LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Check out all of our events on the online calendar at [www.gsw.edu/events](http://www.gsw.edu/events) and see what’s happening on campus. We have lots of fun things planned for you. So, don’t just stay in your room; come out and join the Campus Activities Board in all the great Fall Programs CAB has planned!

FALL EVENTS

Here’s what CAB has installed for you:
- Movie Night On the Lawn
- Make Your Own Aquarium
- Create Your Name
- Build-A-Bear
- BINGO
- Twitter Scavenger Hunt

PIT Crew (Programmer In Training) Opportunities

Want to be first in line to get all of CAB’s goodies? Then join the PIT Crew to become and elite volunteer who get’s all the latest greatest things CAB has to offer. See a CAB member for more information.

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Message from the President

Welcome to Georgia Southwestern State University, the campus that cares. You have chosen to be part of the GSW experience, and we congratulate you on that choice. You could have selected a better place or better time. Georgia Southwestern State University is entering its second century and moving quickly to create an even greater presence among the fine regional universities in the state and across the southeast. GSW is known for many things including its alumni, which include notable figures like former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter, former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell, and many others; its outstanding academic programs and the faculty who make those programs possible; and its staff who work hard to create a consistent, student-centered campus environment. When these strengths are coupled with the exceptional enthusiasm and energy of all the GSW stakeholders, it is inevitable that great things are going to happen here at the University.

I like to think of student life here at GSW as a “total collegiate experience.” By that I mean we are careful in not drawing too clear a line between curricular and extra-curricular activities. Every activity on this campus is in some ways curricular and plays a part in one’s education. Belonging to a service club, pledging a sorority or fraternity, playing on an athletic team, working part-time on campus, or participating in the intramural program, all have important educational or curricular outcomes. For that reason I like to think of everyone who works on the campus, be they faculty or staff, as teachers. The number one priority for every GSW employee is your success as a student.

This is a valuable handbook and guide that provides important information about the many opportunities that we offer as part of the “total collegiate experience.” I encourage you to explore these opportunities and find those that are right for you. These organizations and activities provide not only valuable entertainment and educational venues, but also chances to make lifelong friendships.

Again, welcome to Georgia Southwestern. May your days here be filled with many good times, learning opportunities, rewarding experiences, and intellectual challenges.

Best wishes,
Dr. Kendall Blanchard, President

Message from the V.P. of Student Affairs

Welcome to Georgia Southwestern State University. We want all of our students to have an exciting, fun, rewarding and successful enrollment at GSW. This is YOUR campus!!!!!! Our campus is also a community, and this community forms our GSW family. As a member of our GSW family, each of us has a role to play in making GSW successful. Believe me, GSW is not successful if our students are not successful. GSW’s ultimate goals for each student include enhancing your learning skills, helping you to successfully complete your program of study, assisting you in obtaining employment, and helping you to become a responsible citizen. We have many faculty, staff members, administrators, and other students who will help you along the way. Please remember that your top priority should be your academic studies. We also have many student organizations, and we hope you will find one, or more that you can become involved in. Although we already have many outstanding student leaders at GSW, there is always room for more. We want you to succeed and will pledge our commitment to make this happen; but you will also need to do your part.

Together we can be a winning combination and your success can be guaranteed.

Again, welcome to GSW. We look forward to working with You!!

Best wishes for success,
Sam Miller

Message from the First Year Advocate

Dear New Member of the GSW Class of 2017:

If you are any of the following, either individually or a combination, excited, scared, happy, apprehensive, curious, nervous, confident, shaky or bold, then you are probably a recent high school graduate getting ready to start college!

This is a very different time in your life, not bad, just different...you are no longer a child and you are just knocking on the door of being grown.

Perhaps, you are not a recent graduate. As a non-traditional age student, you can still relate to many of those emotions having decided to start or return to school to begin a new chapter in your life. I’m here for you as well...never hesitate to reach out...I have walked in your shoes.

No matter what route brought you here, I am so happy that you have chosen Georgia Southwestern State University as the next step in your educational journey. My role is to help you (and your parents) navigate your transition to college,...and each student experiences that transition differently...there is no right or wrong way...just your way.

