

# Transfer/Graduate Orientation Frequently Asked Questions

## Things to Do Before Orientation

- Complete Directed Self Placement
- RSVP for the on-campus orientation
- Check your GSU student email for your confirmation and updates
- Browse this site for answers to your orientation questions
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to complete a student study plan
- Register for classes
- Familiarize yourself with the MyGSU Portal

## Directed Self Placement

- **My Login is invalid. What can I do?**

If your login does not work, you can call the GSU Help Desk at 708.534.HELP (4357).

- **I just finished Directed Self Placement. When may I register for classes?**

Now that you have completed Directed Self Placement your Orientation hold will be automatically lifted within 24 hours from the time you log out. You can, then, register for classes. However, we strongly recommend that you schedule an appointment with your advisor to develop or revise your study plan. Even if you have already met with your advisor, your decisions about Directed Self-Placement may lead to changes in your study plan.

- **I finished Directed Self Placement but I still can't register. What can I do?**

If 24 hours have passed since you completed Directed Self Placement and you still can't register, you should contact the Academic Resource Center at 708-534-4090. Please have your Student ID number available when you call.

## On campus Orientation

- **When is orientation for transfer/graduate students?**

Transfer/Graduate orientation is half-day event held on campus three times a year. This orientation is specifically designed for transfer and graduate students and their guests, so you'll want to make every effort to attend on the one of the available dates. Check in for orientation will occur between 12:30 pm 1:00 pm in the Hall of Governors.

- **How do I RSVP for transfer/graduate orientation?**

There is an RSVP link available on [www.govst.edu/orientation](http://www.govst.edu/orientation) that will allow you to RSVP for transfer/graduate orientation. You can also send an email to [orientation@govst.edu](mailto:orientation@govst.edu) or call 708-534-4090.

- Do I have to attend transfer/graduate orientation?**  
 While Transfer Orientation is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended. National data indicates that students who attend orientation perform better in college and are more likely to graduate than those who do not attend. Orientation provides an opportunity, in advance of beginning classes, to connect with academic advisors, professors and key administrators in person, meet other students, engage in group activities, and ask questions in a single day. Most importantly, new student orientation provides you with a memorable day that will help to motivate you to succeed in college.
- Do I need to RSVP in advance for orientation?**  
 Yes! We would love to know how many students to expect for orientation. Materials need to be prepared for each participating student and refreshments need to be ordered in advance. However, if you don't get a chance to RSVP, you are still welcome to attend.
- Is there testing at orientation?**  
 No, Directed Self Placement is required for all transfer students and can be completed online from any location at any time. Since you can't register for classes until you complete directed self-placement, we advise that you have it completed before you come to orientation. If not, there are several computers available on campus to complete it while you are here.
- Do I have to stay for the whole Orientation Program?**  
 While we understand the lives of busy adults cannot accommodate you attending all programs that are offered, Orientation is designed to give you the most beneficial information with the goal of success in mind. We strongly advise you to arrange your vacation dates or work obligations in order to make attendance at orientation a priority. Most employers understand the importance of this event for college students. This is a critical step to take on your pathway to success in college. If you cannot attend, you should complete the online orientation at [orientation.govst.edu](http://orientation.govst.edu).
- How do I get there?**  
 Orientation will begin with check-in in the Hall of Governors. Visit [www.govst.edu/directions](http://www.govst.edu/directions) for directions to campus.
- What is on the Agenda?**  
 The on-campus orientation will consist of a university overview, technology overview, college breakout session, concurrent workshop sessions, a tour of the campus and a resource fair. A detailed schedule of the day will be emailed to all students who RSVP to attend the orientation.
- Will I be able to speak to my advisor?**  
 Yes, academic advisors, program coordinators, Deans and faculty from the Academic Colleges will be available to speak to you during the College Breakout sessions at orientation. Study plans will not be completed at orientation, but advisors will have their schedules available to make an appointment for your study plan session.
- What should I wear?**

Casual attire is appropriate for Orientation. We recommend bringing comfortable shoes since the program involves a lot of walking. Depending on the weather, you may want to bring a sweater or jacket as well.

- **Where to park?**

Complimentary parking is available on the GSU Campus. Please park in the East Lot 1 or West Lot 1. Signs will be clearly displayed to indicate the appropriate parking lots. Visit [www.govst.edu/directions](http://www.govst.edu/directions) for directions to campus.

- **What to expect?**

You will learn more about GSU academic programs, financial aid, academic support services, and opportunities for engagement.