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Your Guide to New Student Orientation



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SOPHOMORE STUDENT SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE KEY



affinity-based programming



academic special interest programming



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Welcome to campus! This guide includes your schedule, session and event descriptions, and reminders. Please keep this on hand as you go through Orientation this week, August 25-29.

HOW TO READ YOUR SCHEDULE

- ★ It is important that you follow the schedule provided for your track. Each track has a slightly different schedule.
- ★ Please sign up for **one** excursion per District Connections time block on your orientation schedule. When you identify the excursion you'd like to attend, simply click "I will be attending" under the RSVP to Event section, and then click the blue button "RSVP to Event." You will be automatically registered for the event and receive a confirmation email.
 - Event registration is first come, first served. Once an event reaches capacity it will be closed for additional registrations. We will not maintain waitlists for these events, but you are welcome to check back to see if cancellations have created open spots.
 - Your registration here indicates to us that you plan to attend so we will reserve a spot for you accordingly. If your plans change, please cancel your RSVP by navigating back to the event and changing your response so that another student may attend in your place.
- ★ Some events are denoted with an icon and all events are denoted by one or more of the eight dimensions of well-being. Read on to learn more about what this means.

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REMINDERS

- ✓ Download the GW mobile app (<https://it.gwu.edu/gw-mobile>), click the Orientation icon, click View Schedules, and use the Filter feature to view your track schedule. This is where the most up-to-date information will be located during Orientation Week!
- ✓ Download the GET mobile app (<https://dining.gwu.edu/>) to see food options and all locations that take GWorld!
- ✓ [Add your GW Engage unique QR code \(event pass\)](#) to your mobile wallet on your phone. You will need this to check in to certain events!
- ✓ Keep your GWorld on you at all times!

*In the event of inclement weather, changes to event locations will be communicated via the **GW mobile app** Orientation schedule and via GW email (as applicable).*

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We are dedicated to helping you prioritize your overall well-being.

Throughout the Orientation schedule you will see the eight dimensions of well-being. Take the time to learn more about the university's well-being initiative, [Raise Up GW](#) and why it is important.



Physical



Emotional



Financial



Spiritual



Social



Intellectual



Environmental



Cultural



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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

ORIENTATION CENTRAL

You can find us from Sunday, Aug. 22 - Sunday, Aug. 29 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in our Orientation Central Office located in the University Student Center (800 21st St., NW) in the Admissions & Alumni Welcome Center on the 1st floor.

RELAXATION ROOM, ROOM 403, (UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER, 4th Floor)

Available the week of Orientation (Sunday, Aug. 22 - Sunday, Aug. 29) from 8 a.m. - midnight.

Need a break from the crowds and activities? Stop by the Relaxation Room to take a break -- do a puzzle, color, or use the space to relax and recharge.

GW POLICE DEPARTMENT

2145 G St., NW

Emergency: 202-994-6111, Non-Emergency: 202-994-6110

COLONIAL HEALTH CENTER

University Student Center, Ground Floor

Phone: 202-994-5300 (24/7)

LOST & FOUND

Facilities Central, Support Building, 2025 F St., NW

First Floor, Suite 101

<https://facilities.gwu.edu/lost-found>

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
9 p.m. 	Community Meeting (for residential sophomore students only) <i>Meet your Community Coordinator, Neighborhood Team, and fellow residents while also learning more about your role and responsibilities in the residential community, important phone numbers, helpful resources, and tips and tricks for creating a great relationship with roommates and suitemates.</i>	Your Residence Hall <i>See the email from your Community Coordinator for more details.</i>

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. 	Campus Tours <i>Find your way around campus with help from some of GW's STAR tour guides!</i> Registration is OPEN! Click here to register. (go.gwu.edu/gwxdcsoph)	University Student Center 1st Floor, Great Hall
8 p.m. 	Building Activity (for residential sophomore students only) <i>Come mix and mingle with your Community Coordinator and fellow residents for our first event(s) of the semester. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about living on campus while making new friends in the process. We can't wait to see you there!</i>	Your Residence Hall <i>See the email from your Community Coordinator for more details.</i>

