

GEORGETOWN LAW

2022 JD ORIENTATION

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS

Is attendance mandatory at all Orientation sessions? Can a student skip part of Orientation?

Students are expected to attend all mandatory academic-related Orientation sessions:

- Deans' Welcome
- Welcome from Evening Program Director
- Myths and Realities of Law School
- Introduction to the First-Year Experience

Students who need to make a request to miss any of the above sessions should email lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu.

Attendance at all other community events is not mandatory (including the Faculty Moot Court and Peer Advisor dinner), but you're strongly encouraged to take advantage of all the great things going on and to connect with your new Georgetown Law community to the extent your schedule allows. If you have availability during the day on Tuesday, August 23, please consider taking a look at our [Faculty Talks](#) and/or [registering for a City Tour](#).

When/where should I check in?

Students should plan to check in on the second floor of McDonough at some point prior to their respective section welcome. The evening welcome session is:

- Section 7 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Can a student go to another section's Orientation session?

Students are expected to attend the mandatory academic Orientation sessions that are specifically scheduled for their section. Should a conflict arise and a student is unable to attend one of their section's programs, a request must be made to lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu.

What sessions may family members/significant others attend?

Due to space limitations, ALL sessions are for incoming first-year JD students only.

Is there a dress code for Orientation?

There is no dress code for Orientation and students should dress comfortably as the weather will likely be quite warm.

Does a student have to register to attend the Faculty Moot Court program? Is it mandatory?

Registration is not required. Attendance is not mandatory but highly recommended – a highlight of Orientation Week! The program begins after the Peer Advisor dinner and will be taking place at the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Harman Hall, within walking distance of campus.

What is the Faculty Moot Court case?

The program features a mock argument of a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming term. This year's case will be *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*.

COVID TESTING, VACCINATION, & MASKING

All students will need to [take a COVID-19 test](#) between 48 hours before and 24 hours after arriving on campus. Failure to get an arrival test may result in disciplinary action.

- Residential students: A PCR test is required.
- Non-residential students: A PCR test is preferred, but an [antigen test](#) will be accepted.

If you would like a PCR test on campus, you must [register with One Medical](#).

All students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please see the [Georgetown University Vaccine Requirement](#) page for more.

The Law Center operates under a mask-optional policy, with the limited exceptions noted below:

- Individuals must wear a mask while on University-sponsored public transportation (e.g., GUTS buses, shuttles, vans).
- Individuals must wear a mask in University healthcare facilities (e.g., Student Health Center, CAPS, One Medical testing sites).
- Individuals in, or recently released from, quarantine or isolation must wear a mask for the full 10 days from the date of exposure or infection, consistent with DC Health guidance and CDC guidance.
- Individuals with exemptions or accommodation plans that include enhanced public health measures should continue to abide by those measures, as currently in place.

MOBILE GOCARD

The GOCard is the official identification card of Georgetown University and much more! It's the way to pay for your purchases on and off campus. Use your GOCard to buy books, food, supplies, as well as gain access to academic buildings and residence halls.

[Register for your mobile GOCard](#) credentials in order to ensure campus building access.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Who do I contact if I need disability-related accommodations or need wheelchair access information for Orientation?

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made to the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@georgetown.edu.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSES & SECTIONS

Where should I go if I have questions about class registration, section assignments, courses, or switching from Curriculum A to Curriculum B?

Any questions that have to do with class registration and schedules, section assignments, courses, and curriculum choices should be directed to the Registrar's Office at lawreg@georgetown.edu.

BOOKS & COURSE MATERIALS

Where can I find out what books I need for my courses?

You can view information about the textbooks that are required for your courses from the [Curriculum Guide](#). Search for your class name and scroll down to "Course Resources."

Buying Textbooks

Once you have your schedule of courses, you can search the Georgetown Law Bookstore for your course

materials by Course Number. Course materials may also be posted in Canvas.

