

2023



JD Orientation

SECTION 4

Welcome to Georgetown Law

Dear 1Ls,

Welcome to Georgetown Law! We are delighted you are here and cannot wait to meet you over the course of the coming days and weeks as you embark on your first law school semester.

The Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Student Life have built a JD Orientation full of opportunities to learn more about each other, about Georgetown Law, and about Washington, DC. We hope that you will review this schedule and take advantage of its many offerings.

You'll notice in your schedule that events on Wednesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 24th following are in different colors:

Mandatory sessions are in blue and your attendance is required.

You will also see a series of **"Breakout Sessions" in green**. Throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday, we have arranged for a menu of six 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 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.

Finally, there are a number of social, cultural, and wellness activities throughout the Orientation, such as campus tours, a Peer Advisor lunch, and our always highly-anticipated Faculty Moot Court. We hope you'll join us for as many of these as your schedule allows.

Once again, welcome to Georgetown and Hoya Saxa!

Mitch Bailin, Dean of Students
Hannah Ward, Acting Director of Student Life

TUESDAY 8.22

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Breakfasts

Stop by and grab breakfast before Faculty Talks or City Tours!

- Welcome for Military-Connected Students, McDonough 520
- Welcome for Graduates of Catholic and Jesuit Universities, McDonough 113
- Welcome for First-Generation College Students, Gewirz 12

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Faculty Talks for First-Year, Transfer, Visiting, and Graduate Students

See the [addendum for full list and descriptions of Faculty Talks](#)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

City Tours with Faculty, Staff, and Peer Advisors

See the [addendum for full list and instructions for City Tours](#)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Service Project with the Office of Public Interest and Community Service

See the [addendum for a description of the service project](#)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On the Hour from the Tower: Campus Tours

Peer Advisors will be on hand every hour to take you around your new Georgetown Law home. Meet a group at the clocktower on the :00 to catch a tour.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sport and Fitness Center Tours

Meet at the Sport and Fitness front desk for a tour of our gym facilities, described as some of the best in the city! Leaving every hour on the :30.

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Library Research Fair

Meet librarians and representatives for the legal research platforms Bloomberg Law, Lexis and Westlaw.

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Library Tours

All incoming students are invited to participate in a tour of the Law Library. Library tours meet in the Atrium of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library. Tours take approximately 30 minutes. If you have any questions, please email the Law Library's Reference Desk. Register for a Library Tour here: <https://bit.ly/3KxK8lw>

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Fitness Class: Gentle Yoga, Scott K. Ginsburg Sport and Fitness Center

Stop by the Fitness Center for a Gentle Yoga class with Wendy in Studio 3!

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Campus Ministry Drop-in, McDonough 113

Stop by McDonough Hall, Suite 113 to meet the team and to explore what Georgetown Law Campus Ministry has to offer for building community and finding deeper meaning and purpose during your law school journey. All are welcome!

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Visa Information Session [Required for New International JD Students in F-1 Visa Status], McDonough 201

WEDNESDAY 8.23

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Check-in, McDonough Atrium

Check-in should be completed before your section's respective Welcome, even if you are attending other sessions prior.

Breakout Session: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

McDonough 207
1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

McDonough 208
Key Information for Financial Aid and Financial Planning

McDonough 202
What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 206
Defining Success: Your OWN Version

Breakout Session: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

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What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 206
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McDonough 203
Pathways to Practice: Meet the JD Career Teams

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Lunch with Peer Advisors

Pick-up: Scott K. Ginsburg Sport and Fitness Lobby

We hope you'll join us for lunch in order to meet your '23-'24 Peer Advisors, along with your section-mates, and get the inside scoop on Georgetown Law and 1L year!

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Welcome for Section 4, McDonough 205

Faculty deans will welcome the Class of 2026's Section 4 to Georgetown Law and formally kick off your Orientation.

Breakout Session: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

McDonough 207
1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

McDonough 202
What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 203
Pathways to Practice: Meet the JD Career Teams

McDonough 206
Practice Law/Practice Well: Lawyers in Balance

Here are some other things to check out when you have some free time!