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. 	Campus Tours <i>Find your way around campus with help from some of GW's STAR tour guides!</i> Registration is OPEN! Click here to register. (go.gwu.edu/gwxdcsoph)	University Student Center 1st Floor, Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
10 - 10:50 a.m. 	Buff & Blue Kick Off <i>You are encouraged to bring your buff & blue spirit, and learn some GW traditions at this high energy kick-off event! You will be addressed by GW President Thomas LeBlanc, Vice President and Dean of Students Cissy Petty, and student leaders from the Student Association, Residence Hall Association, Program Board, and others.</i>	Charles E. Smith Center 600 22nd St., NW
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 	Military & Veteran Services (for military-affiliated students & their families) ● <i>Join members of the MVC team for an overview of GI Bill benefits, university resources, and staff members who work in direct support of the GW Military Affiliated Community.</i>	University Student Center, 800 21 St., NW 1st Floor, Presentation Space

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<p>11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>Academic Session: GWSB Sophomore Student Session <i>For sophomore students, this event is an opportunity to learn more about navigating School of Business resources on the Foggy Bottom Campus, tips on sophomore success, and further ways to get involved in the GWSB community.</i></p>	<p>VIRTUAL Link: https://gwu-edu.zoom.us/j/91775001107?pwd=OGVRc00xMEVzaWFtcTk4SmlDa2h2Zz09</p>
<p>12:30 - 2 p.m.</p> 	<p>GW First-Generation Welcome Social (for first-generation college students) ▲ <i>Meet fellow first year and sophomore first-generation students, learn about important campus resources and programming, and get to know GW's first-generation student organization, First Gen United!</i> <i>*Bring your lunch. Limited supply of snacks provided.</i></p>	<p>University Student Center 1st Floor, Columbian Square</p>
<p>Events start at 1 p.m.</p>   	<p>District Connections: D.C. Excursions and Welcome Days of Service Experience ** <i>Advanced registration is required.</i> <i>You will have the opportunity to experience the cultural and intellectual diversity of D.C., learn to navigate the city, and connect with their new classmates through excursions all over D.C. led by upperclass student leaders.</i></p> <p>Registration is OPEN! Click here to register. (go.gwu.edu/gwxdc Soph)</p>	<p>Various locations around our campus & the District of Columbia</p>
<p>5 - 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>Dining Food Festival <i>Enjoy FREE samples from GW Dining Partners + fun giveaways + coupons! Learn about the affordable, diverse, and nutritious dining options on and near campus.</i></p>	<p>University Yard</p>
<p>8:30 - 11 p.m.</p> 	<p>GW Late Night presents House Party <i>Celebrate your first week of college (on-campus) with a House Party hosted by the Office of Student Life! Presented by Make Party Movement, our House Party will feature live music, games, and prizes!</i></p>	<p>Charles E. Smith Center</p>

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	<i>Note: no large bags will be permitted and no re-entry into this event.</i>	
11 p.m. 	Monument Walks <i>Enjoy an evening under the stars in our nation's capital and explore the monuments by moonlight, led by Orientation Leaders.</i>	Meet outside of the Smith Center, 22nd St. side.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Events start at 10 a.m. 	District Connections: D.C. Excursions and Welcome Days of Service Experience ** <i>Advanced registration is required.</i> <i>You will have the opportunity to experience the cultural and intellectual diversity of D.C., learn to navigate the city, and connect with their new classmates through excursions all over D.C. led by upperclass student leaders.</i> Registration is OPEN! Click here to register. (go.gwu.edu/gwxdc Soph)	Various locations around our campus & the District of Columbia
12 - 2 p.m. 	Black, Latinx, and LGBTQIA community sessions ▲ <i>Meet members of the Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) and learn more about these identity group communities here at GW.</i>	VIRTUAL - TBA
5 - 7 pm. 	University Honors Program Dinner ● <i>A casual dinner for UHP sophomores, faculty, and staff to get together.</i>	Location TBD See your email for details

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<p>5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>Varsity Student-Athlete Welcome Panel </p> <p><i>Join a panel of current GW student-athletes, coaches, and athletic administrators to discuss the GW Athletic Experience. Food provided. For first-year and sophomore varsity student-athletes currently on roster only.</i></p>	<p>Charles E. Smith Center Tin Tabernacle Room</p>
<p>8 - 9:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>Virtual Org Fair</p> <p><i>The Virtual Student Org Fair is an essential stop for new students looking to build community or get involved at GW! During the event, student organizations will host "virtual tables" which are online meetings or chats (Zoom, Webex, etc.). As an attendee, you can browse through the org "tables" and drop into a conversation at your convenience and then move on to another virtual table when you're ready.</i></p>	<p>Hosted on GW Engage</p>
<p>8 - 11 p.m.</p> 	<p>Late Night at the Rec</p> <p><i>Students will have the opportunity to engage in sample group fitness classes and explore connections with offerings from our club sports teams. Activities include a dodgeball competition for both first and second year students, music, esports, and all around fun!</i></p>	<p>Lerner Health & Wellness Center 2301 G St., NW</p>
<p>11 p.m.</p> 	<p>Monument Walks</p> <p><i>Enjoy an evening under the stars in our nation's capital and explore the monuments by moonlight, led by Orientation Leaders.</i></p>	<p>Meet outside of Lerner Health & Wellness Center</p>