You can purchase your textbooks from the Georgetown Law Bookstore. The Bookstore is located next to the Sport and Fitness Center. For current hours, please call the Bookstore at (202) 662-9676.

Readings and Textbooks on Course Reserve

Faculty may request that recommended readings be placed on course reserve. Course reserve materials may be checked out for a period of three hours. They may be renewed at the Williams Circulation Desk, unless another student has requested the same item.

CLASS READINGS & WEBSITES (from JD Academic Services)

Where can I find my first class assignments?

Professors typically assign readings to be completed in advance of the first day of class. Faculty Support will begin posting the first class assignments on the First Class Assignments Canvas page on August 15. Some faculty also list their first assignment on their individual Canvas pages. Professors may also email assignments in advance of the first class, so be sure to check your @georgetown email address.

If you have any questions about the assignment, contact your professor directly.

LOCKERS

How can I register for a locker?

Students will be able to request a locker from August 23 through September 2, by the Chapel on the first floor of McDonough.

PARKING

Can I park on campus?

If you plan on driving to campus, student daily parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the McDonough Hall garage. Students may only park on the P-2 level in spaces marked for student parking.

The parking rate is \$9.50 per entry (payable by GOCard); free after 4:30 p.m. Free parking is available on weekends. However, overnight parking is not permitted.

Please note that there is ongoing concrete work in the McDonough Hall parking garage. Spaces will be unavailable on a rotating basis until the project is completed. Because there will be fewer spaces available we expect there to be congestion. A parking attendant will be monitoring parking daily to ensure compliance. Please do not enter the garage if you see the "student parking full" sign displayed at the garage entrance.

PRINTING, PHOTOCOPYING, & SCANNING

Where can a student go to make copies, scan a document, etc.?

You can find information on printing as well as printer locations on the [Student Printing](#) page. You will need your GOCard, SaxaNet wifi access, and a [Papercut](#) account in order to print on campus.

STUDENT HEALTH & HEALTH INSURANCE

Where should a student go if they have questions about immunizations?

Use the [Student Health Portal](#) to review your immunization status and to see if you are meeting all of the university requirements. If you have a question, send a secure message to the student health team through the portal. Please see the [FAQs](#) regarding immunization compliance, as well as the [video](#)

[tutorials](#) on how to upload documentation.

Will the Student Health Center on the Law Center campus be open during Orientation?

The Student Health Center on the Lower Level of Gewirz will not be open during Orientation week for medical treatment. The clinic will be open on Thursday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Immunization Clinic. Students in need of medical care may visit the Student Health Center on main campus and they may set up an appointment by calling 202-687-2200. The Student Health Center on the law campus will open after classes begin (exact date TBA).

What should I do if I have questions about Student Health Insurance?

Use this [quick guide](#) with helpful links to review information on Student Health Insurance.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

How can a student get in touch with a specific student organization?

The Office of Student Life (OSL) will sponsor a Student Organization Fair in early September. Look out for more information in the weekly OSL Broadcast.

TUITION AND BILLING

What if a student has questions about tuition payments and billing?

The Office of Student Accounts will be open from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. during Orientation week in McDonough 581.

WESTLAW & LEXISNEXIS PASSWORDS

When do students receive their Westlaw and LexisNexis passwords?

Passwords to LexisNexis and Westlaw will be given out by the Williams Library staff via email after Orientation begins.

WIRELESS INTERNET PASSWORDS & EMAIL

How do students receive the password information to access the Law Center's wireless network?

Georgetown University's secured wireless networks are SaxaNet and eduroam. When you connect to them, your wireless signal is encrypted, securing your connection against eavesdropping and possible data theft. To connect, you must be on the Law Center campus, have an active NetID, and know your Georgetown University password. Gulaw-secure is a legacy wireless network. Our secured wireless networks support devices that comply with the 802.11n Wi-Fi and WPA2 authentication standards.

Email questions should be directed to the Student Help Desk at 202-662-9284 or lawhelp@georgetown.edu