

To: Incoming Students
From: Mitch Bailin, Dean of Students
Subject: Welcome to Georgetown Law!

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Dear Rising 1Es,

Welcome to Georgetown Law! Dean Cornblatt and the Admissions team have been singing your praises all spring, and I am just delighted that you are joining our community this fall.

I am writing to give you a sense of what to expect this summer as you look forward to the start of school. Think of my office and my team - the Office of the Dean of Students (happily known around campus as “ODOS”) - as a portal to the law school. We are a good place to turn to with questions large and small, both this summer and beyond. ODOS is home to the Student Life, Residence Life, Sport and Fitness, [Accessibility Services](#), and Academic Success offices. Among the many programs we oversee is the Orientation week, and our whole team is eager to meet you all during this August’s orientation.

JD Orientation Week 2025: August 18-22

ODOS organizes the Orientation week activities for the entering J.D. class, which will include everything from tours around DC with faculty, to casual meals with upper-class mentors, and even your first law school class. **Please note that the required portion of Orientation for J.D. students in the evening program is scheduled for the evenings of Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20, from approximately 5:00-9:30 p.m. (times to be finalized soon).** Additionally, throughout that week there will be a range of voluntary-participation activities that will help you get settled and meet your classmates, from campus tours to meet & greet gatherings, as your work and family schedules permit. We will keep you posted on all of this in the coming 4-6 weeks.

Peer Advisors

Starting in late June, you can expect to receive messages from your Peer Advisor, an upper-class JD student who is here to be a resource, tour guide, and informal mentor as you acclimate to DC and Georgetown Law. They will be available later this summer, during Orientation week, and throughout the fall semester to support your transition into 1E year. We know you may already have some questions about moving to DC and getting ready for 1E. If you’d like to connect with a Peer Advisor before late June, feel very free to reach out via our Peer Advisor Hotline by emailing lawstudentlife@georgetown.edu.

Looking Ahead to the 1E Experience

There is so much to look forward to in the year ahead! Great professors, lots of new friends, and an incredibly vibrant campus and city all await you.

There is lots of advice out there about how to approach your 1E year, so much that it sometimes can be difficult to sort through it all. Our ODOS team, along with a variety of campus partners, will help you create the best possible law school experience for YOU, based on your own personal and professional goals. For now, breathe easy, you just need to take a look at the incoming student checklist on the [JD Orientation website](#) and complete a few items this month.

One important reminder: All students will need to submit immunization information by July 1st. 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 the portal. For more information on the requirements, deadlines, and to access any guides, please visit the [Student Health Center's Immunization Page](#). Please visit the Student Health Center webpage for [FAQs](#). If you have issues logging into the portal, please email hoyavaxa@georgetown.edu for assistance.

Otherwise, there's truly nothing you need to be doing now to prepare for 1E classes! There will be plenty to learn, read, and do throughout the year, so take this time to relax and get excited about the adventure you are about to begin. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to us anytime at lawdeanofstudents@georgetown.edu.

We will be back in your inboxes in a few weeks with details on Orientation Week programs, Peer Advisors, and much more. Until then, Hoya Saxa, and welcome to Georgetown!

Warm wishes,

Mitch Bailin
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