an exceptional partnership between Governors State University and Chicago Area Community Colleges offering you an accessible and affordable pathway to your associate and bachelor's degree. Please visit [www.govst.edu/dualdegree](http://www.govst.edu/dualdegree) for more details about requirements and partner community colleges.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Anthropology and Sociology  
    Anthropology ANSO.ANTH.BA  
    Sociology ANSO.SOC.BA  
Art ART.BFA  
Biology BIOL.BS  
Biology Teacher Education BIOL.BTE.BS  
Chemistry CHEM.BS  
Chemistry Teacher Education CHEM.CTE.BS  
Communications  
    Advertising and Public Relations COMM.APR.BA  
    Film-Making and Multimedia COMM.MMC.BA  
    Human Communications COMM.HCM.BA  
    Journalism COMM.JRN.BA  
Computer Science CPSC.BS  
Criminal Justice CJUS.BA  
    Corrections and Punishment CJUS.CPN.BA  
    Law Enforcement and Security CJUS.LFS.BA  
    Restorative and Community Justice CJUS.RCJ.BA  
English ENGL.BA  
English Teacher Education ENGL.ETED.BA  
History HIST.BA  
Information Technology ITECH.BS  
Interdisciplinary Studies IDSS.BA  
Mathematics MATH.BA  
    Actuarial Science MATH.ACS.BA  
Math Teacher Education MATH.MTE.BA  
Media Studies MST.BA  
Political Science POLS.BA  
Social Sciences SOSC.BA  
Theatre and Performance Studies TAPS.BA

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Accounting ACCT.BS  
Business Administration  
    Entrepreneurship BSAD.ENTR.BA  
    Finance BSAD.FIN.BA  
    Human Resources Management BSAD.HRM.BA  
    Management BSAD.MGMT.BA  
    Management Informations Systems BSAD.MIS.BA  
    Marketing BSAD.MKTG.BA  
    Operations and Supply Chain  
        Management BSAD.OSC.BA  
Business and Applied Science BAAS.BA  
Economics ECON.BA  
Economics ECON.BS  
Entrepreneurship ENTR.BA  
Manufacturing Management MFGMGT.BA

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Early Childhood Education EDEC.BA  
Elementary Education ELED.BA  
Psychology PSYC.BA  
    Forensic PSYC.FOR.BA  
    Industrial/Organizational PSYC.IOR.BA  
    Mindfulness PSYC.MDF.BA  
    Pre-Clinical PSYC.PSP.BA

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES**

Communication Disorders CDIS.BHS  
Community Health COMH.BHS  
    Gerontology-Healthy Aging COMH.GHAG.BHS  
    Gerontology-Long Term Care COMH.GLTC.BHS  
    Health Promotion Education COMH.HPED.BHS  
    Pre-Occupational Therapy COMH.PROT.BHS  
Health Administration HLAD.BHA  
Social Work SOCW.BSW

**Please submit:**

- \$25 non-refundable application fee payable to: Governors State University
- Official high school and/or college transcript(s)
- Official ACT or SAT results
- Personal Essay (optional)

Online application available at  
<https://applynow.govst.edu>

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street Apt.#  
City or Town State ZIP Code + 4 Country

Mailing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street Apt.#  
City or Town State ZIP Code + 4 Country

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Previous Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**Ethnic Origin:**

1. Are you Latino/Hispanic? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_
2. Please select the categories below that describe you (select as many as apply)
- American Indian or Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian  White
- Black or African American

Illinois Resident?  Yes  No How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months County \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship Status:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident (attach a copy of permanent resident card, both sides.)  
 Undocumented /Deferred Action  International Student

Citizenship country (if other than U.S.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your military status:  No military service  Active Duty  Active Reserve  National Guard  
 Inactive Reserve  Veteran  Dependent or Survivor of a Veteran

Social Security Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your Social Security Number (SSN) is requested pursuant to Public Law 93-579 for the University's system of student records, as well as for compliance with federal and state reporting requirements. Your SSN is required if you are applying for financial aid but is not required for admission to the University. Providing an SSN will, however, speed up the processing of your application since we will not need to manually match your application with other materials such as transcripts and test scores. Supplying your SSN ensures

Please read the accompanying instructions before completing this application. Please refer to the code sheet on the previous page for all appropriate codes.

Applying for:  Fall (August-December) 2016

Applying as:  First Time Freshman (Never attended college)  Transfer Freshman (Less than 24 credit hours)

All undergraduate degree seeking applicants are admitted to Governors State University, but not into a major program of study. Listing an Intended Major on your application gives your advisor a better idea of your academic goals. Once you are admitted to the university, you may contact the major department or your academic advisor for information about declaring your major.

