

2020  
**UNIVERSITY UPDATES**

2021



*Governors State*  
UNIVERSITY

# LEARN LOCAL.

Governors State University offers a full-time, day-time distinct undergraduate experience in the Chicago Southland. Our freshman class is capped at 270 students to make sure every student receives the support needed to succeed throughout each academic year, including a free laptop. All freshman classes are taught by full-time faculty and capped at 30 students. And this small-class feel doesn't end after the freshman year—on average, GSU undergraduate classes have only 18 students. No teaching assistants. No packed auditoriums. That's the GSU experience.

## STRUCTURED UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

We take passion to heart. GSU's campus resources are dedicated to helping students find their purpose through intentional experiential and mentorship experiences. Advisors in the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center tailor each student's curriculum to fit their professional goals, while the Center for the Junior Year houses ten Peer Success Coaches who help students find their paths forward. The GSU Honors Program provides an enriched academic experience for students seeking a greater challenge through internships, conference participation, and opportunities to participate in Guided Pathways.

# WHAT'S NEW AT GSU

## GOVERNORS STATE WELCOMES PRESIDENT CHERYL GREEN

Dr. Cheryl Green joined Governors State University on July 1, 2020, as its sixth president, bringing more than 30 years of leadership in various roles across academia.

Dr. Green has served in one of the nation's largest and most respected institutions, the University of Wisconsin system, since 2017. In 2019, she was named Interim Chancellor of the Whitewater campus, and since 2017, she has served as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the Oshkosh campus.

As Governors State University's first African American president, Dr. Green is passionate about the university's mission to offer an exceptional and accessible education to all students.

Read more about Dr. Green and her welcome to the community at [govst.edu/president](https://govst.edu/president)

## NEW DINING CENTER

In August 2020, GSU debuted a brand new Dining Center. In August 2020, GSU debuted a brand new Dining Center. View photos of the new dining center at: [gsunews.govst.edu/new-jaguar-dining-center-officially-opened](https://gsunews.govst.edu/new-jaguar-dining-center-officially-opened)

## VIRTUAL ADMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND TOURS

The Office of Admissions is now offering virtual pre-admissions appointments and tours. Schedule a personalized visit or take a guided virtual tour with an Admissions Specialist (Spanish-language appointments are also available): [govst.edu/admissions](https://govst.edu/admissions)

## GUIDED PATHWAYS

Honors-eligible students are invited to participate in Guided Pathways such as Health and Life Sciences, Five-Year MBA, and Nursing. Students who stay within GPA requirements and pass discipline-specific exams are also eligible to participate in the Guaranteed Graduate Admissions Pathway, guaranteeing a seat in one of GSU's competitive health programs and life science, such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Communication Disorders.

Learn more at [govst.edu/pathways](https://govst.edu/pathways)

## NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Governors State has launched a new undergraduate program in Social Sciences – Secondary Education. Students will choose a specialization in History, Economics, Political Science, Geography, or Anthropology/Sociology.

New graduate programs in education were also launched in 2020, including master's degrees in Multicategorical Education and Early Childhood Education. Learn more: [govst.edu/coe](https://govst.edu/coe)

## SUPPLY CHAIN INNOVATION CENTER AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR

As part of the Illinois Innovation Hub, Governors State is the new location of the Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator. Students concentrating their Business Administration degree in Supply Chain Management will receive access and training at the new center. Learn more: [govst.edu/SCICBI](https://govst.edu/SCICBI)

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STUDENTS  
ENROLLED

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STUDENT-FACULTY  
RATIO

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PER CREDIT  
HOUR





# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

## BUSINESS

Accounting (B.S.)  
 Business Administration (B.A.) – Concentrations in:  
 Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource  
 Management, Management, Management  
 Information Systems, Marketing, Operations  
 and Supply Chain Management  
 Business and Applied Science (B.A.)  
 Economics (B.A.)  
 Manufacturing Management (B.A.)

## HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)  
 Art (B.F.A.)  
 Communication (B.A.)  
 Criminal Justice (B.A.)  
 English (B.A.)  
 Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)  
 History (B.A.)  
 Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)  
 Media Studies (B.A.)  
 Political Science (B.A.)  
 Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

## SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Biology (B.S.)  
 Chemistry (B.S.)  
 Computer Science (B.S.)  
 Information Technology (B.S.)  
 Mathematics (B.A.) – Concentrations in General  
 Mathematics and Actuarial Science

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Communication Disorders (B.H.S.)  
 Community Health (B.H.S.)  
 Health Administration (B.H.A.)  
 Health Informatics (B.S.)  
 Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)  
 Social Work (B.S.W.)

## EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education – Licensure and  
 Non-Licensure (B.A.)  
 Math Teacher Ed  
 Biology Teacher Ed  
 Chemistry Teacher Ed  
 English Teacher Ed  
 Elementary Education (B.A.)  
 Psychology – Concentrations in: General, Forensic,  
 Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)  
 Social Studies Teacher Ed (B.A.)

For a full listing of programs, including graduate and doctoral, visit [www.govst.edu/programlisting](http://www.govst.edu/programlisting).

<p><b>39.8%</b></p> <p>OF UNDERGRADUATES ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS</p>	<p><b>59.8%</b></p> <p>OF STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS BELONGING TO A RACIAL AND/OR ETHNIC MINORITY</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN STUDENT BODY</p>	<p><b>67.9%</b></p> <p>OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS</p>
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# THE FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

Your Freshman experience at GSU: as extraordinary as you and as practical as it needs to be so you can be a college graduate in four years flat.

Choose from seven First Year Focus Areas including Arts & Entertainment, Business, Discovery, Education, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences or STEM. Meet your academic advisor who will help you develop a structured, full-time schedule structured to ensure you succeed.

**Already attending a community college?**  
 Start GSU's Dual Degree Program now to lock in today's tuition rate and become part of the 80% of DDP students who have graduated or are on track to.

**Schedule a virtual admission appointment: [govst.edu/admission](http://govst.edu/admission)**



<p><b>2.8/4.0</b></p> <p>AVERAGE GPA FOR CLASS OF 2024</p>	<p><b>57,000</b></p> <p>ALUMNI</p>	<p><b>86%</b></p> <p>RETENTION OF HONORS STUDENTS IN 2020</p>
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# WE WERE BUILT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS.

## TRANSFEROLOGY

Governors State University is an active participant within Transferology, a nation-wide network that provides detailed information on how your credits will transfer across higher education institutions. This free online transfer planning tool can assist you in determining how your previous coursework will transfer to GSU.

Sign up now at [www.transferology.com/govst](http://www.transferology.com/govst).

## TRANSFER GUIDES

GSU strives to make your transfer process as seamless as possible by offering transfer guides with area community colleges to assist in the transfer process. Check out the transfer guides at [govst.edu/TransferGuides](http://govst.edu/TransferGuides).

Don't see your specific school or program listed? Transferring is still an option! Contact the Office of Admissions at [admission@govst.edu](mailto:admission@govst.edu) to discuss how your program will transfer.

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Not all learning happens within university walls. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a process used to evaluate and provide college credit for the knowledge you have obtained through areas outside of the academic setting. Learn more and take a self-assessment at [govst.edu/PLA](http://govst.edu/PLA).

# UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Prairie Place provides convenient, cost-effective housing options for undergraduate and graduate students. Choose from suites with a connecting bathroom or apartments (two and four bedrooms with full kitchen and bathroom). Housing costs per semester range from \$3,051 for a semi-suite, double occupancy bedroom to \$4,319 for a four-bedroom, single occupancy apartment—wireless access, cable, and utilities are included.

Applications will be available online February 2021. Early application and deposit are advised.

For information, contact the Department of University Housing:  
708.235.7115

[housing@govst.edu](mailto:housing@govst.edu)

[www.govst.edu/housing](http://www.govst.edu/housing)

## ATHLETICS

Part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, GSU student-athletes shine on the field and in the classroom. In 2018, the men's basketball team took home a CCAC championship—the first in university history.

