



HERE, YOU ARE.

THE FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING AT GSU





Our Philosophy

At Governors State University, we take passion and purpose personally. We're invested in your forever. That's why we've created an immersive first-year experience that allows you to seamlessly transition from high school to college. Our distinct approach to the university experience doesn't just prepare you for a long-term career: it equips you to enter the world as a leader.

Here, you are supported every step of the way.

Supporting students is at the heart of our mission. We want your transition into university life to be as easy as possible. That's why we've designed numerous resources to ensure you receive the **support** you need **at every stage**. It all starts with a visit to our **Undergraduate Academic Advising Center** where you can connect with an advisor anytime. Need additional preparation? You can find it through **Smart Start**, our unique take on a bridge program. Or, for those who crave a challenge, our **Honors Program** offers an **enriched academic experience**.

Completing college in four years is part of the GSU experience.

Finishing your degree in **four years flat** is possible. **Supportive advisors** make sure you stay the course so when the time comes to select a major, you'll be well on your way to degree completion. By following a guided pathway, you'll be enrolled in **full-time, daytime classes** designed to keep you on track to fulfilling the requirements of every undergraduate program we offer. On a specific career trajectory? Consider following one of our structured guided pathways to **launch your career** in the most efficient way possible.

We know your strengths are the key to your success.

You know what makes you *you*—and we want to know too! At GSU, we don't just recognize **your unique attributes**—we work with you to develop your strengths. Become the best *you* you can be through our **strengths-based learning approach**.

Your professors will know your name—and your classmates will too.

Your accomplishments will shine on our **intimate campus**. As a freshman, you're embedded in a themed **learning community** with a network of peers. **Together, you'll navigate** the first three semesters of campus life. Each **first-year class is capped at 30 students**, and all of our first-year instructors are **full-time faculty** members—so you'll know each of your professors and fellow students personally.

Mentorship prepares you for success after college.

Mentorship is essential to your success—and Gallup polls agree. Research shows that long after you graduate, your professional engagement and overall well-being are directly linked to **meaningful relationships** with your college mentors. We facilitate these important bonds by providing every freshman class with a **peer mentor**: a specially selected and trained GSU student who has successfully learned the ropes of freshman year. In addition, our **low faculty-to-student ratio** also ensures you'll reap the benefits of **individualized instruction** and **mentorship** from faculty members who are leading scholars in their fields.



Critical Analysis
Steps 1-5
-Writing Process

WHAT IS THE GSU EXPERIENCE?

The GSU experience is different at every stage of your education—and for good reason. Your needs change as you develop your skills, discover your passion, and prepare yourself for your professional journey ahead.

Jaguar Bites: Academic Advising

Through a close partnership with your advisor, your undergraduate experience is crafted to develop your talents—not just as a student but as an individual. From the day you apply to the day of graduation, advisors provide structure, guidance, and support for you to make sure you are taking the right step every time. Learn more at www.govst.edu/advising.

Freshman Year

As a GSU freshman, you'll choose from one of our three learning communities, also known as cohorts. Within the group, you'll experience a cooperative learning environment made up of peers and mentors extending your education far beyond traditional career preparation. Your academic advisor will ready you for success by providing a structured, full-time schedule custom-built to keep you on track to finish college in four years. Every freshman enrolls in First Year Seminar, a foundational humanities course that prepares you for a strong academic experience.

On weekdays, you'll attend classes with your fellow learning community students. After class, dive into life at GSU by attending athletics events, theatrical performances, and other campus activities. Don't forget to budget time for studying: find a spot in the Lakeside Lounge, or book one of the Library's reserveable group study rooms equipped with smart technology.

If you are transferring from another accredited college or university with less than 24 credit hours, you will enroll as a freshman and take part in a learning community. Consult with your advisor to determine how your credits will transfer.

Sophomore Year

During your sophomore year, you'll focus your academic interests by selecting a major that brings your mission to life. Select a major from one of our colleges, such as the College of Education, College of Health and Human Services, College of Arts and Sciences, or the AACSB-accredited College of Business.