• Some of you will seldom see me over the next year, except when needed...but, that’s ok as long as you have what you need and are making good decisions.
• Some of you will want to become my new BFF and I will have to push you out the door!
• Some of you will be assigned to my University 1000 transition to college class, giving us an opportunity to get to know each other better. Doesn’t that sound like fun?
• Some of you are commuting to school, but don’t forget that I am here as a resource to keep you connected to GSW and well informed. Don’t be a stranger!

• Some of you will miss your families (sometimes, a lot). I’m here to comfort and console as needed. We’ll get you through it.

• Some of you will gladly welcome the opportunity to spread your wings... Remember, Freedom + Responsibility = SUCCESS …Right?

• Some of you will make the mistake of thinking the first year of college is grade 13. We will work closely over the next year to remind you that it is not, and to keep you on track. I am also here to correct!

Again, this is an exciting time of great transition in your life…. I just wanted to take a few minutes to welcome you and let you know whatever you need, I’m here to assist. Now it’s your move!

Sincerely,
Mr. Randall
New students, welcome to the community of Georgia Southwestern State University. We, the students of the university, anticipate your arrival. Each of you will bring a new face, a new skill, and a new opportunity to make our campus a better place. As the representative of the student body, I strongly encourage you to discover and join one of the many student organizations offered on our campus. Campus Organizations will help you make friends, challenge your skills, and give you the ability to become an important contributor to the GSW community. It is very important for you to know that your college experience will be determined primarily by you! The GSW community will provide opportunities for you to expand your knowledge, your experience, and your horizons while you are a student at GSW, but you must take the initiative. Student leaders of the past have created a legacy of hard-work and success in academics, in the GSW community, and in our world. Now, we look to you to carry the torch. You are the future of GSW, and I believe that you can take our university to new heights!

Best of luck to you,
Ben Moody

Message from the Orientation Staff

Welcome to Georgia Southwestern State University!

Congratulations and welcome to your new home away from home, GSW! We are delighted you are going to join our small community of dynamic learning. As a new student to GSW, you can look forward to your experience here being fun, interactive and a great place to meet new friends and long lasting experiences. Your role as a student is critical for us to fulfill the mission statement of Georgia Southwestern State University.

As you go through the orientation process, keep our mission and values in mind. We will do our best to help you become an active and productive student. In the next few weeks you will meet many new friends, faculty and staff and community members. Make sure you take the time to meet the people that can make your transition easy. Be sure to roam the campus and learn the ins and outs of this special place. We are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you, and if there is anything we can do to help you along the way, please do not hesitate to call on us. That is what we are here for. We look forward to hearing about your success along the way.

Your Orientation Team Staff

The Zephyr Recruitment Team Welcomes You to GSW!

A Zephyr is a student leader who loves Georgia Southwestern! They serve as liaisons between Southwestern and the prospective students visiting campus. They are responsible for leading daily campus tours and hosting Preview Days.

If you’re interested in becoming a Zephyr, please look for tryout information to be posted during the Fall semester.
We are very excited you chose GSW as your institution of higher learning. We have an excellent Orientation program scheduled for you and an even better Welcome Week schedule for the remainder of the week. This schedule is your guide for the first two (2) days of GSW, if you are a residential student. If you are a commuter student, you will need to be present on Sunday August the 17th. Please read this letter thoroughly as there are many mandatory events that all freshmen must attend in order to get credit for UNIV1000.

* Indicates sessions that are mandatory

Saturday, August 16th

8am - 1pm Move In Day (Arrive & Move In) * (The Id’s you made at STORM Day will be available at check-in)
Southwestern Oaks 1 & 2 - Residents Only

8am – 5pm Student ID’s Made
Marshall Student Center Canes Card Office

11am - 1pm Lunch
Will be provided by Aramark and Campus Ministries at Southwestern Oaks
Southwestern Oaks

1-4pm Shuttle to Walmart and surrounding Areas. Leaves from Southwestern Oaks I building every hour on the hour. First come first serve basis.