### 2020–21 GSU Competitive Sports

Men's and Women's Basketball

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Men's and Women's Golf

Men's and Women's Soccer

Women's Volleyball

For more information, contact Tony Bates, Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Head Coach, at [abates99@govst.edu](mailto:abates99@govst.edu) or 708.235.7431.

[www.gsuaguars.com](http://www.gsuaguars.com)

Complete the Prospective Athlete Interest Form:

[www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit](http://www.govst.edu/gsu-recruit)

GSU athletic scholarships are available to qualified students.

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NAIA-DAKTRONICS  
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES  
AWARDED IN 2020





# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GSU offers a variety of institutional scholarships based on academic merit, personal achievement, or financial need. Presidential, Provost, and Dean's scholarships recur over eight consecutive fall and spring semesters for students who continue to qualify for honors program participation, and awards can be applied toward tuition, fees, housing, and books.

[www.govst.edu/scholarships](http://www.govst.edu/scholarships)

**Ideal candidates for Presidential, Provost, and Dean's scholarships will meet the following criteria:**

- 3.75 GPA unweighted on a 4.0 scale
- Complete application by November 1
- Complete Presidential Scholarship application by December 1
- Complete FAFSA in October

## Presidential Scholarship:

(up to two awards each fall):

Full tuition, fees, housing, \$500 book stipend per semester, and \$1,000 meal plan per semester.

## Provost's Scholarship:

\$4,000 per semester (\$8,000 for the year)

## Dean's Scholarship:

\$3,500 per semester (\$7,000 for the year)

## Merit Scholarships:

Students applying on or before November 1 may qualify for GSU merit scholarships. Awards vary based upon academic profile and available funds. Candidates directly admitted to the freshmen class with unweighted GPA between 2.75 and 3.75 considered for merit scholarships, as funds are available.

# HONORS PROGRAM

The GSU Honors Program takes a distinct approach to the undergraduate experience. Emphasis is placed on developing personal, professional, and leadership potential through experiential learning opportunities such as internships, conference presentations, and study abroad. Students in the GSU Honors Program represent the university population as a whole.

[www.govst.edu/honors](http://www.govst.edu/honors)

# DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

In the Dual Degree Program, students enroll in full-time classes at one of 17 Chicagoland community colleges while working with a DDP Transfer Specialist to map out a pathway to two degrees. DDP students receive a multitude of benefits—among them, a locked-in tuition rate, full-tuition scholarship opportunities, and a more affordable education.

When students complete an associate degree, they are even more likely to obtain further education—our numbers prove it. More than 80% of DDP students complete a bachelors or are on track to complete a bachelors degree.

View a list of participating DDP colleges at [www.govst.edu/DDP](http://www.govst.edu/DDP)

# SPECIAL POPULATIONS RESOURCES

- **Undocumented Students:** GSU admits students regardless of undocumented status. Undocumented students follow the same admission procedures as all potential Governors State applicants. [www.govst.edu/undocumented-students](http://www.govst.edu/undocumented-students)
- **International Students:** Diversity is the heartbeat of Governors State University and our multicultural students and staff are the rhythm. [www.govst.edu/ois](http://www.govst.edu/ois)
- **Veterans:** GSU has been named Best of the Best for Vets five years in a row by U.S. Veterans Magazine. [www.govst.edu/veterans](http://www.govst.edu/veterans)
- **Students with Disabilities:** Access Services for Students with Disabilities is here to support students and help meet their individual needs through the accommodation of accessibility services.

[www.govst.edu/disability-services](http://www.govst.edu/disability-services)

# AIM HIGH

Governors State University's AIM HIGH scholarships may qualify new first-year students and transfer students to receive guaranteed scholarships ranging from 25% to 100% of your tuition cost. Learn how GSU is investing in your present so that you can invest in your future.