Junior Year

Experience a real-world education as you delve deeply into your major by taking advantage of many on-campus opportunities for professional development. Our Center for the Junior Year is here to help you connect your passion to your purpose. Visit Career Services to learn valuable ways to build your interview skills, prepare your résumé, and attend career and internship fairs.

Senior Year

The final year of your undergraduate experience culminates with a Senior Capstone course. Demonstrate your academic achievement through a cumulative project that shows off the accomplishment of four years of study. Many of our seniors create capstone projects with real-life impact, touching the lives of community members on and off-campus.

I'M READY TO TURN MY PASSION INTO MY PURPOSE. WHAT PROGRAMS CAN HELP GET ME THERE?

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 and Applied Science (B.A.)
- Economics (B.A.)
- Manufacturing Management (B.A.)
- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Specialization Options: Business Analytics, Finance, Leadership, Supply Chain Management, or create a custom specialization
- Management Information Systems (M.I.S.)

If you have drive, determination, and discipline, you will be on your way to advancing your career with the knowledge and skills you gain through our diverse programs, including ones focused in **Business, Economic Development, and Supply Chain and Logistics.**

HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

- Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)
- Art (B.F.A.)
- Communication (B.A., M.A.)
- Criminal Justice (B.A., M.A.)
- English (B.A.)
- English (M.A.) – Sequences in Literature and Writing
- Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)
- History (B.A.)
- Independent Film and Digital Imaging (M.F.A.)
- Interdisciplinary Leadership – Not for Profit/Social Entrepreneurship (Ed.D.)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)
- Media Studies (B.A.)
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

Art is not simply an activity done by artists. It is a phenomenon that shapes perception, embodies emotion, communicates attitudes, and expands the boundaries of human experience. If you are interested in exploring your own creativity, consider our programs in the **Creative and Expressive Arts.**

SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Analytical Chemistry (M.S.)
- Biology (B.S.)
- Chemistry (B.S.)
- Computer Science (B.S., M.S.)
- Data Analytics, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Digital Forensics and Data Analytics, Post-Baccalaureate Certificates
- 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

Our increasingly technological society has resulted in an ever-growing demand for graduates in computer science fields. Through our **Technology programs**, you will learn to use state-of-the-art technology, systems, and applications to solve real-world problems.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Addictions Studies (M.H.S.)
- Addictions Screening, Assessment, and Referral, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- 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: Sequence in Nursing Administration, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Family Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.)
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's Certificate
- Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
- Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
- Social Work (B.S.W., M.S.W.)

The Health Professions and Life Science Pathways Cohort for highly qualified incoming freshmen provides a clear pathway into the rapidly growing health professions. If you meet the rigorous standards as an undergraduate in the Health Professions and Life Science Pathway, you may be eligible for guaranteed admissions into our Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Health Sciences in Communication Disorders, or Doctor of Physical Therapy programs.

EDUCATION

- Early Childhood Education – Licensure and Non-Licensure (B.A.)
- Early Childhood Education for Currently Licensed Teachers, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Elementary Education (B.A.)
- Educational Administration – Principal Leadership (M.A.)
- College Career Counseling, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- ESL Endorsement, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Interdisciplinary Leadership: Concentrations in Higher Education and in Superintendent (Ed.D.)
- Reading Specialist Endorsement, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Online Teaching, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Special Education Endorsement Coursework, Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement
- Secondary Education Teacher Licensure – Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics
- Psychology and Counseling
- Counseling – Clinical Mental Health, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, and School Counseling (M.A.)
- Post-Master's Certifications – Mindfulness in the Helping Professions, Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, School Counseling
- Psychology – General, Forensic, Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)
- Psychology: Clinical Sequence (M.A.)
- School Psychology (Ed.S.)
- Counselor Education & Supervision (Ed.D.)

You'll find that the skills and knowledge our **Human Behavior and Development programs** offer will prepare you to lead, implement, and provide support to diverse constituencies on both the individual and community levels.



For a complete list of programs, visit www.govst.edu/ProgramListing.

I WANT AN EVEN GREATER CHALLENGE. IS GOVERNORS STATE THE PLACE FOR ME?

With a variety of ways to ensure you'll have an experience tailored to your unique journey, our guided pathways* are focused on moving you toward fulfilling your dreams.

