



Transfer Orientation Information

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With an entering transfer class of over 200 students per year, transfers are an important part of the new student community at Georgetown. Entering a new institution as a transfer is a distinctly different experience than entering as a first-time college student, and we in NSO have made a concerted effort to consider your needs as an upper-class student during your NSO experience. We hope that you take full advantage of the programs, opportunities, and events planned specifically with you in mind.

You will notice when you check-in at registration that several events each day during the NSO program are designed for transfer students ONLY. These events provide opportunities for you to gather in a smaller setting to better acquaint yourself with other transfer students just beginning their Georgetown career, as well current upper-class students and transfers from other years who can share their experiences on campus. In addition, your assigned Orientation Advisor (OA) will be an invaluable resource for you as you begin to navigate campus and participate in NSO activities.

As a transfer student, you can expect a variety of events on your schedule, including meetings with your OA, special dinners with other transfers and notable campus faculty and administrators, social events in the Georgetown neighborhood, and opportunities to explore the resources on campus. Here is a sample of past NSO transfer events:

- Boat Cruise on the Potomac River
- BBQ on the Observatory Lawn
- Lunch in the Career Center
- Evening Tour of the Washington D.C. monuments

On Sunday, you will be invited to participate in New Student Convocation, a ceremony in which you, your fellow transfers, and the first-year class will be welcomed into the academic community at Georgetown. Transfers will be asked to line-up together and process in separately from the first year students.

Details for registration, classes, and graduation requirements will be highlighted after Convocation at your school's Dean's Assembly. Attending your Dean's Assembly is especially important as a transfer because registration for transfer students is a day earlier than for first year students.

We look forward to meeting you in August, and helping you acclimate to Georgetown as quickly and as smoothly as possible. More information is available at our website: <http://nso.georgetown.edu> or feel free to call (202) 687-3906 or e-mail nso@georgetown.edu with questions between now and NSO.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

Please be sure to refer to Chapter Five—"Learning on the Hilltop"—for information on academics and a contact listing for each school's Dean's Office on page 22. The College, School of Foreign Service, School of Nursing & Health Studies, and the McDonough School of Business all have specific contacts for transfer students. You will also find information about transferring course credit from the institution(s) from which you are coming on page 23.


PRE-ORIENTATION PROGRAMS AND PRELUDE PROGRAM

Transfer students are also able to participate in pre-orientation programs, including Georgetown Outdoor Pre-Orientation Programs (GOPOP), Jewish Student Pre-Orientation Program, International Pre-Orientation (IPO), and First Year Orientation to Community Involvement (FOCI). Be sure to review the program descriptions, complete and return the registration forms found in the back of this guide, and contact the respective offices for more information.

Aside from these programs occurring prior to NSO, there are also forms for specific services and programs during and after NSO that you may find useful, including Campus Ministry, the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access (CMEA), Performing Arts, Athletics, the ESCAPE retreat program, and the Prelude Program. More information about each of these opportunities can be found throughout this guide. We encourage you to carefully consider each service and program to determine whether it's right for you so that you can take full advantage of your first semester at Georgetown University.

HOUSING AND OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

Sophomore transfers are required to live on campus unless approved for an exemption from the housing requirement. Junior transfers may be housed on campus as space permits.

Housing is available in various upperclass residence halls and some apartment and townhouse spaces also may be available. Information from the Housing Acceptance Agreement/Living Preference Questionnaire is used when making assignments for students. The due date for transfer students to complete the Questionnaire online is **June 15, 2009**.  The Housing Office will accept housing applications after that date, but may not be able to honor all living preferences.

If you are eligible to live off campus, the Office of Housing Services will sponsor an off-campus search from July 18-22,

2009. It provides an opportunity for students to stay on campus at no charge while they search for off-campus housing. If you are interested, please contact the Housing Office to request an application or download the application on our website.

You may wish to consult the database of available off-campus properties, which is maintained by the Office of Off-Campus Housing Resource Services (OCHRS), found at <http://och.georgetown.edu>. Please see page 37 for further information about this website.

For further information about housing for transfer students, please refer to the Housing section on pages 35-38 in this booklet.

Off-Campus Orientation Programs

The Office of Off-Campus Student Life (OCSL) conducts annual orientation sessions for all students living in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. These programs are mandatory and address issues of interest to off-campus students, including the landlord-tenant relationship, safety, and local laws and ordinances. The goals of off-campus orientation are to acquaint students with the resources offered by OCSL; share our expectations of them as new members of the community; and give students the tools to live well and safely in the historic residential communities near the University.