4pm Parent’s Panel Discussion & Reception
Student Success Center Conference Rooms 2410-2417

4pm Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting for all Residential Students (See your R.A. for more details)

5:30pm Dinner at the Marshall Student Center Dining Hall & Bingo

8 - 10pm Movie Night on Southwestern Oaks I & II Lawn
Come out and watch a movie with your freshmen class. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided. The movie will be TBA, however, it will be one that has not been released from the theaters yet.
Southwestern Oaks I & II

8 - 10pm Campus Recreation Open House
Come see what the Student Success Center has to offer. Whether its racquetball, yoga, weightlifting, etc. you’ll love what the SSC can offer you.
Student Success Center

Activities are subject to change. Final schedule will be given at Orientation Check-In. Events for the rest of the week will be emailed or view them at www.gsw.edu/events.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-338-0082 or email jcurtin@gsw.edu.

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Sunday, August 17th

* Indicates sessions that are mandatory

Final Registration for Fall Semester classes will be Sunday, August 17th. Please arrive at 10:00am at the Student Success Center for check-in. During this time you will receive information on the registration process. Please refer to the schedule below for more information. This is for Freshmen who did not attend a STORM Day and don’t have a schedule.

FRESHMEN SCHEDULE

10:00am Check In
10:15am Math Placement Testing
11:15pm General Academic Advising & Registration
12:00 Lunch
1:00-5:00pm Freshmen Orientation for ALL new students
Sign up online at www.gsw.edu
Subject to Change-Final Schedule will be emailed to your radar account late summer

1:00pm Orientation Check-In (Residential & Commuter Students)*
Student Success Center Lobby

1:30pm Welcome *
President Dr. Kendall Blanchard will welcome the incoming class of 2018.
Student Success Center STORM Dome

1:45pm Playfair *
Students will have an opportunity in a very safe and non-threatening way to bond together as a team and community and have lots of fun.
Student Success Center STORM Dome & Intramural Gym

3:15pm Snack Break
Student Success Center Lobby

3:30 – 5:30pm Rotational Sessions *
Students will choose 3 sessions to attend during this 1 1/2 hour time period. Students can choose from the following sessions: Campus Ministries, Greek Life, How To Stay Safe and Out of Trouble, Sex & Responsibility, Alcohol 101, Checking Your Schedule, Spiritual Life, GSW MODEL Experience, Volunteer Services, Sexual Assault & General Q & A.
Student Success Center (Rooms TBA)

6:00pm Welcome Back Dinner
Marshall Student Center Dining Hall

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**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES**
Enrollment for classes is the process of advisement and registration. Advisement involves seeing the faculty advisor to select courses appropriate for the degree program. Students are expected to register themselves through R.A.I.N. using the knowledge they gained from their advisor and fitting appropriate classes into available time slots. Enrollment is not complete until fees are paid. Seeing the faculty advisor, selecting the courses appropriate for the degree program, arranging these into a schedule to fit available time slots, signing up for these classes with the advisor or online through R.A.I.N. and paying fees complete the registration process. The Schedule of Classes available online through R.A.I.N. each term lists all courses being offered. Students may change their class schedule or register late during the first three days of class each semester.

**PART-TIME STUDENTS**
Students who are enrolled for less than a full load are classified as part-time students. These students may be working toward college degrees or they may be taking courses for self-improvement. Part-time students are required to satisfy the minimum academic standards.

**CREDIT BY EXAMINATION**
Credit by examination is offered for a number of courses at the University, e.g. CLEP, Prior Learning Assessment, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement. Credit by examination is listed as such on the transcript along with the course number, title, and hours of credit; however, no grade is assigned and the credit is not included in computing the grade point average. Credit by examination is limited to ten semester credit hours in a major and thirty hours in the University. Credit by examination is usually earned at the time the student enters the University. See the Registrar for more information.

**SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS**

**Adding or Dropping Courses**
Following registration for the term, students may add or drop courses during the published add/drop period. Students should discuss adding or dropping courses with their advisors. Students who enter courses after the first day of class are responsible for making up missed assignments.

Students may add or drop a Learning Support course only with the approval of the Coordinator of Learning Support Programs. Students enrolled in both Learning Support classes and degree credit courses cannot drop the Learning Support courses without dropping the degree credit courses as well.