Honors Program

Challenge yourself in a deeply enriching academic experience by joining the GSU Honors Program. In the Honors Program, you will enroll in a learning community composed entirely of your fellow honors students. Together, you'll develop personal and professional skills through high-impact, challenging, and experiential learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

In the Honors Program, undergraduate students share in:

- Exploring challenging subjects and ideas
- Cultivating individual strengths
- Developing leadership skills

To be eligible for the GSU Honors Program, students must meet and maintain selective criteria. Your GSU application serves as your application to the Honors Program.

Learn more at www.govst.edu/honors.

*Guided pathways are exclusively available to admitted, honors-eligible students.

Health and Life Sciences Pathway

Health careers are among the fastest growing professions, projected to grow 19 percent by 2024.* Pursue your future health profession through our guided Health and Life Sciences Pathway, a pathway designed to prepare you for a range of opportunities in the allied health professions.

As a freshman in the Health and Life Sciences Pathway, you will work with your advisor to select courses best suited for a pre-health track or bachelor's degree. As you move toward a career in the health and life sciences, choose from one of eleven tracks within the pathway, including biology, chemistry, nursing, pre-physical therapy, pre-occupational therapy, communication disorders, and others.

*According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2015

GSU/PSC Nursing Track

If you are specifically pursuing a career in nursing, your pathway will take a slightly different route through a five-year curriculum. If you choose this track within the Health and Life Sciences Pathway, your first two years as an undergraduate student at GSU will fulfill your general education requirements and nursing preparation courses. During your third and fourth years, eligible students will complete an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Nursing at Prairie State College (PSC). You will then return to GSU as a registered nurse (RN) to complete your Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Guaranteed Professional Health Track

Students who seek a challenging pathway toward a career in the health professions are encouraged to apply for our highly competitive Guaranteed Professional Health Track. Acceptance into this track guarantees admission to our masters (occupational therapy and communication disorders) and doctoral (physical therapy) programs as long as GPA and curriculum requirements are met. In the case that you fall below the track's criteria, you may still remain in the Health and Life Sciences Pathway.

Five-Year MBA Track

Earn a Bachelor's degree and a Master of Business Administration in just five years through our 4+1 MBA Track. Enroll in a highly structured track designed for students committed to achieving an MBA in less time. Customize a completion track that is right for you through a variety of online, hybrid, or on-campus classes. Choose from innovative MBA specializations such as business analytics, finance, leadership, and supply chain management, or work with your advisor to design your own unique concentration.

Honors Civic Engagement Learning Community

If you're still figuring out your career goals—or have different goals in mind—you can take advantage of our learning community designed for freshmen in the Honors Program. Across courses, you will delve into the themes of human dignity, justice, ethical integrity, and freedom. Your courses will be enhanced to encourage innovative thinking, interdisciplinary learning, and research or creative inquiry. Earn points toward completion of the Honors Program by taking part in research, conferences, and internships available on and off campus.

See a sample curriculum at www.govst.edu/honors-program-QA.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

We have an abundance of resources and teams dedicated to your wellness and success. Here are just some of our most popular on-campus services.

Career Services

Your college education is a catalyst for your future career. Get a jumpstart on building your résumé.

www.govst.edu/careerservices

Health and Student Counseling Center

New to GSU and available to all enrolled students, our two-prong approach to wellness and self-care includes medical care managed by Advocate Health Care and counseling services provided by licensed GSU counselors.

www.govst.edu/advocate-health-center

Undergraduate Academic Advising Center

Enjoy the confidence of knowing an academic advisor is always available to you during business hours with our new UAAC.

www.govst.edu/academicadvising

GSU4U

Personal challenges and emergencies can interfere with your academic progress. GSU4U is here to help if you experience difficulty securing food or housing by connecting you with valuable resources.

www.govst.edu/gsu4u

Resources for Writers

Writing studies at GSU transcend the traditional freshman composition course. We make sure that your writing is improving at every level of your academic career.

www.govst.edu/resources-for-writers

The Jaguar Den

Relax between classes, connect with friends, and discover student resources in this student lounge. Here, you will also find support services such as the GSU Food Pantry, Jaguar Career Closet, and more.

www.govst.edu/jaguarden

Veterans Resource Center

If you are a veteran or active duty military, you and your family members will receive guidance, assistance, and resource referral services from fellow military representatives.

www.govst.edu/veterans

Center for the Junior Year

The CJY isn't just for juniors. Here, you explore how to design your field of study that leads into your personal career goals through internships and experiential learning.

