

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

Dear 1Es,

As we look toward JD Orientation Week (August 17-21), I am writing to share some updates and important information. Please read this email carefully.

Orientation Schedule

You can view the Section 7 orientation schedule on the JD Orientation [webpage](#). Evening students will be able to check-in starting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18. Every student should check in prior to the required faculty and staff Deans' Welcome at 5:30 p.m. We don't anticipate significant changes to the schedules, 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 Tuesday, August 18.

Introduction to the First-Year Classroom

As you review your schedule, you will notice that you are scheduled for an "Introduction to the First-Year Experience" session on Wednesday evening, August 19. This session will be your first class with one of your fall semester professors, Professor John "Jay" Thomas. Prior to this session, you may receive guidance from ODOS or Professor Thomas 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 some sessions are in blue. These are mandatory and your attendance is required. (Note that there are required programs only on August 18 and 19). Other sessions/events in black are optional, including our Faculty Moot Court on Thursday evening at Gaston Hall on the historic Hilltop Campus. We hope that you will join us for these events if your schedule allows.

Meals during Orientation: If you have allergies or dietary restrictions, please fill out [this form](#) by August 7 at 5:00 pm EST. If we receive your request by then, we will do our best to accommodate your meal request.

Other Important Information

Immunization Clinic: We will offer an Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, August 19, and Thursday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. in the Law Center Student Health Services

Center, located at 500 First St. 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.

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 the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) and Office of Student Life (OSL) 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.

Still Need Housing for 2026-2027?

The Gewirz Student Center—Georgetown Law's on-campus apartment community—is just steps away from your classes and student life. A limited number of spaces are still available for incoming first-year students, and applications remain open on the Admitted Students website. Housing is assigned on a rolling basis as space allows, so we encourage you to apply soon. To learn more about on-campus or off-campus housing options, visit: [Housing | Georgetown Law](#).

Campus Preparedness:

Ahead of your arrival on campus, we want to share several resources to help support your transition to the Georgetown community. One of those resources is the Georgetown University Police Department (GUPD).

As part of your preparation for Orientation, all students are required to review the [Active Shooter Response](#) video, available on the [GUPD Active Shooter Preparedness](#) website. The video is approximately eight minutes long and provides important information about campus safety and emergency response procedures. Each of you plays a key role in keeping our campus safe, generally and in the event of an emergency.

Information from our Accessibility Services team:

The [Office of Accessibility Services \(OAS\)](#) works with students, staff and faculty to determine reasonable accommodations in order to remove access barriers for students with disabilities in curricular and co-curricular environments. Students seeking accommodations should visit the Office of Accessibility Services website: [How to Request Accommodations](#). OAS encourages students to submit requests at least one month before the requested accommodation would be implemented. If you are hoping to have an accommodation in place by the first day of classes,

then we urge you to email accessibilityservices@georgetown.edu now to begin the interactive process. We are looking forward to working with you during your time at Georgetown Law!

Information from the Law Library:

The Law Library's [Guide for New Students](#) features a welcome from the Director, a virtual tour, class preparation info, study locations, and tips on using available resources and services.

A Special Welcome Gift from Alumni:

As you prepare to join us on campus, one more community eagerly awaits you: our alumni! To welcome you to the Hoya Lawya family, alumni have come together to provide each of you with the copy of *The Bluebook* needed for your LRW class. This gift reflects their belief in your success and commitment to supporting you throughout your Georgetown Law journey. You'll receive your copy during your Welcome Session at Orientation.

This is a lot of information. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us at lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu. We all are very much looking forward to meeting you in a few weeks!

My best wishes,

Mitch Bailin

Associate Vice President and Dean of Students