
2021 - 2022



UNIVERSITY UPDATES



CHERYL GREEN, PH.D.

President, Governors State University

Dear Counselors,

Thank you for your interest in Governors State University, and for sharing our mission of providing an exceptional, accessible education for your students.

Located 37 miles south of Chicago, on Metra's Electric line, GSU's campus is beautiful and includes Prairie Place, our residential facility for living&learning on campus. Our faculty are dedicated to promoting student achievement and degree completion.

Governors State is a special place—a diverse campus where students of all ages, races, faiths, and cultures work towards their educational goals with the help of a diverse group of faculty and staff who are invested in their success. At Governors State, the average class size is 12 students to 1 faculty member. That is a ratio commonly seen only at private colleges, but you do not pay private college tuition at Governors State.

Our freshman program has been carefully designed with a foundation upon which to build your college career and your life after GSU. Freshmen will learn strategies and skills to become a critical thinker. They will become more confident in their abilities as a student and, in their sophomore year, they will explore majors and programs to provide them with a solid underpinning of values-based learning—preparing them for a world that changes almost daily. Only full-time faculty members teach our freshmen classes.

GSU's honors program provides challenging and experiential learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. Students will gain leadership skills, enrich their academic experiences, and participate in internships and special events.

We offer financial aid and scholarship opportunities, including AIM HIGH – a scholarship program especially for first-year and transfer students. For qualified students, AIM HIGH scholarships may cover \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year.

I would welcome a visit to the Governors State University campus by you and your students. When you arrive, please make sure that I know so that I can say hello to you before you depart. I will look forward to meeting you and, in a few years, to shaking the hands of your students as they cross the commencement stage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Green".

Cheryl Green, Ph.D.
President, Governors State University

WHAT'S NEW AT GSU

Test Optional

Through a permanent policy change, Governors State University no longer requires students to submit standardized test scores for admissions. While students are welcome to submit if they think it will help, but it is no longer a requirement.

Students are encouraged to submit supplemental items along with their applications, such as letters of recommendation, a personal statement, employment history, and information on awards and activities, for a holistic review of their academic and co-curricular accomplishments.

govst.edu/freshman

Counselor Portal

GSU's new Counselor Portal allows you to login and check on student application statuses and materials within the Slate platform.

Once you create a Slate account—or if you already have an account—you will receive automatic updates about your students' applications. You may also upload supplemental documents, including official transcripts, directly into the Counselor Portal.

slate.org

New Student Application and Common App

Governors State has fully transitioned to a new application format, which includes both a new university application and the Common App for freshman applications.

There is a \$25 application fee when using Common App, but fee waivers are available – contact the Office of Admissions, admission@govst.edu, for more information.

apply.govst.edu/apply

AIM HIGH

GSU's AIM HIGH scholarship program has been revised to offer higher award amounts for incoming freshmen and transfer students. See updated awards and criteria on page 9.

No additional student application is required for AIM HIGH qualification.

govst.edu/AIMHIGH

Scholarship Universe

The university's new scholarship software Scholarship Universe allows students to search and personally match with internal and external scholarships, all in one location.

Prospective students can browse Scholarship Universe to discover a wide array of opportunities. To match and apply for scholarships, students must apply and be admitted to GSU.

govst.edu/scholarships

Varsity Reserves

New Varsity Reserves teams are now recruiting for the 2022-23 academic year with the GSU Jaguars. Teams include Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, and Women's Volleyball.

gsujaguars.com

New Co-Curricular Academic Support Model

Governors State has changed its freshman academic support model to now offer co-curricular classes to supplement normal coursework throughout the semester. This one-credit-hour lab offers additional support, development and coaching in real time throughout the semester to foster student success.

gsunews.govst.edu/cares-act-helps-governors-state-students-get-education-in-geer

4,708

STUDENTS
ENROLLED

11:1

STUDENT-FACULTY
RATIO

\$313

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

For a full listing of programs, including graduate and doctoral, visit www.govst.edu/programlisting.

39%

**OF UNDERGRADUATES
ARE FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS**

57%

**OF STUDENTS IDENTIFY
AS BELONGING TO A
RACIAL AND/OR
ETHNIC MINORITY**

45

**COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED IN
STUDENT BODY**

89%

**OF UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS RECEIVE
GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS**

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. Be paired with one of three learning communities made up of peers and mentors you can lean on and learn from. 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 91% of DDP students who have graduated or are on track to.

