



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



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

At Governors State University, we take pride in our diversity. We look like the world. We look like you. Our campus, which is the safest in the state, provides each student with opportunities to thrive in a welcoming environment where independence is celebrated and supported.

If you are an undergraduate student, you'll be taught by full-time professors in classes of no more than 30 students. No teaching assistants. No packed auditoriums. This 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. Emerge from GSU as a professional prepared to meet the demands of an ever-changing global society.

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 English as a Second Language Program can help. Our intensive 15-week study program is taught by faculty who can help you with language, and much more, so that 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.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

BUSINESS

Accounting (B.S., M.S.)

Business Administration (B.A.)

Concentrations in: Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management

Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Specialization Options: Business Analytics, Finance, Leadership, Supply Chain Management, or create a Custom Specialization

Business and Applied Science (B.A.)

Economics (B.A.)

Management Information Systems (M.S.)

Manufacturing Management (B.A.)

COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

Art (B.F.A.)

Communication (B.A., M.A.)

Independent Film and Digital Imaging (M.F.A.)

Media Studies (B.A.)

Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

EDUCATION

Counseling (M.A.)

Clinical Mental Health, Marriage and Family, and School Counseling

Counselor Education & Supervision (Ed.D.)

Early Childhood Education (B.A.)

Licensure and Non-Licensure

Educational Administration (M.A.)

Principal Leadership

Elementary Education (B.A.)

ESL Endorsement, Post-baccalaureate Certificate

Interdisciplinary Leadership (Ed.D.) Concentrations in Higher Education and in Superintendent

Reading Specialist Endorsement, Post-baccalaureate Certificate

Secondary Education Teacher Licensure, Post-baccalaureate Certificate

Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

Psychology (B.A.)

General, Forensic, Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical

Psychology (M.A.) Sequence in Clinical or Theoretical

School Psychology (Ed.S.)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Addictions Studies (M.H.S.)

Communication Disorders (B.H.S., M.H.S.)

Community Health (B.H.S.)

Health Administration (B.H.A, M.H.A.)

Health Informatics (B.S., M.S.)

Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)

Nursing (M.S.N.)

Sequence in Nursing Administration, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Family Nurse Practitioner

Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)

Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Social Work (B.S.W., M.S.W)

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)

Criminal Justice (B.A., M.A.)

English (B.A.)

English (M.A.)

Sequences in Literature, Writing

Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)

History (B.A.)

Interdisciplinary Leadership (Ed.D.)

Not for Profit/Social Entrepreneurship

Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)

Political Science (B.A.)

Public Administration (M.P.A.)

SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Analytical Chemistry (M.S.)

Biology (B.S.)

Chemistry (B.S.)

Computer Science (B.S., M.S.)

Environmental Biology, Management, and Policy (M.S.)

Information Technology (B.S.)

Mathematics (B.A.)

Concentrations in General Mathematics and Actuarial Science

Mathematics (M.S.)

Concentrations in General Mathematics, Teacher Education, and Actuarial Science



TUITION AND FEES

GSU combines academic excellence with affordability. Our tuition rates are always among the lowest of Illinois' four-year institutions.

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.

UNDERGRADUATE	TOTAL*
General	\$26,624
GRADUATE	TOTAL*
Master's (General)	\$23,852
Master's (Business Administration)	\$25,760
Master's (Occupational Therapy)	\$28,784
Specialist (School Psychology)	\$26,336
Doctoral (Nursing Practice, OT, PT)	\$29,946
Doctoral (Interdisciplinary Leadership, or Counselor Education & Supervision)	\$26,634
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM	
Intensive ESL Program – Tuition, fees, and books per semester	\$5,500
Intensive ESL Program – Total financial support required to receive I-20 or DS-2019	\$27,500**

* Total includes the sum of tuition and fees, living expenses, and books for one academic year.

** 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
508, 5th Floor, Babu Khan Estate
Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029
Tel: 91.9912881199
Email: indus@indus.org
Website: www.indus.org/higheredu

For other inquiries, please visit:

GSU Office of International Services at www.govst.edu/ois. Prospective and admitted students can also send questions directly to OIS by emailing ois@govst.edu.



“Settling into GSU could not have been easier—an OIS staff member actually met me and my young daughter at the airport! Not only was OIS helpful in getting all my paperwork and

processing finalized, but once I got on campus the entire GSU community was so welcoming: you could walk up to anyone and they’d be willing to help. The academic opportunities at GSU also have been great: as part of one of my courses, our professor had us doing a project on-site for Kloeckner Metals. Such experience and learning simply cannot be replicated in a classroom, and it exposed me to real-time applications of my studies.”

Premlatha Paga, MIS '17



“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
Dean, College of Business



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 for more information! Prospective and admitted students can also send questions directly to OIS by emailing ois@govst.edu.

How to Apply

Information about the application process can be found online at www.govst.edu/admissions.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Visit www.govst.edu/ois or send questions/inquiries to ois@govst.edu.

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/.
- International Student Information Form, located at 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.



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.



“GSU’s diverse, global student body is welcoming, and that definitely encouraged me to get more involved in the community. In fact, I have been working as a peer mentor since Fall 2016, helping freshmen adjust to campus life. It’s an extremely rewarding experience.”

Jaykishan Bairagi, MIS '17



THE GSU JAGUARS

Let your competitive spirit roar! The athletes of GSU are the heart of our 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

Athletic and Recreation Center

The Athletic and Recreation Center has a 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 **Phone:** 708.534.4556

Website: www.gsu-jaguars.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.

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

This 7400 square meter, \$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: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

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.

GSU, the safest campus in the state and eight safest in the nation, is surrounded by 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.**



YOUR FUTURE BEGINS AT GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY!

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easily accessible by car or Metra commuter train.



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