

Welcome to Georgetown Law

Dear 1Es,

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 Tuesday, August 20th and Wednesday, August 21st following are in different colors:

Mandatory sessions are in blue and your attendance is required.

Finally, there are a number of social, cultural, and wellness activities throughout the Orientation, such as campus tours, a Peer Advisor dinner, 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 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 8.20

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!

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

Check-in, McDonough Atrium

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Welcome for Section 7, McDonough 206

Faculty deans will welcome the Class of 2028's Section 7 to Georgetown Law and formally kick off your Orientation.

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

Section Dinner with Peer Advisors, McDonough Atrium

We hope you'll join us for dinner in order to meet your '24-'25 Peer Advisors, along with your section-mates, and get the inside scoop on Georgetown Law and 1E year!

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Beyond the Briefs: Respectful Dialogue as a Core Competency in Legal Practice for Section 7, McDonough 206

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.

7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Myths and Realities of Law School, McDonough 206

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.

WEDNESDAY 8.21

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to the First-Year Classroom, McDonough 206

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.

7:00 p.m.

Section 7 Social

Join us for a relaxing social where you'll have the opportunity to meet and connect with your fellow classmates. Make new friends and start building the networks that will support you throughout your law school journey!

THURSDAY 8.22

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. Gaston Hall [37th & O Sts. NW]