

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

Dear 1Ls,

As we look toward Orientation Week (August 21-25), I would like to share some updates and important information, including each section's Orientation schedule, registration for the City Tours on August 22, and much more! Please read this email carefully.

Orientation Schedule

You can view schedules for the individual sections on the JD Orientation [webpage](#). 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 23.

Students will be able to check-in starting at 9:00 a.m. on August 23 in the McDonough Hall second-floor atrium. Every student should check in prior to their required Welcome time listed below. If your 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 Welcome sessions are scheduled on **Wednesday, August 23, 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 – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Section 5 – 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 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 25. 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 23, 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 a range of programs addressing some important 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 six sessions are optional but encouraged. You'll note that each session is repeated at a variety of times (sort of like a conference schedule) and your section's schedule likely will not permit you to attend them all. All sessions will be recorded and posted on the Orientation Canvas site, so you won't miss material from the sessions you don't attend live.

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

Additionally, there are lots of great opportunities to get to know each other, the faculty, and the campus throughout the week, starting on Tuesday, August 22. These include:

Faculty Talks: A number of faculty will be giving informal talks on a variety of hot-button legal topics on Tuesday, August 22. These are 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. One exception: there will be a second Capitol Hill walking tour taking place on Thursday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m.. 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 17, at 11:59 p.m.

Service Project: I am delighted to share that we have added an opportunity to connect with the Georgetown and DC communities, through volunteer service. On Tuesday, August 22 join our

Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) at DC Central Kitchen to participate in a volunteer service project that helps combat hunger and poverty. Like City Tours, this opportunity is available on a first-come, first-enrolled basis with advance registration required. Once registered, we will follow up with more specific details about the service project. If you'd like to participate, you can register [here](#)! Registration will close on Thursday, August 17, 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 16, 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 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Law Center Student Health Services Center, located on the lower level of the Gewirz Student Center, 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. To make an appointment, visit the [Student Health website](#) or call 202-687-2200.

Please note that the Immunization Clinic will *not* be administering COVID-19 vaccines.

More information on completing immunization requirements can be found in the [Fall 2023 Law Student Immunization Recommendations letter](#).

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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