[www.govst.edu/aimhigh](http://www.govst.edu/aimhigh)

## FRESHMEN STUDENTS

GPA THRESHOLD	AWARD TOTAL	ANNUAL
HS GPA: 3.75 +	\$24,000	\$6,000
HS GPA: 3.25 – 3.749	\$20,000	\$5,000
HS GPA: 3.0 – 3.249	\$16,000	\$4,000
HS GPA: 2.75 – 2.999	\$12,000	\$3,000

- 2.75+ GPA and 19+ ACT Composite or 980+SAT
- Renewable up to four years (or 8 consecutive semesters) if renewal criteria is met.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

GPA THRESHOLD	AWARD TOTAL	ANNUAL
CUMM GPA: 3.75 +	\$8,000	\$4,000
CUMM GPA (PHI THETA KAPPA): 3.5 – 3.749	\$6,000	\$3,000
CUMM GPA: 3.25 – 3.499	\$4,000	\$2,000
CUMM GPA: 2.75 – 3.249	\$3,000	\$1,500

- Must meet all AIM HIGH requirements (see below).
- Transfer students from community colleges must have earned associates degrees to qualify for AIM HIGH grants.
- Transfer students with 24 or more transfer credits from any four-year institutions do not require earned associates degrees.
- Transfer students with 23 or less transfer credits from four-year institutions will be considered for First-Year AIM HIGH criteria and award amounts.

# UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEES



## ANNUAL ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL COST

Tuition:	\$9,390
Fees:	\$3,226
Room + Board:	\$8,102
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,718</b>

## ANNUAL COMMUTER COST

Tuition:	\$9,390
Fees:	\$3,226
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,616</b>

[govst.edu/finaid](http://govst.edu/finaid)

\*Based on 15 semester hours Fall and Spring Semester  
\*\*Based on semi-suite double occupancy option plus SILVER meal plan.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply today, complete an application online at [www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply). Your application will be complete once you provide the following:

## FRESHMAN

- \$25 application fee
- Official high school transcript or GED score report
- 2.75 unweighted high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submission of official ACT or SAT scores (students 21 or over exempt)
- Earned fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit to start at GSU as a freshmen
- Unconditional admission is offered to students earning both an unweighted 2.75+ GPA and 19 or above on the ACT (composite, math, and English scores or SAT equivalent)\*

\*Conditional admission is offered to freshman students earning an unweighted 2.25-2.74 GPA and/or 15-18 on the ACT (composite, math, and/or English scores or SAT equivalent).

## TRANSFER

- \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Supplemental items required for your selected degree program. Applicants must have earned a 2.0 or higher GPA and a minimum of 24 transferable college level credit hours.
- Applicants must also be in good standing at their last institution attended. Some programs have special admission requirements.

# FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

National Survey of Student Engagement 2018

**73%**

RATE THEIR OVERALL EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD

**80%**

COMPLETE A HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICE

**101**

AVERAGE PAGES OF ASSIGNED WRITING IN THE FIRST YEAR

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020 – 2021

## September

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## April

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## June

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## July

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## August

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Open House



FAFSA Opening Day



Early Decision Deadline



National Signing Day

## GSU CODES TO KNOW

- FAFSA code: 009145
- ACT college code: 1028
- SAT college code: 0807
- Advanced Placement code: 0807



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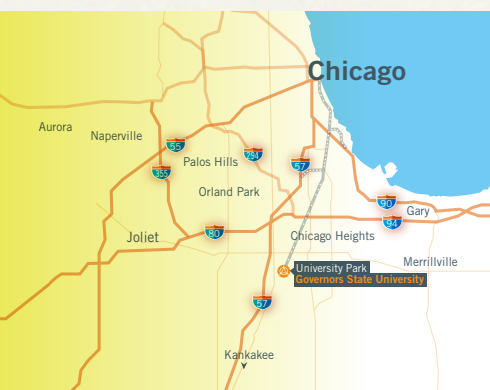
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## MILES TO GSU:

- Aurora (62 miles)
- Chicago Heights (7.5 miles)
- Downtown Chicago (36 miles)
- Gary, IN (31 miles)
- Joliet (24 miles)

- Kankakee (29 miles)
- Merrillville, IN (24 miles)
- Naperville (42 miles)
- Orland Park (20 miles)
- Palos Hills (22 miles)

**60 MINUTE METRA RIDE TO CHICAGO**