

Dear Incoming Transfer Student,

Welcome to GW Law! We are thrilled you have chosen to become a member of The George Washington University Law School community. We are thinking about you as the summer hits full swing, eagerly anticipating your arrival, and planning for Orientation and beyond. We want to ensure your transition to the law school is as smooth as possible. You can find the Orientation website [here](#). Over the next few weeks we will send you additional messages and update the site as information becomes available. Note, this email is a lengthy one, please be certain to read it carefully and save it for future reference.

Who Are We?

The Dean of Students Office is the initial point of contact for a variety of student matters and can assist with things like academic advising, disability support services, class recordings, and student wellness. In addition, we plan Orientation for incoming students to ensure you get familiar with the GW Law community and hit the ground running!

As an incoming transfer student, Orientation events will principally occur on the evening of Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17, from 5 pm to approximately 8:30 pm on Tuesday and Noon to 3:30 pm on Wednesday. Incoming transfer students are welcome and encouraged to attend any additional Orientation events that your schedule permits.

In addition, the GW Law Student Bar Association (GW SBA) will also sponsor evening activities for incoming students throughout the week of August 15. A detailed Orientation schedule will be posted to the Orientation website during the week of August 1. In the meantime, the SBA is working hard to help get you connected with your soon-to-be classmates. Please be certain to check out the [Transfer Student Facebook Page](#) at your earliest opportunity.

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement: (Due July 15, 2022)

GW requires students, faculty and staff who are in person this fall to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (including booster). To be registered for fall classes you must first upload your COVID-19 vaccination documentation and have it verified by the GW Colonial Health Center. If you miss this deadline, your course registration and access to campus will be affected. Instructions on how to upload your documentation are available on [GW's Coronavirus Response site](#).

Immunization Requirement: (Due August 1, 2022)

All matriculating students who will be under the age of 26 as of August 1, 2022 must submit their immunization records directly to Student Health Services. For more information about which immunizations are required, please check [here](#). To access the medical portal, you must first claim your GW email address/UserID.

Registration for Accommodations: (Due November 15, 2022)

The George Washington University and the Law School have a bifurcated system to address law student's request for accommodation. Any student requesting an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability must contact the [University's Disability Support Services](#) office to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information on this process for law students, including forms for submission, please refer to the [Law School Dean of Students website](#). Although the deadline to register for and request accommodations is November 15, we strongly encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible.

Retrieving Your Login Information

You should already have received a message from the Office of Admissions with information to access the Admitted Student Portal. If you have not, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@law.gwu.edu.

UserID and University E-mail Account

All students are required to have a university UserID and@gwu.edu email account. If you have not done so, you can claim your User/ID [here](#) by using your GWID, last name and date of birth. Among other things, your UserID grants you access to the [health portal \(immunization requirements due August 1\)](#) and most campus wide resources such as computer workstations in Gelman Library (main campus library), Jacob Burns Law Library, and Colonial Printing. Once you have claimed your UserID, please wait at least 24 hours before trying to access the health portal or submitting forms to register with DSS. In order to access the health portal, use your university email address (@gwu.edu) and the password you just created.

Please note that your law school email account will only be created once you have claimed your UserID. [Here](#) is a helpful video about accessing your GW email.

GW Law Academic Rules and Policies

All law school rules and policies, including degree requirements, courses of instruction and other university regulations are located in the [GW Law School Bulletin](#). We update this document each summer, but you should familiarize yourself with this 2021-2022 edition as you will refer to it often during your time at GW Law.

We look forward to welcoming you in person and to helping you make a smooth transition into your professional studies. In the meantime, we wish you the very best in the weeks ahead as you prepare to join the GW Law Community.

The Dean of Students Office

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