Email cjy@govst.edu

Library

Need a quiet place to study, a private room to work on a group project, or help with research or writing a paper? Visit the GSU Library. Resources are also available online.

www.govst.edu/library

Tutoring Services

Work through challenging courses with tutors who excel in the subject. Make an appointment at the Student Success Commons for help with any of your courses.

www.govst.edu/ARC

Access Services for Students with Disabilities

Accessible education is our mission. Every student can find the right path at GSU.

www.govst.edu/disability-services

Leadership Training

One of the most highly valued career skills is leadership. We've developed multiple programs for building your skills so you can bring them to life.

www.govst.edu/Leadership

Writing Center

Writing is a foundational academic skill that you will continually develop throughout your undergraduate curriculum. Visit in person or online for help with writing for any course.

www.govst.edu/writingcenter

Male Success Initiative

MSI is an enrichment program for male students, particularly men of color, that provides professional, academic, and personal development. Come make your plan for success from orientation to graduation.

www.govst.edu/msi

Family Development Center

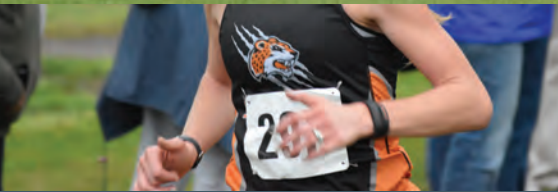
We understand that education is a whole-family commitment. Our NAEYC-accredited program is designed to provide the highest level of care for your child.

www.govst.edu/children

Student Life

Put the "U" in GSU: join one of over 80 student clubs and organizations that energize our thriving campus life.

www.govst.edu/studentlife



HOW ABOUT A LITTLE TEAM SPIRIT?

GSU student-athletes shine both on the field and in the classroom. Part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), GSU provides the necessary tools for student-athletes to be competitive on the playing field, successful in the classroom, and recognized as leaders on campus and in the community. In 2017, student-athletes were recognized locally and nationally for their academic achievements by the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) and the NAIA.

Learn how to become a student-athlete at www.gsujaguars.com.

UNLEASH YOUR INNER JAGUAR.

Take part in our competitive athletics, or relax and enjoy the game.

- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Women's Volleyball

See a schedule of all Jaguar athletic events at www.govst.edu/jaguar-schedule.



LEARNING COMMUNITY DESCRIPTIONS

Civic Engagement: The founders of our nation had some big ideas. Students in this theme group will dig deep into those ideas and learn more about what democracy means.

Global Citizenship: Ours is a diverse, interconnected world. Students in this theme group will look into the forces that drive both collaboration and conflict among nations.

Sustainability: You have a role in protecting the health and vitality of the planet. Students in this theme group will concentrate on important issues that will prepare you for that role.

BREAKING IT DOWN: TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Cohort: Themed groups of students who take most of the same classes during their first two years at GSU: also called a learning community.

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the ultimate resource to help you find money for college. Mark your calendar for October 1 to do your FAFSA each year.

First-Year Seminar: A course taken during the first semester of Freshman year that introduces you to the undergraduate experience by exploring the global theme of your cohort.

Freshman: A classification that applies to students who have completed between 0 and 24 credit hours: also known as First-Year Students.

Mastering College: A one-credit-hour course available to all and required for some Smart Start students that is designed to facilitate your success as an undergraduate student.

Senior Capstone: A course during your final year at GSU that ties together your entire undergraduate experience through a culminating project.

Guided Pathways: Keeping your career goals at heart, we have designed programs to guide you along a path to success. Most guided pathways require students to begin taking specified courses in their first year.

Jaguar Bites: R.O.A.R. New Student Orientation

Once admitted, your journey as a GSU student begins with R.O.A.R. (Resources, Orientation, Advising, and Registration), where you will learn about resources designed to help you succeed as a college student. During this one-day event, you will learn your way around campus, meet with an academic advisor, spend time with other incoming students, and register for classes. It all happens at R.O.A.R., and all incoming students are required to attend. Learn more at www.govst.edu/FreshmanOrientation.



