

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), 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 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
Math Teacher Education MATH.MTE.BA
Media Studies MST.BA
Political Science POLS.BA
Social Sciences SOSOC.BA
Theatre and Performance Studies TAPS.BA

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Accounting ACCT.BS
Economics ECON.BA
Economics ECON.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
Entrepreneurship ENTR.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) 2015

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:

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.

If you answered “yes” to any of the four Campus Safety Questions listed on the application, please explain the circumstances below, including the following information for review of the Readmission or Special Admission Committee at Governors State University:

- A brief explanation of the criminal offense(s) or pending criminal charge(s)
- Date(s)
- Location (city, state, county)
- Case Number(s)
- Court Disposition

The required information/documentation should be sent at the time of the application for admission in a statement, typed in English, dated and including your signature to:

READMISSION AND SPECIAL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
 Office of Admission
 Governors State University
 1 University Parkway
 University Park, IL 60484

The university will not consider an application complete until the required statement is received and included in your admission file. If, after reviewing your statement the university determines it needs to gather additional information before making a decision on your application the university reserves the right to request a release from you for the release of original court, military or educational disciplinary records in making an admission decision.

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

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

CAMPUS SAFETY

Governors State University is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all members of the University community. As part of this commitment, the University requires all applicants to disclose pending criminal charges or criminal convictions, or educational disciplinary separation from an educational institution by answering the four Campus Safety Questions below. The completion of the Campus Safety Questions is a mandatory part of the Governors State University admissions process. Applications in which an applicant answers 'yes' to any of the Campus Safety Questions will be reviewed by the University prior to an admission decision.

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Governors State University does not necessarily deny admission simply because an applicant has a history of criminal or civil offenses or disciplinary matters. In making admission decisions, GSU considers a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the nature, number, and date of offenses in light of the requirements for participation in its programs. If you do not disclose your complete history here, regardless of your reason, GSU may, upon discovering your failure to disclose, subject you to discipline up to and including denial of admission, revocation of admission, cancellation of university housing application, suspension or dismissal after matriculation or revocation of degree.

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. 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.

FRESHMAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- _____ 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*; use code 1028.
 - For SAT, visit *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/*