

Admitted ESL Student Checklist

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

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

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ORIENTATIONS AND CHECK-IN**DEADLINE:**

	<p>You are required to attend ESL Placement Testing!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 • Time: 9:30am • Location: Goodman Malamuth Technology (GMT) Bldg, Room 180 	8/27/2021
	<p>Mandatory ESL Student Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 • Time: 9:30am • Location: Goodman Malamuth Technology (GMT) Bldg, Room 180 	8/30/2021
	<p>International Student Check-In: 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>	By 8/30/2021
	<p>The first day of classes for Fall 2021 is Monday, August 30, 2021</p>	

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE**DEADLINE:**

	<p>Check out your GSU email account and the GSU Student Portal. Access information is found in your GSU admission letter.</p>	Now
	<p>Gather immunization records. Students must submit immunization records. For more information and to get started, please go to the GSU Immunization website at http://www.govst.edu/immunization/. Please provide completed records by the deadline.</p>	By 8/30/2021
	<p>Student Insurance. All GSU students are required to carry health insurance from a US-based provider. GSU will automatically enroll you in our health insurance plan once you start the ESL program; <u>do not purchase it</u> before you arrive. However, you are strongly advised to carry travel health insurance coverage until 8/30/2021.</p>	

OTHER INFORMATION**DEADLINE:**

	<p>If you are conditionally admitted into a credit-bearing program and you want your condition removed, you must present to the Office of International Service (OIS) a new IELTS, TOEFL, or PTE score that meets the admission requirements by July 1, 2021. GSU's English language proficiency requirement can be viewed online at https://bit.ly/3dUMxFD. The condition will not be removed unless you have turned this in before July 1, 2021.</p>	By 7/1/2021
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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ESL PROGRAM

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