

GEORGETOWN LAW

2026 JD ORIENTATION

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS

Is attendance mandatory at all Orientation sessions? Can a student skip part of Orientation? Students are expected to attend all mandatory academic-related Orientation sessions:

- Dean's Welcome
- Myths and Realities of Law School
- Introduction to the First Year Classroom
- JD Careers: Support from the Start

Students who need to make a request to miss any of the above sessions should email lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu.

Attendance at all other community events is not mandatory (including the concurrent breakout sessions, the Faculty Moot Court, and Peer Advisor lunch), but you're strongly encouraged to take advantage of all the great things going on and to connect with your new Georgetown Law community.

When/where should I check in?

Students should plan to check in on the second floor of McDonough (600 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20001) at some point prior to their respective section welcome on Wednesday, August 19. The welcome sessions are:

- 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.

For example, Section 1 should be checked in by 10:00 a.m. in order to attend the welcome session, but Section 5 can check in up until 4:15 p.m., even if attending other optional sessions/events during the day.

Can a student go to another section's Orientation session?

Students are expected to attend the mandatory academic Orientation sessions that are specifically scheduled for their section. Should a conflict arise and a student is unable to attend one of their section's programs, a request should be sent to lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu.

May family members/significant others attend orientation?

We know how important partners and other loved ones are to our students. And they become members of our Georgetown family through all of you. Unfortunately, due to space limitations during orientation week, all sessions are for incoming first-year JD students only. There will be many other occasions to introduce your loved ones to the campus.

Is there a dress code for Orientation?

Students typically dress as they would for class throughout the week. However, for the President's welcome and faculty moot on Thursday evening, most students dress somewhere between smart and business casual.

Does a student have to register to attend the Faculty Moot Court program? Is it mandatory?

Registration is not required. Attendance is not mandatory but highly recommended – a highlight of Orientation Week! The program begins after the Faculty Moot Reception at the Law Center and will be taking place at Gaston Hall on the Georgetown Hilltop Campus.

What is the Faculty Moot Court case?

The program features a mock argument of a case that will be heard by the Supreme Court this coming term

Does a student have to register to attend a Faculty Talk on August 18?

No, all faculty talks are open on a drop-in basis.

Does a student have to register to attend a City Tour on August 18?

Some tours do require pre-registration. See the August 7 email from the Office of the Dean of Students for more information on these tours.

MOBILE GOCARD

The GOCard is the official identification card of Georgetown University and much more! It's the way to pay for your purchases on and off campus. Use your GOCard to buy books, food, supplies, as well as gain access to academic buildings and residence halls.

[Register for your mobile GOCard](#) credentials to ensure campus building access.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Whom do I contact if I need accessibility-related accommodations or need wheelchair access information for Orientation?

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made to the Office of Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@georgetown.edu.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSES & SECTIONS

Where should I go if I have questions about class registration, section assignments, courses, or switching from Curriculum A to Curriculum B?

Any questions that have to do with class registration and schedules, section assignments, courses, and curriculum choices should be directed to the Registrar's Office at lawreg@georgetown.edu.

BOOKS & COURSE MATERIALS

Where can I find out what books I need for my courses?

You can view information about the textbooks that are required for your courses from the [Curriculum Guide](#). Search for your class name and scroll down to “Course Resources.”

Buying Textbooks

Once you have your schedule of courses, you can search the Georgetown Law Bookstore for your course materials by Course Number. Course materials may also be posted in Canvas.

You can purchase your textbooks from the Georgetown Law Bookstore. The Bookstore is located at 111 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001. For current hours, please call the Bookstore at (202) 662-9676.

Readings and Textbooks on Course Reserve

Faculty may request that recommended readings be placed on course reserve. Course reserve materials may be checked out for a period of three hours. They may be renewed at the Williams Library Circulation Desk, unless another student has requested the same item.

CLASS READINGS & WEBSITES (from the Office of Academic Affairs)

Where can I find my first class assignments?

Professors typically assign readings to be completed in advance of the first day of class. Some faculty list their first assignment on their individual Canvas pages. Professors may also email assignments in advance of the first class, so be sure to check your @georgetown email address.

If you have any questions about the assignment, contact your professor directly.

LOCKERS

How can I register for a locker?

Students will be able to request a locker during Orientation near the Chapel on the first floor of McDonough.

PARKING

Can I park on campus?

As you're planning your travel to and from campus during Orientation week, we encourage the use of public transportation within the D.C., Virginia and Maryland area. The Law Center is located near the Union Station and Judiciary Square metro stops. You can also utilize the variety of D.C. bus routes in the area.

Parking will not be available for students on-campus during Orientation week, but you are welcome to park in one of the local parking garages for a fee. Students will be able to request on-campus parking for the school year during Orientation near the Chapel on the first floor of McDonough.

PRINTING, PHOTOCOPYING, & SCANNING

Where can a student go to make copies, scan a document, etc.?

You can find information on printing as well as printer locations on the [Student Printing](#) page. You will need your GOCard, SaxaNet wifi access, and a [Papercut](#) account in order to print on campus.

STUDENT HEALTH & HEALTH INSURANCE

Where should a student go if they have questions about immunizations?

Use the [Student Health Portal](#) to review your immunization status and to see if you are meeting all of the university requirements. If you have a question, send a secure message to the student health team through the portal. Please see the [FAQs](#) regarding immunization compliance, as well as the [video tutorials](#) on how to upload documentation.

Will the Student Health Center on the Law Center campus be open during Orientation?

The Student Health Center in 500 First St. will not be open during Orientation week for medical treatment. The clinic will be open on Wednesday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Immunization Clinic. Students in need of medical care may visit the Student Health Center on main campus and they may set up an appointment by calling 202-687-2200. The Student Health Center on the law campus will open on Monday, August 24th.

What should I do if I have questions about Student Health Insurance?

Use this [quick guide](#) with helpful links to review information on Student Health Insurance.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

How can a student get in touch with a specific student organization?

During Orientation, you can meet a few of our many student organizations during the Student Life Fair on Thursday, August 20th. The Office of Student Life (OSL) will sponsor a Student Organization Fair where all 90+ student groups will be present, on Wednesday, September 9th from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Look out for more information in the weekly OSL e-mail Broadcast.

TUITION AND BILLING

What if a student has questions about tuition payments and billing?

The Office of Student Accounts will be open from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during Orientation week in McDonough 581.

WESTLAW & LEXIS-NEXIS PASSWORDS

When do students receive their Westlaw and LexisNexis passwords?

Passwords to LexisNexis and Westlaw will be given out by the Williams Library staff via email after Orientation begins.

WIRELESS INTERNET PASSWORDS & EMAIL

How do students receive the password information to access the Law Center's wireless network?

Georgetown University's secured wireless networks are SaxaNet and eduroam. When you connect to them, your wireless signal is encrypted, securing your connection against eavesdropping and possible data theft. To connect, you must be on the Law Center campus, have an active NetID, and know your Georgetown University password. Our secured wireless networks support devices that comply with the 802.11n Wi-Fi and WPA2 authentication standards.

Email questions should be directed to the Student Help Desk at 202-662-9284 or caphelp@georgetown.edu.