

2024



JD Orientation

SECTION 5

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 21 and Thursday, August 22 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 five 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.** All sessions will be recorded, 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, Director of Student Life

TUESDAY 8.20

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**
 - Meet faculty, staff and students from military-connected backgrounds, including veterans, active-duty military personnel and military-connected family members!
- **Interfaith Welcome Breakfast, McDonough 113**
 - Join the Campus Ministry team for the Interfaith Welcome Breakfast, a gathering where students of all faiths can come together to share a meal and build community!
- **Welcome for First-Generation College Students, Gewirz 12**
 - Meet fellow first-generation college students, share experiences, and build a supportive community as you embark on your law school journey!

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 and Staff

See the addendum for full list and instructions for City Tours.

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Service Projects with the Office of Public Interest and Community Service

See the addendum for a description of the service projects.

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. – 4:00 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. Register for a Library Tour here:

<https://gtownlaw.li/librarytours2024>.

10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Lockers and Parking, St. Thomas More Chapel Corridor

New students can sign up for a locker and pick up a parking pass with our Capitol Campus Facilities team.

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

Library Research Fair, Edward Bennett Williams Library

Meet librarians and representatives for the legal research platforms Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw. Special Collections will also be open to view rare books and archival materials related to the law and legal history.

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Fitness Class: BARRE, Scott K. Ginsburg Sport and Fitness Center

Stop by the Fitness Center for a class with our wonderful Fitness Center Staff!

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 8.21

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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 202
What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 203
Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) Wellness Orientation

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

McDonough 207
1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

McDonough 202
What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 206
Defining Success: Your OWN Version

McDonough 203
Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) Wellness Orientation

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 '24-'25 Peer Advisors, along with your section-mates, and get the inside scoop on Georgetown Law and 1L year!

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

McDonough 207
1L 101: Preparing for Your First Class

McDonough 202
What I Wish I Knew: Peer Advisor Panel

McDonough 203
Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) Wellness Orientation

McDonough 206
Practice Law/Practice Well: Lawyers in Balance

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Welcome for Section 5, McDonough 205

Dean of Students Mitch Bailin and faculty deans will welcome the Class of 2027's Section 5 to Georgetown Law and formally kick off your Orientation.

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

On the Hour from the Tower: Campus Tours 10am - 2pm

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 on the Eleanor Holmes Norton green to catch a tour.

Sport and Fitness Tours 10am - 11:30am Total Body Conditioning 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.

Library Tours 11:15am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm

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Campus Ministry Drop-in 3pm

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!

THURSDAY 8.22

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Beyond the Briefs: Respectful Dialogue as a Core Competency in Legal Practice for Section 5, McDonough 201

Chief Diversity Officer Anjali Bindra Patel and upperclass students will discuss 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.

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

McDonough 202
**What I Wish I Knew:
Peer Advisor Panel**

McDonough 206
**Defining Success:
Your OWN Version**

McDonough 203
**Counseling and Psychiatric
Services (CAPS) Wellness
Orientation**

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Pathways to Practice: Meet the J.D. Careers Team for Section 5, McDonough 207

Representatives from the Office of Career Strategy (OCS) and the Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) — together, your JD Careers Team — will present on the services they provide to students, with a focus on 1L year. You'll hear how you can LEAP Into Action to learn about what you can do with a law degree and prepare for your 1L summer (and beyond).

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 Dean's Welcome and faculty moot court, enjoy a light reception with your classmates across sections.

5:30 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.

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

Dean's Welcome, Gaston Hall

Immediately before the faculty moot court, University Senior Vice President and Law Center alumna Rosemary Kilkenny 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.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 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. Skrmetti*, a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming fall.

**PickleBall Clinic, Sport
Fitness Center
8am**

**On the Hour from the
Tower:**

**Campus Tours
10:30am - 4pm**

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**Campus Ministry Drop-in
10am**

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**Office of Accessibility
Services Drop-in
3pm**

Join the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) for a brief presentation in Hotung 3102. This will be an informal opportunity to meet the team and learn about the services provided to students at Georgetown Law. Coffee and pastry will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

FRIDAY 8.23

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Myths and Realities of Law School for Section 5, McDonough 205

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.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to the First-Year Classroom, McDonough 203

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. Your first class will be taught by Professor Kathleen Claussen.

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 personal goals for law school. Professor Amy Uelmen will offer images and reflective questions to help frame your approach and identify the resources you already have for your own version of success. This session also provides an opportunity to connect with other first-year students outside your section.

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) Wellness Orientation

Join the Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) team as we provide you with an orientation to mental health and wellness as a law student. In this breakout session, we will go over common stressors incoming 1L students may experience, particularly in their first semester, along with some strategies and resources to help cope with this transition. At CAPS, we strongly believe that being mindful of your mental health and taking time to care for yourself (including attending this breakout session) is vital in being a successful law student. CAPS hopes that the information provided in this breakout session will help set students up for a balanced experience that emphasizes caring for the whole person in the midst of a busy law school experience.

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!