After the published add/drop period, students may adjust their schedules only by “withdrawal.” (See below.) Students registered for courses that have the first class meeting after the designated add/drop period will be subject to the withdrawal from class policy or the withdrawal from the university policy below.

**GRADING SYSTEM AND QUALITY POINTS**

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To determine your semester Grade Point Average: For each course in which you are enrolled, multiply the number of hours the course is listed for by the number of quality points determined by the grade earned. Add your total quality points and divide that by the total number of hours in which you are enrolled. For example, a student takes the following courses and receives the following final grades:

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Total Hours= 13  Total Quality Pts=37  G.P.A. = 2.84

**STUDENT ACADEMIC LOAD**
A student is considered to be carrying a full load if enrolled for twelve or more semester hours of academic credit. A student is considered to be registered for an overload if enrolled in more than eighteen semester credit hours. A student is considered to be carrying a full load if enrolled for twelve or more semester hours of academic credit. A student is considered to be registered for an overload if enrolled in more than fifteen semester credit hours. A student must have the approval of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to register for an overload. The following cases usually qualify: (1) Undergraduate students on the Dean’s List or President’s List for the preceding term may register for as much as twenty-one hours of credit. (2) A student enrolled in certain curricula which require an overload for a given semester may register for the specified hours of credit.

**ACADEMIC YEAR**
At GSW, the academic year is divided into two semesters (terms) of 15 weeks each, including final exams, and a shortened summer term. New courses are begun each semester, and students may attend on a year round basis. New students may enter the University and begin work toward their degree at the beginning of any term. Credit in courses is expressed in semester hours. Normally, a semester hour of credit represents one in-class hour and two out-of-class hours per week for one semester, or an equivalent amount of work in other forms of instruction such as laboratory, studio, or fieldwork. Traditionally, courses offered by the University meet three hours per week with six hours of out-of-class assignments or study for one semester and therefore carry three semester hours of credit. However a number of classes are scheduled in more flexible time slots that meet the needs of our working students.
ACADEMIC ADVISING
If a student has declared an academic major, the student will be advised by a faculty member from the school or department of the declared major. Students who have not yet chosen a major will be advised by the General Education Advisor and will be classified as General Education students. All students with Learning Support requirements will be advised by Learning Support.

MAKING THE GRADE
Grades and quality points represent the instructor’s final assessment of a student’s performance in a course. All grades assigned remain on the transcript even if a course is repeated. Normally, a course is counted only once for credit hours. If a student wants to repeat a course that falls into this category, he/she may do so with the understanding that the latest grade earned replaces all previous grades. The number of quality points awarded and credit hours earned is determined by this final grade. A student should discuss how repeating courses effects financial aid with a financial aid counselor.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
The Office of Disability Services provides and coordinates accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Accommodations include but are not limited to:

- Test accommodations (extended time, quiet distraction free rooms to test in).
- Priority registration (for qualified students)
- Text books on line (alternate media access)
- Adaptive technology
- Note takers
- Tutors
- Braille

For additional information, please contact Evelyn Oliver, director of disability services/testing center, in Sanford Hall, room 302, or by phone at 229-931-2661 or email at eoliver@gsu.edu.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER
The Academic Resource Center (ARC) offers assistance to students through free tutoring for all core courses and college survival skills presented in a class or workshop format. The ARC is equipped with a computer lab, study booths, tutorial classrooms, a high-tech classroom, and a conference room for students to use. Students should go by the ARC, located in the former Academic Center for Excellence, to sign up. Trained tutors are available for students in all core courses and select upper division courses.

FIRST YEAR ADVOCATE
The First Year Advocate serves as the primary contact person for all first year students and their families. She is responsible for advising and encouraging first year students; assisting them with personal, academic, or financial problems that may be affecting their success at GSW; monitoring their academic progress; and serving as the liaison with offices in academic affairs, students affairs, and business affairs on their behalf to resolve situations affecting enrollment decisions. The office of the First Year Advocate is located in the Academic Resource Center.
ACADEMIC ADVISOR: A faculty or staff member assigned to advise students individually on the selection of courses, career goals, academic issues, and related curriculum concerns.