Intended Major Code (see list on page 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to GSU before?  Yes  No If yes, indicate year \_\_\_\_\_

Have either of your parents or legal guardians received formal education beyond High School?  Yes  No

If yes, please select all that apply: Associate Degree  Yes  No Bachelor Degree  Yes  No Beyond Bachelor Degree  Yes  No

You must list all high schools, colleges or universities you attended. Use reverse chronological order, beginning with most recent.

Name/Campus	City	State	Entered Mo. Yr.	Left Mo. Yr.	Degree or Hours Earned	Date Received or Expected
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

**PERSONAL ESSAY (optional)**

Governors State University considers a variety of factors when making admissions decisions. High school grade point average (GPA), course patterns, and standardized test scores are all important considerations. For students whose applications require further review, an optional academic personal statement may help us come to the right decision. If you choose to submit a statement, it will be considered along with your transcript and test score information to determine your eligibility for admission.

If you choose to submit a statement, it should be approximately 300-500 words and address the following:

1. State why you believe Governors State University is a good fit for your educational goals.
2. Identify and explain your academic strengths and weaknesses.
3. Explain any circumstances which affected your high school academic performance, if applicable.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR EMPLOYMENT:**

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**CAMPUS SAFETY**

For the purpose of the following four questions 'crime' or 'criminal charge' refers to any crime in which the offender is considered an adult, other than a traffic related misdemeanor or an infraction or criminal offense that is sealed/expunged/pardoned or otherwise protected from disclosure by express authority of law. You must, however, include alcohol or drug offenses whether or not they are traffic related.

1. Have you been convicted of a crime?  Yes  No
2. Have you entered a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, a plea of nolo contendere or an Alford plea, or have you received a deferred prosecution or prayer for judgment continued to a criminal charge?  Yes  No
3. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you?  Yes  No
4. Have you ever been expelled, dismissed, suspended, placed on probation or otherwise subject to any disciplinary sanction by any school, college or university (non-academic)?  Yes  No

In addition to the truthful, accurate and complete completion of the Campus Safety Questions, an applicant must promptly notify the Office of Admission in writing of any criminal charge, any disposition of a criminal charge, or any school, college or university disciplinary action against the applicant, or any type of military discharge other than an discharge under honorable conditions that occurs at any time after you submit this application to Governors State University. Your failure to do so will be grounds to deny or withdraw your admission or make you subject to disciplinary sanctions after enrollment.

**ALL APPLICANTS**

**Do you certify the following?**

I understand that once my application has been submitted it may NOT be altered in any way.  Yes  No

I certify that all of the information submitted in the application is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation or expulsion, should the information I certified be false.  Yes  No

I understand that an offer of admission is conditional, pending receipt of final transcripts showing work comparable in quality to that upon which the offer was based.  Yes  No

Signature

Date

**SECURITY INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE**

GSU is committed to assisting all members of the community in providing for their own safety and security. The annual security compliance document is available on the GSU website at [www.govst.edu/cleryact](http://www.govst.edu/cleryact). The website contains information on campus security and personal safety, including crime prevention, university police law-enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures, and other important matters about security on campus. It also contains statistics for the three previous calendar years on reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by GSU, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. This information is required by law and is provided by the GSU's Department of Public Safety.

Governors State University is an equal opportunity institution. The university adheres to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

**For Office Use Only** UGAP Cash  Check  Received by \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign your completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit the application form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your application fee or fee waiver verification form, if applicable
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your personal essay (optional)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit an official high school transcript or GED score (official transcripts from colleges attended, if applicable)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mail application packet to:  
Governors State University  
Office of Admission  
1 University Parkway  
University Parkway, IL 60484

- \_\_\_\_\_ Request your official ACT or SAT scores be sent to Governors State University by:

1. Specify the following codes at time of test taking:
  - For the ACT, use code 1028
  - For the SAT, use code 0807

*OR*

2. Go to the website and specifying the following codes when making your request.
  - For ACT, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org); use code 1028.
  - For SAT, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com); use code 0807.

- \_\_\_\_\_ To maximize your opportunity for federal and state grants file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible beginning January 1 and before February 15. **Governors State University's financial aid code for your FAFSA is 009145.**

- Discuss with your family the financial resources available and expectations for funding your college education.
- Research scholarship opportunities at your school library or with your Guidance Counselor and attend workshops about financial aid.
- Save money from part time jobs to help pay for college expenses.
- Student loans may help you make a great investment in your future. Learn more about college loan programs and other financial aid topics by visiting our web site: [www.govst.edu/financialaid/](http://www.govst.edu/financialaid/)