GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

2018 – 19

COUNSELOR UPDATES

Fully Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
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.

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.
THE FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE
Sample Program of Study

Fall 1
Cohort Courses:
History of US to 1865
Writing Studies I
FYS: Interdisciplinary Humanities

Non-Cohort:
Math/Statistics
Elective or Science

Spring 1
Cohort Courses:
Foundations of US Democracy
Writing Studies II
Intro to Visual & Performing Arts

Non-Cohort:
Elective
Science

Fall 2
Cohort Courses:
Macroeconomics
Public Discourse
Principles of Psychology

Non-Cohort:
Humanities
Elective
Science

Spring 2
Option:
Career Exploration

Prerequisites for Major

Fall 3
Junior Seminar:
Including Transfer

Courses in Major & Minor

Spring 3
Courses in Major
Courses in Minor

Fall 4
Courses in Major

Courses in Minor

Spring 4
Capstone Project
Finish Courses in Major
HERE, YOU ARE NOT JUST A NAME. YOU’RE MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF.

At GSU, academic excellence is mission-central. With 30 undergraduate majors and 36 minors offered through our four colleges, undergraduate students have opportunities to study in fields that unleash their strengths, and with a variety of Student Success Initiatives, they soar beyond their potential.

GSU Student Success Initiatives

Service & Leadership Seminar for Freshmen and New Transfer Students is an experiential learning opportunity developing a pathway to leadership, self-awareness, and service for a successful collegiate transition.

Civic Engagement and Community Service Center focuses on coordinating opportunities to further social justice and civic responsibility. The center coordinates students interested in service opportunities, faculty interested in incorporating service and civic engagement activities in their classes, and community partners interested in recruiting volunteers.

Student Leadership Institute is a distinctive co-curricular certificate program designed for students seeking leadership development opportunities that contribute to their personal development and help them achieve their leadership potential. The Inclusive Leadership Conference is designed to create an understanding and appreciation for diverse identities amongst students through social justice education.

Male Success Initiative is a multifaceted enrichment program focused on the retention and graduation of Black and Latino male students. MSI programming is based on civic engagement, cultural exploration, curriculum enhancement, and character enrichment to ensure participants have a holistic educational experience.

Student Media Opportunities provide experiential learning in the field through entirely student-created work, such as in weekly news segment This Week at GSU (TWAG), Sports Broadcasting internships, and the university’s newly developed Center for Media Ethics.

Center for the Junior Year assists students entering their junior year in making informed choices about majors and careers. CJY uses a student-centered approach that guides students to discover their untapped potential and refine their interests to earn the bachelor’s degree that supports their goals.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BUSINESS
Accounting (B.S.)
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.)
Elementary Education (B.A.)
Psychology – General, Forensic, Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)

For a full listing of programs, including graduate and doctoral, visit www.govst.edu/programlisting.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

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

National Survey of Student Engagement 2018
Governors State University has declared its commitment to accessibility and inclusivity by partnering with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ (AASCU) #Opps4All campaign. GSU knows that representation matters—and it shows in our diverse student and faculty populations, resources dedicated to first generation college students, and accessible tuition and fees.

### AFFORDABILITY BREAKDOWN*

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*Calculated costs shown are for dependent students and include tuition, fees, and housing. Individual circumstances may alter financial aid eligibility. For questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid at faid@govst.edu or 708.534.4800.

**Institutional scholarship amounts are an approximation based on the prior year’s awarding. Circumstances vary based on EFC and merit opportunities available on campus. For a full listing of institutional and foundational scholarships, visit www.govst.edu/scholarships. Presidential Scholar may choose to take Direct Loans to cover other related cost of attendance.
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

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

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

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:
- $4,000 award

Dean’s Scholarship:
- $2,000 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 are considered for merit scholarships, as funds are available.

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
- International Students: Diversity is the heartbeat of Governors State University and our multicultural students and staff are the rhythm. 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
- 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
HERE, YOU ARE NOT JUST GETTING A REAL WORLD EDUCATION. YOU’RE GETTING EDUCATED IN THE REAL WORLD.
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 $2,948 for a semi-suite, double occupancy bedroom to $4,173 for a four-bedroom, single occupancy apartment—wireless access, cable, and utilities are included.

Applications will be available online February 13, 2019. Early application and deposit are advised.

For information, contact the Department of University Housing:
708.235.7115
housing@govst.edu
www.govst.edu/housing

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.gsujaguars.com

Complete the Prospective Athlete Interest Form:
www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit

GSU athletic scholarships are available to qualified students.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply today, complete an application online at 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.

In-state (Illinois and Indiana):

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*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.

govst.edu/finaid

*Based on 15 semester hours Fall and Spring Semester
Based on semi-suite double occupancy option
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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MILES TO GSU:

- Joliet (24 miles)
- Orland Park (20 miles)
- Palos Hills (22 miles)
- Chicago Heights (7.5 miles)
- Gary, IN (31 miles)
- Merrillville, IN (24 miles)
- Kankakee (29 miles)
- Downtown Chicago (36 miles)
- Naperville (42 miles)