ACADEMIC PROBATION: The end-of-term academic standing of students who begin the semester on academic warning and fail to reach the required minimum 2.0 grade point average for good standing. The student must return to good standing by the end of the following semester or be suspended.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER: Provides tutoring services for all GSW students, as well as a state of the art computer lab and technology lab.

ACADEMIC WARNING: The academic standing of students whose grade point average fell below the required minimum 2.0 grade point average for good standing academically. Students with this academic standing should seek tutoring during their next term of enrollment.

BACHELOR’S DEGREE: A student receives this degree once completing his or her four-year undergraduate studies.

CAB (CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD): Organization on campus responsible for student programming. CAB programs usually consist of educational, social and academic programs.

CANE’S DEN: Dining area where pizza, deli sandwiches and other foods are served in the Student Success Center.

CORE CURRICULUM: 42 hours of general education courses plus 18-19 hours of courses related to the major, which a student must take before she or he can graduate.

CREDIT: What a student receives when completing a course. One semester credit hour is defined as one in-class hour and two out-of-class hours per week for the duration of the semester or the equivalent amount of work in other forms of instruction such as laboratory, studio, or fieldwork.

DEAN: Academic head of a school or college.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Full-time professors who have been given administrative duties in addition to their teaching responsibilities.

ADD/DROP PERIOD: At GSW, during the first three days of a (15 week) semester, the student is allowed to drop a course she or he is not satisfied with, change to another section of that same course or add another course in its place. The add/drop period may be shorter in a shorter semester like ½ term semesters or summer term.

HELLO WALK: Pathway located between the MSC and English building. It is a GSW tradition to say “Hello” to everyone you meet on the Hello Walk.
**SYLLABUS**: Given the first week of class, a syllabus tells the student when tests, assignments, and papers are due during the semester and lists the instructor’s policies for the class.

**SOU’WESTER**: GSW’s school newspaper.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**: Council of students elected by their peers to carry out the business of the entire student body.

**SSC (STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER)**: Large domed building that has the following: aerobics room, athletics, canes den, health & human performance, gameroom, intramural gym, rock climbing wall, racquetball courts, storm dome & student affairs “SURGE”: The GSW hurricane mascot.

**WELCOME WEEK**: The first week of fall semester that contains lots of activities to get the students involved with GSW.

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**COLLEGE TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**HONOR FRATERNITIES/SOCIETIES**: Organizations honoring students who have achieved distinction in academic areas of service.

**INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL**: Council of representatives from each of the IFC male fraternities on campus who follow policies governing fraternity activities and sports.

**INTERNSHIP**: Work experience, monitored by a faculty member, which contributes to a student’s major. A student is usually required to write a paper or take a test on the experience.

**INTRAMURAL**: Non-collegiate sports which provide fun competition among students. Leagues include flag football, volleyball, basketball, and ultimate frisbee.

**MAJOR**: A specialized field of study that a student chooses to pursue through her or his college career.

**MASTER’S**: A degree awarded to a graduate student once she or he has completed graduate school.

**MSC (MARSHAL STUDENT CENTER)**: Where the office of student life is located, as well as the cab office, student government, crest room, dining hall, and cane’s den.

**NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL**: Historically black greek council of representatives from each sorority and fraternity that set policies governing all pan-hellenic activities.

**ORIENTATION**: A program designed to assist all new students in adjusting to their new college surroundings.

**PANELLENIC ASSOCIATION**: Women’s equivalent to the inter-fraternity council.

**PLAGIARISM**: The act of stealing another person’s words or ideas and using them as one’s own. If caught plagiarizing, the offender may be released from college.

**PRESIDENT**: The person in charge of running the university.

**PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES/SOCIETIES**: Organizations composed of students majoring in various academic fields.

**SEMESTER**: The school year is composed of three semesters (summer term, fall & spring semesters) which last two to four months each. New classes start at the beginning of each semester.

**REGISTRAR**: The office which evaluates and regulates the students’ transcripts, records, grades, classes, etc.

**RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS**: Students who live in the residence halls and enforce rules and regulations. The staff is also there to provide guidance and advice.