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Sport and Fitness Tours, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Total Body Conditioning at 12pm
Meet at the Sport and Fitness front desk for a tour of our gym facilities leaving every hour on the :30. If you're up for it, join a fitness class at 12pm.

Student Organization Drop-Ins 10am to 5pm

Come by Gewirz 12 during any down time to meet some upper-level students active in our student organizations. They'll be rotating throughout Wednesday and Thursday, as will the snack assortment! See the addendum for the list of organizations and when they'll be available for you to say hello.

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Campus Ministry Drop-in 3pm – 4pm

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THURSDAY 8.24

Breakout Session: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

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**Key Information for Financial
Aid and Financial Planning**

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**Defining Success:
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**Pathways to Practice:
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2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Beyond the Briefs: Respectful Dialogue as a Core Competency in Legal Practice for Section 4, McDonough 201

Chief Diversity Officer Anjali Bindra Patel will moderate this session exploring the significance of open-minded dialogue as a professional core competency and how law students can act as bridge builders across cultural, experiential, and ideological differences.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Faculty Moot Reception, Scott K. Ginsburg Sport and Fitness Lobby

Before boarding the buses to the Hilltop campus for the President's and Dean's Welcome and faculty moot court, enjoy a light reception with your classmates across sections.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Travel to Faculty Moot Court

Join us at Gaston Hall on Georgetown's Historic Main Campus (37th & O Sts. NW). We'll travel to the main campus by bus. Please meet outside McDonough Hall (600 New Jersey Ave) to board buses.

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

President's and Dean's Welcome, Gaston Hall

Immediately before the faculty moot court, Georgetown University's longtime President, John B. DeGioia, and Georgetown Law's longtime Dean, William Treanor, will welcome you to the university and the law school at the University's Hilltop campus, in the historic Georgetown neighborhood.

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Faculty Moot Court, Gaston Hall

*Always the highlight of the Orientation program, six of our distinguished professors, who collectively have argued and briefed scores of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, will present a "moot court," or mock argument, of *United States v. Rahimi* a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming fall. Gaston Hall [37th & O Sts. NW]*

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FRIDAY 8.25

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Myths and Realities of Law School for Section 4, McDonough 207

Dean of Students Mitch Bailin will address some of the common myths and happier realities surrounding the first year of law school. He'll offer lots of tips about how to thrive and succeed in this exciting new adventure.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Introduction to the First-Year Experience, McDonough 205

A faculty member teaching one of your section's Fall courses will teach the first hour of the course, then spend some time talking with you about why your professors teach what they do the way they do in the first year.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Block Party & Reception, Eleanor Holmes Norton Green

And just like that, you're done with Orientation! Come celebrate the start of your Georgetown Law experience at the Welcome Block Party with students, faculty, and staff. We look forward to seeing you there!

Breakout Sessions

1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

Director of Academic Success Lisa Curtis will discuss how to prepare for law school classes and offer some tips for continued academic success throughout the year.

Defining Success in Law School: Your OWN Version

This interactive session offers an opportunity to slow down, recollect, and reflect on your own goals for law school, and your personal version of what success might look like for you. Professor Amy Uelmen will accompany students through a series of exercises to help frame your approach. This session also provides an opportunity to connect with other first-year students outside your section.

Key Information for Financial Aid and Financial Planning

Law school is a big investment, but the Office of Financial Aid is here to make sure you are fully equipped to manage your finances during your time at Georgetown and down the line.

Pathways to Practice: Meet the JD Careers Team

Representatives from the Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and the Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) — together, the JD Careers Team — will present on the support and services they provide to students, with a focus on 1L year. How do you align your goals, values, and career? Learn about resources that will support you on your career exploration journey - from online education modules, to networking and recruiting events, to individualized job search advising and ongoing professional development.

Practice Law/Practice Well: Lawyers in Balance

Lawyers in Balance (LIB) teaches law students mindfulness practices that will help them successfully navigate law school, defuse stress, and develop as leaders and problem-solvers. Trained facilitators (Law Center staff members) will lead students in a brief mindfulness practice and provide an introduction to the LIB program during this session.

What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panels

The Peer Advisors will be on hand to give their best advice for 1L, what they wish they knew before starting their first year at Georgetown Law, and to answer your questions about the upcoming year and beyond!