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 	Academic School Session: Corcoran School of the Art and Design <i>Locate your program on this webpage for details on times and locations.</i>	Various Locations
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 	Lunch and Games on the National Mall <i>Celebrate the start of your GW career with a picnic and lawn games on an iconic D.C. landmark, the National Mall! This event will give you a chance to connect with your new peers and build community.</i>	Henry Bacon Ball Fields (corner of 23rd & Constitution Ave)
2 p.m. 	Campus Tours <i>Find your way around campus with help from some of GW's STAR tour guides!</i> Registration is OPEN! Click here to register. (go.gwu.edu/gwxdcsofph)	University Student Center 1st Floor, Great Hall
7 p.m. 	Shabbat Dinner  (open to all students interested in attending) <i>Join GW Hillel for the first Shabbat on campus. Delicious food, great new friends, and a warm welcome to your home away from home.</i>	GW Hillel Building 2300 H St., NW
9 - 11 p.m. 	GW Late Night presents Movie Night <i>Grab your GW blanket and swing by U-Yard to hang out with your new friends to watch a movie selected by all new and incoming students through a recent social media poll. Want to know what movie it is...you'll have to come see for yourself. There will be snacks</i>	University Yard

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	<i>and chances to win prizes!</i>	
11 p.m. 	Monument Walks <i>Enjoy an evening under the stars in our nation's capital and explore the monuments by moonlight, led by Orientation Leaders.</i>	Meet on Kogan Plaza

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
7 - 10 p.m. 	First Night <i>Welcome to First Night, an annual event that brings the GW community together in celebration of a new academic year. Explore the Foggy Bottom campus and enjoy some classic carnival games, inflatables, and food! You can also join the fun virtually through our First Night GooseChase for your chance to win big prizes like GW swag, bluetooth speakers, an iPad, and more!</i>	University Yard
11 p.m. 	Monument Walks <i>Enjoy an evening under the stars in our nation's capital and explore the monuments by moonlight, led by Orientation Leaders.</i>	Meet on Kogan Plaza

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

We invite you to take advantage of these optional excursions to wrap up your Orientation week!

TIME	EVENT NAME & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
7:30 a.m.  	Dupont Farmers Market (Foggy Bottom campus neighborhood) <i>Check out the outdoor, Sunday farmers' market offering local, seasonal produce, specialty foods & artisanal goods. The Market is open 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</i>	Meeting location: Foggy Bottom metro station
8:30 a.m.  	Palisades Farmers Market (Mount Vernon campus neighborhood) <i>Check out this grower's only food market that provides seasonal produce, farm goods, flowers, baked goods and more! The Market is open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>	Meeting location: Mount Vernon campus, Ames Hall
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 	Sophomore Brunch <i>Welcome Class of 2024! Join your peers and members of various student organizations for brunch in the University Student Center. This is a great opportunity to meet your classmates!</i>	University Student Center 3rd Floor
2 p.m. (FB) 3 p.m. (MVC) 4 p.m. (FB) 5 p.m. (MVC) 	How to Find Your Classes Tour <i>Stop by the University Student Center (1st Floor) or the Mount Vernon campus fountain with your class schedule. An Orientation staff member will assist you in locating your classes, as well as give you tips for shortcuts through campus!</i> - Meeting location for Foggy Bottom (FB): University Student Center, 1st Floor,	Foggy Bottom & Mount Vernon campuses

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	<p>Outside Panera (1 & 4 p.m.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting location for Mount Vernon campus (MVC): Fountain Outside Somers Hall (2 & 5 p.m.) 	
<p>11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.</p> 	<p>Trips to Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond <i>Pick up last minute items before the school year officially starts!</i></p> <p>Meeting location for both start times: University Student Center, 1st Floor, Outside Panera</p>	<p>Foggy Bottom campus</p>