**SERVICE FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES**: Greek letter organizations fostering academics, community service, brotherhood/sisterhood, and social activities.

**STUDENT SERVICES**: Where professionally trained professionals assist students in solving personal, social, career, and academic problems.
100 things to do before you graduate from GSW

Admit all GSA Orientation Sessions
Admit Student brown bag activities and make a new friend
Visit Cold Comfort for a cup of wonderful coffee
Join an organization that has touched your ear
Write 5 friends over to your room and have a pizza party; maybe right
Go to the Carousel Marina and see the Osprey named “Wally”
Setup and do a hosted building tour through GSA’s hosted organization
Take a Tour of Vernon Farmhouse
Admit to a GSA Fall Fest event, event
Spend a night at the famous Linden Hotel and go past hunting, there’s a moon over
Dine at a friends campus tour of GSA
Admit the Junior Service League’s Couples’ Carnival
Get the famous snow and pizza war from Room 260
Admit the International Student Association’s Taste of the World
Freeze the Season on campus and gear up your information
Go to the Five River Aquarium in Aiken, SC and met a biologist at Jimmy’s
Join a graduation commencement ceremony and save the program
Participate in a GSA’s Grill Recruitment
Eat at Carter’s Fried Chicken and get their delicious burger
Get a caramel malt to watch the moon during the annual games
Admit City of Aiken’s Buck Band party and ride the trolley to get there
Buy a gift for your favorite professor or staff member at the store
Visit; Thirty Colonial Dixie Stares and see resident produced for consumption
Get the American Spirit from El Jorceno
Eat a shoe bag and mystery fries from Norm’s
Sing Karaoke at 923 and off campus everything, you know
Ride the Summertime from Corner to Plaza or vice versa
Admit the President’s Convocation
Take a stroll along “Spartakus” and take a photo for everyone you pass
Play a round of pool at GSA’s Griffin Grill and some
Tour the President of Dr. Hammett’s University
Admit Student Government Association meeting and vote your concerns
Go to GSA’s glass studio or take a glass blowing class
Admit a hometown and eat Chef’s famous chicken and rice
Go to Forsys and hang out with friends
Follow: 4212 4212 on twitter
Lanch the Eugene Pettis Parade at Midtown in Downtown Aiken
Admit GSA’s multiple Breakfast
Have a piece of Farmhand cocoa, wings a divorce
Visit the GSA Decorator on a after these
Admit the Downtown Christmas Open House and see the Christmas Parade
Buy a GSA T-shirt for your parents from the Bookstore
Find the GSA booth on campus, it’s closer to the marina, Student Center
Join a GSA student organization
Admit the Flying Easter Bunny show to help fight cancer
Have a Lowtech run at 2am in the morning
Admit all Community Services workshops
Go to Flames and get a cup of homemade peanut butter ice cream
Go to a white hot chocolate from GSA’s Java City
Drive to Savannah and see the hometown of Phillip Phillips, and Luke Bryan
Take the SCS Shuttle instead of your vehicle to Last minute or an area walk
Go to the Bistro and get a Phenix, look over to Roberts and eat a cupcake
Register for a Continuing Education course through GSA
Admit a GSA Center Services workshop
Get a hot dog from Diamond on Highway 9
Do something for your classmate and a GSA Faculty/staff member
Admit the faculty arts show you in Auburn
Admit a GSA Social event
Rule the game on the GSA proper crow
Admit the Ill GSA Club Cooking Contest
Admit a GSA National Panhellenic Council Stepshow
Visit the James Earl Carter Memorial and see the Jimmy Carter Exhibit
Go to Randy’s on Tuesday and get a Free T-shirt, get $5 off with student ID
Play a round of Disc golf at GSA
See a GSA show or a Summer Players’ Production
Introduce yourself to the First Year Advisor
Take a stroll on the GSA walking trail
Your Hosted for the honeymoon’s Grand View
Admit the George National Forest in Tennessee George & Anthony
Admit Arts in the Park and get a turkey bag
Go to Flana’s Ramous, History site and visit the Boudreau Farm
Admit a GSA group fitness class
Close the GSA roof and call your name on the calling
Exit at the marshall student Center Campus Hall on fried chicken Thursday
Visit the George Bush, Telephone museum in Aiken, SC
Volunteer at the Calendar for a year
Go to the Providence College and meet a taller person than you found it
Check the online activity number at www.gsw.edu events
Have a party weekend at the GSA Living Center
Enjoy nachos and pizza at The Place and play a little pool
Go to the GSA where make sure you have your parking license
Get a tutor or sign up to be a tutor
Admit the Andersonville historic Fair
Hang out at Pepperby’s on a Thursday night
Admit the President Jimmy Carter’s Sunday school class
Play a video game in the GSA commons
Join an intramural team and play a sport
Visit Southfield, the intramural Charles Washington’s first site right
Admit a GSA Student Appreciation Day and get your Free T-shirt
Get the words to your head on the groups of Anderson at Christmas
Shake hands with Georgia Southern University’s President Kendall Blanchard
Speak with a warm, summer afternoon on a west ride in the center Boulouder
Take a tour of the GSA Film Theaters
Give Surge a hug or a high five, snap a picture of it and post it to Facebook
Admit a play or music at the Armstrong Theatre
Rule the game with a GSA’PTeen event
Exit a water slide, from Gains’ Kitchen
Observe your resume and apply to graduate school and your dream job
Graduate GSA with honors

