

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 19-23), I am writing to share some updates and important information, including each section's Orientation schedule, registration for the City Tours on August 20, 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 over the next two weeks. 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 21.

Students will be able to check-in starting at 9:00 a.m. on August 21 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 the various "Breakout Sessions" and many other optional but encouraged events (more on this below).

The Welcome sessions are scheduled on **Wednesday, August 21, by section in McDonough Hall, Room 205 during the following times**. You will need to attend the Welcome for your section.

- 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 Classroom**

As you review your schedules, you will notice that all sections are scheduled for an "Introduction to the First-Year Classroom" session on Friday, August 23. 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 21, are in different colors.

#### *Mandatory Sessions*

Mandatory sessions are in blue and your attendance is required.

#### *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 series of programs addressing important topics for entering students. These range from how to think about success in law school to advice from upper-level students. These five sessions are optional but encouraged. All sessions will be recorded, 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 20. These include:

**Faculty Talks:** A number of faculty will be giving informal talks on a variety of hot-button legal topics on Tuesday, August 20. 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 20, starting at 8 a.m. Some of the City Tours require 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. If 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 15, at 11:59 p.m.

**Service Project:** I am delighted to share that we have added opportunities to connect with the Georgetown and DC communities, through volunteer service. On Tuesday, August 20 join our Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) at DC Central Kitchen or the Father McKenna Center to participate in volunteer service projects that help combat hunger and poverty. Like City Tours, these opportunities are available on a first-come, first-enrolled basis with advance registration required. Once you have registered, we will follow up with more specific details about the service projects. If you'd like to participate, you can register [here!](#) Registration will close on Thursday, August 15, 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.

There are many more optional activities throughout the week, so please take a look at your section schedule to see the full slate of activities.

### ***Other Important Information***

**Meals During Orientation:** If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, please fill out [this form](#) by this Friday, August 9, 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 Wednesday, August 21, and Thursday, August 22, 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.

More information on completing immunization requirements can be found in the [Fall 2024 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 from your mobile phone.

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 and OSL as a portal to Georgetown Law. Don't hesitate to contact us at [lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu](mailto:lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu) or 202-662-9292 with any questions or concerns.

My best wishes,

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