

To: Incoming 1L Students
From: Mitch Bailin, Dean of Students
Subject: Orientation Week Schedule and Updates

Dear 1Ls,

The whole team in the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) is eagerly awaiting your arrival! As we look toward Orientation Week (August 22-26), I would like to share some updates and important information, including each section's Orientation schedule, registration for the City Tours, and much more! Please read this email carefully.

Orientation Schedule

A comprehensive Orientation schedule for all 1L sections can be found on the [JD Orientation webpage](#). Additionally, you can view schedules for the individual [sections](#). We don't anticipate significant changes to the schedule, but adjustments may occur. We will, of course, send you updates if we make any major changes to the schedule, and you will receive a fully updated schedule upon check-in on Wednesday, August 24.

Students will be able to check-in starting at 9:00 a.m. on August 24. Every student should check in prior to their required Deans' Welcome time listed below. If your Deans' Welcome is later in the day, we hope you'll come to campus a little early to take advantage of our "Breakout Sessions" and many other optional but encouraged events (more on this below). The Deans' Welcome sessions are scheduled on **Wednesday, August 24, by section in McDonough Hall, Room 205 during the following times:**

- Section 1 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Section 2 – 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Section 3 – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Section 4 – 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Section 5 – 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Introduction to the First-Year Experience

As you review your schedules, you will notice that all sections are scheduled for an "Introduction to the First-Year Experience" session on Friday, August 26. This session will be your first class with one of your fall semester professors. Prior to this session, you may receive guidance from ODOS or your professor related to required course readings for that session and beyond. Please be sure to review your course [Canvas](#) page if applicable and any updates from our department related to readings for that first class meeting.

How the Orientation Schedule Works

You'll notice in your schedule that events starting Wednesday, August 24, are in different colors.

Mandatory Sessions

Mandatory sessions are in blue and your attendance is required.

Highly Recommended Breakout Sessions

You will also see a number of "Breakout Sessions" in green. Throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday, we have arranged for a menu of six different sessions, addressing many critical topics for new students. These range from how to think about success in law school, to strategic financial aid and planning, to advice from upper-level students. These sessions are optional, but strongly encouraged. You'll notice that each session is repeated at a variety of times (sort of like a conference schedule). We strongly recommend you plan to attend most, if not all, of the six.

Optional Cultural, Academic, and Fitness Activities: More Fun Stuff!

Additionally, there are lots of other great opportunities to get to know each other, the faculty, and the campus throughout the week, starting on Tuesday, August 23. These include:

Faculty Talks: I'm delighted to report that a number of faculty will be giving informal talks on a variety of hot-button legal topics on Tuesday, August 23. These are totally optional and you can simply drop in, with attendance limited only by the number of seats in the room. Please see the [descriptions](#) of each talk.

City Tours: In my last email to you, I shared that we are scheduling tours of several historic and cultural sites during Orientation week. I am excited to announce that registration for these tours is now open! Please note that most tours will take place on Tuesday, August 23, starting at 9:00 a.m. Two exceptions: the National Mall Jog and the Historical Jewish Tour will take place on the morning of Thursday, August 25. Registration for some of the City Tours requires advance registration on a first-come, first-enrolled basis. Once you have completed your tour registration, we will follow up with more specific information about your tour. Please note registration is limited to one City Tour per student. Should you register for more than one City Tour, you will be automatically assigned to one of the City Tours selected. You can register for tours [here](#)! Tour registration will close on Thursday, August 18, at 11:59 p.m.

Campus, Fitness Center, and Library Tours: Take some time to get to know your new law school home! We will have regular tours of our campus and facilities throughout the week.

And lots more, including many fitness, wellness, and social activities! Take a look at your section schedule for the full slate of activities during the week.

Other Important Information

Meals During Orientation: If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, please fill out [this form](#) by Wednesday, August 17, at 5:00 p.m. If we receive your request by then we will do our best to accommodate your meal request.

Immunization Clinic: We will offer an Immunization Clinic on Thursday, August 25, from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. in the Law Center Student Health Services Center, located on the lower level of Gewirz Hall, for any students who need updated immunizations. We recommend that all students check the [Georgetown University Immunization Database portal](#) by logging in with their NetID and password. Students will need to complete all required forms and documentation within this portal, including the Patient Registration Form. Completion of this form will give you access to the [myMedStar patient portal](#), where you can schedule a vaccination appointment if necessary. Please be sure to request the Gewirz Hall, Law Campus location when registering for the Immunization Clinic.

Please note that the Immunization Clinic will *not* be administering COVID-19 vaccines. Georgetown does require students to have received a primary series and, when eligible, an additional dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or to have an approved medical or religious exemption.

For more information on completing immunization requirements (including “how to” videos) you can visit the Student Health Center website [immunization page](#).

COVID-19 Testing on Arrival: Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, will need to take a [Return to Campus COVID-19 test](#) to begin participation on campus. You must take your arrival test no earlier than 48 hours in advance of beginning campus participation and no later than 24 hours after beginning campus participation. If you would like a PCR test on campus, you must [register with One Medical](#).

Please review [this checklist](#) for campus access as well as this [list of FAQs](#) if you have any questions or have issues signing up with One Medical. As a reminder, you do not need to pay to register with One Medical. More information about COVID-19 vaccine and testing requirements at the Law Center can be found [here](#).

Accessing University Buildings & Mobile GOCard: To enjoy all that Orientation week offers, you of course need to get into the buildings! To access university buildings, you will need to register for a mobile GOCard credential using these [instructions](#). This allows for contactless building entry.

Finally, we’ve included an [FAQ](#) sheet on our website to answer any additional questions you might have about Orientation or starting off the year. If there are questions that are not covered there, please continue to think of us in ODOS as a portal to Georgetown Law. Don’t hesitate to contact us at lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu or 202-662-9292 with any questions or concerns.

Warm wishes,

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