The federal TRIO programs provide academic support services and some financial assistance primarily to low-income, first-generation college, and students with documented disabilities with the purpose of succeeding academically and encouraging advancement through much of the educational pipeline. The TRIO programs work together to provide a pipeline of support services from secondary school through undergrad-uate and graduate education. The TRIO programs are ordered according to their sequence in the educational pipeline:

• Upward Bound primarily supports the college preparation of secondary students,
• Talent Search primarily supports the postsecondary enrollment of secondary students,
• Educational Opportunity Center primarily supports the postsecondary enrollment of adult students,
• Student Support Services primarily supports the completion of undergraduate education,
• McNair primarily supports graduate school preparation.

GSW’s TRIO/Student Support Services has been and continues to be a university partner in the progress of students matriculating to and graduating from GSW since 1977. Our work has always sought to enhance the college experience through a range of services and activities.

WORKSHOPS ( Online / F2F )
Test Taking                  Note Taking
Taking Test Anxiety
Stress Management          Time Management
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
Personal Development
Financial Literacy
GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

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IHELP PEER EDUCATORS
Individuals helping to educate and lead peers!

The mission of the iHelp Peer Educators is to encourage Georgia Southern State University students to make healthy, low-risk lifestyle choices by: promoting low-risk drinking behaviors, educating and informing students, faculty, administrators, and staff about Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) abuse; assisting students in self-identification of high-risk behaviors; and helping students make positive lifestyle changes by providing information, assistance, and support.

iHelp Peer Educators work to achieve this mission by providing programs, workshops, written materials, and individual contacts to the University community.

For more information about IHELP Peer Educators, please email us at ihelpgsw@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook. Our Facebook name is IHelp PeerEducators. Also follow us on twitter @ihelpgsw.
## Core Curriculum

**AREAS A-F OF THE CORE CURRICULUM REQUIRE A TOTAL OF 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

### Area A - Essential Skills
9 semester hours Credit hours

- **MINIMUM GRADE OF C IN ALL AREA A COURSES**

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<td>MATH 1111 College Algebra (non-science majors)</td>
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### Area B - Institutional Options (minimum)
4-5 semester hours Credit hours

Students with 10 semester hours in Area D must complete 5 semester hours in Area B.

Students with 11 semester hours in Area D must complete 4 semester hours in Area B.

