

## Admitted Student Checklist

STUDENT VISA:		DEADLINE:
✓	<b>Review your Form I-20</b> and email <a href="mailto:ois@govst.edu">ois@govst.edu</a> immediately if there are any errors.	Now
	<b>Pay I-901 SEVIS fee</b> (required for visa appointment): Pay online at <a href="http://www.FMJfee.com">http://www.FMJfee.com</a> .	This week
	<b>Print out copy of receipt</b> verifying SEVIS fee has been paid.	This week
	<b>Visit the EducationUSA office</b> closest to you for insight on the visa application and interview process: <a href="https://educationusa.state.gov/">https://educationusa.state.gov/</a>	Prior to your scheduled visa appointment
	<b>Prepare for visa interview:</b> Schedule a Skype Interview with OIS to prepare for the visa interview. Email <a href="mailto:ois@govst.edu">ois@govst.edu</a> to schedule the best date and time to Skype with an OIS Representative. Indian applicants may contact one of our India Country Managers to schedule a mock visa interview: <a href="https://www.govst.edu/India-Manager">https://www.govst.edu/India-Manager</a>	Prior to your scheduled visa appointment
	<b>Schedule visa appointment</b> with the American Embassy or Consulate in your home country of residence. <a href="http://www.usembassy.gov">http://www.usembassy.gov</a>	This week
	<b>Gather documents and prepare</b> for your visa interview. <i>Passport, admission letter, I-20, bank documents, proof of SEVIS fee payment</i>	Before interview
	<b>Notify OIS</b> when your visa is approved by emailing <a href="mailto:ois@govst.edu">ois@govst.edu</a> .	After interview

PREPARATIONS TO COME TO GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY:		DEADLINE:
	<b>Getting to the United States:</b> Please review this website. <a href="https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/getting-to-the-united-states">https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/getting-to-the-united-states</a>	As soon as possible
	<b>Purchasing Airline Tickets:</b> The closest airports to Governors State University are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicago O'Hare International Airport (code: ORD)</li> <li>Chicago Midway Airport (code: MDW)</li> </ul> <b>**Important:</b> Do not travel to the US more than 30 days before the GSU Program Start Date listed on your I-20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This means you can enter the United States <b>on or after August 1, 2021</b>.</li> <li>We strongly suggest you plan to arrive no later than August 24, 2021 since orientations will likely take place that week.</li> </ul>	As soon as possible
	<b>Housing:</b> Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. The Office of International Services is unable to make on- or off-campus housing reservations for you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>On-campus Housing:</b> Please visit our University Housing website for information and applications for on-campus housing. Space is limited; apply early. <a href="http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/">http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/</a></li> </ul>	As soon as possible


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**ORIENTATIONS AND CHECK-IN****DEADLINE:**

	<p><b>General Orientation:</b> All new students should attend the appropriate student orientation to become familiar with student services at GSU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshmen (1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate) students: <a href="https://www.govst.edu/FreshmanOrientation/">https://www.govst.edu/FreshmanOrientation/</a></li> <li>• Undergraduate transfer students: <a href="http://www.govst.edu/TransferOrientation/">http://www.govst.edu/TransferOrientation/</a></li> <li>• Graduate students: <a href="http://www.govst.edu/GraduateOrientation/">http://www.govst.edu/GraduateOrientation/</a></li> </ul>	<p><i>Check website for updates</i></p>
	<p><b>International Student Orientation:</b> All new international students must attend this <u>required</u> session where we will cover your immigration status and other resources specific to your life as an international student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> <b>Friday, August 27, 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> <i>Check your GSU email for updates</i></li> <li>• <b>Location:</b> <i>To be determined</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Check your GSU email for updates</i></p>
	<p><b>International Student Check-In:</b> All international students are required to check in with OIS in person upon arrival and no later than orientation. Check-in instructions will be sent to you by email.</p>	<p>By 8/30/2021</p>
	<p><b>The first day of classes</b> for Fall 2021 is <b>Monday, August 30, 2021</b></p>	

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE****DEADLINE:**

	<p><b>Check out your GSU email account and the GSU Student Portal.</b> Access information is found in your GSU admission letter.</p>	<p>Now</p>
	<p><b>Contact your Academic Advisor</b> to create a study plan. Your advisor's name and contact information are found in your GSU admission letter.</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
	<p><b>Register for classes.</b> Some academic departments automatically register their students. Others require you to register through your MyGSU Portal. Check with your advisor for any special registration procedures. For more registration information, visit <a href="https://www.govst.edu/register/">https://www.govst.edu/register/</a>.</p> <p><b>**Important:</b> Please note that you currently have a registration hold on your student record, which prevents you from registering. You must contact OIS at <a href="mailto:ois@govst.edu">ois@govst.edu</a> <b>once you have received your visa or after your SEVIS record has been transferred</b> in order to have your registration hold removed.</p>	<p>Upon visa approval or SEVIS transfer</p>
	<p><b>Tuition.</b> See the Student Accounts website for more information about payment plans and payment deadlines: <a href="http://www.govst.edu/About/Offices_and_Departments/Student_Accounts_and_Billing/">http://www.govst.edu/About/Offices_and_Departments/Student_Accounts_and_Billing/</a> For international wire payment information, see enclosed document.</p>	<p>See website for deadlines</p>
	<p><b>Gather immunization records.</b> Students must submit immunization records. For more information and to get started, please go to the GSU Immunization website at <a href="http://www.govst.edu/immunization/">http://www.govst.edu/immunization/</a>. Please provide completed records by the deadline.</p>	<p>By 8/30/2021</p>
	<p><b>Student Insurance.</b> All GSU students are required to carry health insurance from a US-based provider. GSU will automatically enroll you in a plan from Gallagher Student Health &amp; Special Risk. The fee will be billed to your student account each semester you are enrolled at GSU. For informational purposes only, during the 2020-2021 academic year, the fall semester insurance fee was \$431.25 and the spring/summer insurance fee was \$606.20. The cost for the 2021-2022 academic year has not been determined and is subject to change.</p>	