Schedule a virtual admission appointment: govst.edu/admission



2.5/4.0

AVERAGE GPA FOR CLASS OF 2024

54,532

ALUMNI

86%

RETENTION OF HONORS STUDENTS IN 2020

WE WERE BUILT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS. 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 govst.edu/DDP

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 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.

Don't see your specific school or program listed? Transferring is still an option! Contact the Office of Admissions at 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.

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

www.govst.edu/housing

ATHLETICS

19

NAIA-DAKTRONICS SCHOLAR ATHLETES AWARDED IN 2021

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

NEW - Varsity Reserves Teams

Men's and Women's Basketball

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 or 708.235.7431.

www.gsujaguars.com

Complete the Prospective Athlete Interest Form:

govst.edu/gsu-recruit

GSU athletic scholarships are available to qualified students.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GSU offers a variety of institutional scholarships based on academic merit, personal achievement, or financial need. The university's new Scholarship Universe software helps students find, match, and apply for scholarships directly tailored to their needs and goals.

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

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 15
- 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 per semester)

Dean's Scholarship:

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

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students applying on or before November 15 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.

govst.edu/honors

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
- International Students: Diversity is the heartbeat of Governors State University and our multicultural students and staff are the rhythm. govst.edu/ois
- Veterans: GSU has been named Best of the Best for Vets four years in a row by U.S. Veterans Magazine. 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.

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.

govst.edu/aimhigh

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

GPA THRESHOLD	AWARD TOTAL	ANNUAL
3.5 +	\$24,000	\$6,000
2.75	\$16,000	\$4,000

- Freshman AIM HIGH is renewable up to four years (or 8 consecutive semesters) if renewal criteria is met.
- 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
- Must meet all AIM HIGH requirements. Please visit govst.edu/aimhigh for full list.

EXPLORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Your hard work pays off at Governors State University. Apply now to be considered for scholarships for artists, athletes, and academic merit.

govst.edu/scholarships

UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEES*



ANNUAL ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL COST

Tuition: \$9,390
 Fees: \$3,226
 Room + Board: \$9,648

Total: \$22,264

ANNUAL COMMUTER COST

Tuition: \$9,390
 Fees: \$3,226

Total: \$12,616

govst.edu/finaid

*Based on 2021 - 22 costs, 15 credit hours, fall and spring semesters.
 **Based on semi-suite double occupancy option plus SILVER meal plan.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply today, complete an application online at govst.edu/apply.
Your application will be complete once you provide the following:

FRESHMAN

- Must have a minimum of 2.0 unweighted high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submission of official ACT or SAT scores is optional. Test scores will only be considered if they are helpful to the student.
- Earned fewer than 24 semester hours of college credit to start GSU as a freshman
- Official high school transcript or GED must be submitted
- Optional supplemental documents (AP scores, IB scores, resumes, letters of recommendation, personal statement, etc.) are encouraged to aid in holistic review of the student's application.

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

88%

RATE THEIR OVERALL
EXPERIENCE AS
EXCELLENT OR GOOD

61%

COMPLETE
A HIGH-IMPACT
PRACTICE

67

AVERAGE PAGES OF
ASSIGNED WRITING
IN THE FIRST YEAR

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021 – 2022

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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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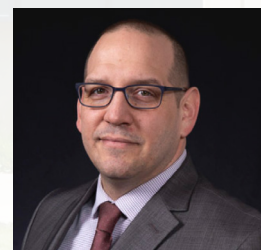
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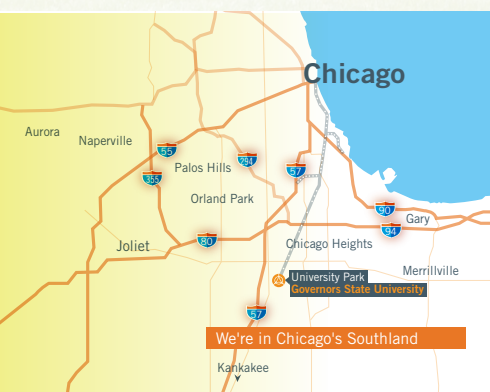
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MILES TO GSU:

- 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