I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE. NOW LET'S TALK COST.

Accessibility is at the heart of our mission— that's why GSU's tuition rates are always among the lowest in Illinois. Are you an Indiana undergraduate student? You'll still receive the same low in-state tuition rate.

Jaguar Bites: International Students

Your immersion into a new culture and language will prepare you with lifelong leadership skills. Study on our peaceful campus while having easy access to the international hub of Chicago, only a one-hour train ride away. GSU welcomes students from across the globe to study under our renowned faculty and alongside peer students. Our Office of International Services will guide you through every step of your journey; from the application process and obtaining official immigration documentation to post-graduation optional work authorization, we are here to help. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/OIS.

In-state (Illinois and Indiana):

*Tuition:** \$9,390

Fees: \$2,356

Total (without housing) \$11,746

*Housing:*** \$5,724

***Total (with housing)* \$17,470**

Out-of-State:

*Tuition:** \$18,780

Fees: \$2,356

Total (without housing): \$21,136

*Housing:*** \$5,724

***Total (with housing):* \$26,860**

**Based on 15 semester hours Fall and Spring Semester*

***Based on semi-suite double occupancy option*

Calculate your own approximate costs using our tuition estimator at www.govst.edu/tuition.

Return on Investment

GSU was recently ranked among the top 50 universities nationally for offering the best return on your college investment by LendEDU. Simply put, students who invest tuition dollars at GSU are likely to have a well-paying job after college. In fact, 80 percent of GSU students are employed six months after graduation, while the national average is just 52 percent.

Applying for Financial Aid

Loans, grants, out-of-pocket—there are a lot of ways to pay for college. We know that this process can be a challenge, so our Office of Financial Aid offers a series of financial aid workshops called FAFSA Fridays that make sure you know all of your payment options *and* meet their deadlines. Students who apply early have more opportunities to receive federal, state, and institutional aid—a move that can significantly reduce your debt after college.

The FAFSA opens for the 2018–19 year on October 1, 2017. Complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.

Scholarships

Making sure you find every financial resource available to you is part of our commitment to your long-term success. GSU offers a variety of institutional scholarships based on academic merit, personal achievement, or financial need. We will also work with you to find external scholarships available through a variety of channels. Resources can be found at www.govst.edu/scholarships.

Work-Study Opportunities

If you are eligible for federal work-study, you can apply for a job right here on campus. Our Office of Career Services will help you find a job that will provide you with valuable experience and résumé-building opportunities. Find out more at www.govst.edu/work-study.



MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME AT PRAIRIE PLACE.

Where to Live?

Find the perfect living option in Prairie Place—GSU’s state-of-the-art campus housing—as you develop lifelong relationships with fellow students, attend campus programs, and enjoy close proximity to your classes. Live alongside faculty-in-residence who facilitate thought-provoking conversations in our true living and learning community.

Admitted prospective students who enroll at GSU in the summer or fall of 2018 can apply for housing starting February 13, 2018. Assignments are made based on the date the completed application (including application fee and pre-payment) is submitted. Early application and deposit are advised. For more information, email housing@govst.edu, call 708.235.7110, or visit www.govst.edu/housing.





Hungry for more than just education? Satisfy your Jaguar appetite with a GSU Meal Plan.

STEP 1: Complete the online application and review Terms and Conditions at www.govst.edu/housing/mealplan.

STEP 2: Pay for your Plan. Meal plan charge for the fall semester will be placed on your student account starting in June. If you have sufficient financial aid, the cost of the meal plan will be covered by your financial aid allocation.

STEP 3: Meal plan funds are allocated to your myONECARD for use when the GSU Meal Plan contract starts.

Meal plan dates: August 23, 2018 and January 20, 2019

STEP 4: Once your meal plan account is funded and the semester starts, use your meal plan monies as you would use a debit card. Each time you purchase food and beverages, the amount of your purchase is subtracted from your meal plan account. You can monitor your balance at any time from your myONECARD online account.

