

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 18-22), 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 19. 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 schedule, but adjustments may occur. 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 19.

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 Tuesday 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 19 and 20.) 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.

Other Important Information

Immunization Clinic: We will offer an Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, August 20, and Thursday, August 21, from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. in the Law Center Student Health Services Center, located on the lower level of the Gewirz Student Center, 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 2025–2026?

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](#).

Information from our JD Careers team:

I want to enthusiastically alert you to another team on campus that will play a major role in your orientation week and 1L experience. Our JD Careers team - comprising the Office of Career Strategy (Private Sector specialists) and the Office of Public Interest and Community Service (Public Sector and Pro Bono specialists) - are preparing to welcome you to campus with a series of programs and robust resources to help you navigate the exciting process of career exploration that lies ahead. Watch for an email from the JD Careers Team, coming next week with tips on things you can do before arriving on campus to set yourself up for success.

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!

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

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