CHOOSE FROM THREE DIFFERENT MEAL PLANS

Gold: \$1500/semester • **Silver:** \$1000/semester • **Bronze:** \$500/semester

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Create an account and complete your application at applynow.govst.edu.
2. Pay the \$25 application fee online or submit an application fee waiver.
3. Arrange to have your counselor send an official high school transcript and/or request prior college transcripts be sent to GSU.*
4. Arrange to have ACT, SAT, and/or Advanced Placement (AP) scores sent to GSU. GSU ACT Code: 1028 GSU SAT Code: 0807*
5. Once admitted, submit a \$50 enrollment deposit on or before May 1.

*School officials may email official transcripts and test scores to apotranscripts@govst.edu or send through U.S. mail to Governors State University Admission Processing, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. All supplemental items must be received in order for your application to be completed and reviewed for an admission decision.

Apply by November 1 for maximum scholarship consideration.

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? TALK TO THE EXPERTS AT AN UNDERGRADUATE OPEN HOUSE.

Mingle with peer mentors and learn about campus life, ask about academic programs, visit with financial aid experts, and tour campus.

SATURDAYS FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

October 14, 2017*

November 4, 2017

February 10, 2018

March 24, 2018

June 23, 2018



*Combined undergraduate and graduate Open House event.

If you can't make an Open House, come by for a visit on weekdays at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. Call our Office of Admissions at 708.534.4490 to schedule your appointment.

Admission Requirements

- 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 score (students 21 or over exempt)
- Earned fewer than 25 semester hours of college credit to start at GSU as a freshman
 - 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
 - Conditional admission is offered to 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

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. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/placement.

View all Open House events at www.govst.edu/openhouse-events.

Minimum Required Coursework	Recommended Coursework
English 4 years	English 4 years
Math 3 years	Math** 4 years
Social Sciences 2 years	Social Sciences** 3 years
Lab Sciences 2 years	Lab Sciences 3 years
One Foreign Language 2 years or Fine Arts 2 years	One Foreign Language** 3-4 years or Fine Arts 2-3 years
Elective Academic Units 2 years	Elective Academic Units 2 years

** Strongly recommended

Jaguar Bites: Smart Start

If you are selected to participate in Smart Start, you'll arrive two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Intensive two-week sessions in English, math, or both, will equip you with the skills you need to succeed in college. Some Smart Start students will also enroll in Mastering College, a one-credit-hour course that supports your transition to university life. For more information, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.govst.edu/smart-start.

READY TO BECOME A JAGUAR? HERE'S HOW TO DO IT.

Steps to Take

- 1 Visit campus during one of our Open House events. **pg. 20**

- 2 Complete your application at **applynow.govst.edu**. Apply by November 1 to maximize your opportunity for campus honors program scholarships. **pg. 20**

- 3 Take the first step in paying for college by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting October 1. **pg. 17**

- 4 Pay your enrollment deposit by May 1. **pg. 20**

- 5 Search for GSU and other scholarships. Resources available at **www.govst.edu/scholarships**. **pg. 17**

- 6 Secure your on-campus residence by completing applications for Prairie Place and your GSU Meal Plan. **pg. 18**

- 7 Attend R.O.A.R. New Student Orientation to meet with your advisor, register for classes, and get your GSU OneCard. **pg. 15**





Mark Your 2017–18 Calendar

2017

October 1: FAFSA opens. File the FAFSA as soon as possible to maximize consideration for Illinois MAP grants and scholarship opportunities.

October 14: Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Open House

November 1: Early Decision Deadline. Apply by this date to maximize consideration for GSU honors scholarships.

November 4: Undergraduate Open House

2018

February 10: Undergraduate Open House

February 13: Housing Application Opens

March 24: Undergraduate Open House

April 1: The number of freshman spaces are limited. Applications received by April 1 have priority for admission. Applications received after this date will depend on availability.

May 1: National Decision Day. Reserve your place in the freshmen class. Pay your enrollment deposit.

May 9: GSU's College Decision Day celebration

June 23: Undergraduate Open House

Jaguar Bites: FAFSA

File your FAFSA early—Illinois Monetary Assistance Programs (MAP) grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis and do not require repayment. When funds run out, grants are no longer available even to qualifying students, so don't procrastinate on completing your FAFSA.



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