**Select from the following courses:**

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<td>COMM 1100** Fundamentals of Speech</td>
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<td>WMST 2011 Introduction to Women's Studies</td>
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<td>THEA 1100 Performance Skills for Business and Professions</td>
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<td>POLS 2401 – Introduction to Global Issues</td>
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### Area C - Humanities/Fine Arts
6 semester hours Credit hours

**Select one of the following:**

| ENGL 2110 World Literature                    | 3     |
| ENGL 2120 British Literature                  | 3     |
| ENGL 2310 American Literature                 | 3     |

**Select one of the following:**

| ARTC 1100 Art Appreciation                     | 3     |
| MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation                   | 3     |
| THEA 1100 Theatre Appreciation                 | 3     |

### Area D - Mathematics, Science, Technology (minimum) 10 semester hours Credit hours

#### Non-Science Majors Only

One lab science course from List A below 4Hrs
One science course from List A or B below 3Hrs
One course from List A, List B, or List C below 3 or 4Hrs

#### Science or Non-Science Majors

Two lab science sequence from List A below 8Hrs
One course from List A, List B, or List C below 3 or 4Hrs

### Area E - Social Sciences 12 semester hours Credit hours

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<td>ANT 1102 Introduction to Anthropology</td>
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* recommended for teacher education majors.

**NOTES:**

1. BIO 1102/1107L and 1108/1108L are not open to students with credit in BIO 2107 or BIOL 2108.
2. PHYS 1111 and PHYS 1112 are not open to students with credit in PHYS 2211 and PHYS 2212.
3. CHEM 1151 and 1152 are not open to science majors.

### Area F - Institutional Options (minimum)
3 semester hours Credit hours

**Notes:**

- MATH 1107 & BIOL 1107L - Essentials of Biology I Lecture and Lab,
- BIOL 1108 & BIOL 1108L - Essentials of Biology II Lecture and Lab
- BIOL 2107 - Principles of Biology I
- BIOL 2108 - Principles of Biology II
- GEOL 1211 - Earth Materials, Processes, and Environment
- GEOL 1122 - Earth History and Global Change
- GEOL 2121 - Principles of Geology I Lecture and Lab
- CHEM 1212 & CHEM 1212L - Principles of Chemistry I Lecture and Lab
- PHYS 1111 - Introductory Physics I
- PHYS 2112 - Introductory Physics II
- PHYS 2211 - Principles of Physics I
- PHYS 2212 - Principles of Physics II

### List B (3 hours each)

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<td>GEOL 1142 - Geology of Geology</td>
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<td>ENV 1100 - Introduction to Environmental Science</td>
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**List C (3 or 4 hours each)**

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<td>CIS 2000 - Desktop Publishing and Multimedia Presentations</td>
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GSW M.O.D.E.L.S.
Mentors Offering Direction Encouragement and Leadership Skills

What Is GSW M.O.D.E.L.S.?
The first year of college can be intimidating. Being away from home for the first time and living with hundreds of strangers could be very challenging for a freshman student in a new environmental setting. The troubles of adjusting and studying successfully can also bring additional anxiety. The GSW Mentors Offering Direction, Encouragement & Leadership Skills (M.O.D.E.L.S.) is a group of upper-class students trained to provide information and peer support for new incoming students throughout their first year at Georgia Southwestern. The mentoring program is designed to give freshmen students a network of support among the campus community. GSW M.O.D.E.L.S are built on four principles: academic support, personal development, community service, and leadership development. Programs and activities are centered around these four components.

For more information about GSW MODELS, please email us at gswmodels1@gmail.com. You can also join our group on FACEBOOK. Our FACEBOOK group name is GSW M.O.D.E.L.S.

Transfer Students

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY:
Transfer credit is normally awarded for all college work earned through any college or university approved by its regional accrediting association, provided the courses presented reasonably parallel the curriculum of Georgia Southwestern State University. The following stipulations on the transfer of credit are upheld:

1. Transfer of credit:
   All credit earned in 1000 and 2000 level course used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements will be accepted, except for all Area A courses which require minimum grades of C. Credit earned in upper level undergraduate courses require a minimum grade of C according to the individual degree requirements.

2. Students who have only partially completed Core requirements at another unit of the University System of Georgia will receive credit for courses completed. Students who have completed one or more Core Areas at another unit of the University System of Georgia will receive full transfer credit for those Core Areas. Students who change their major upon transferring may be required to complete Area A, Area D, and Area F requirements for the new major.

3. Course work taken in two-year college technical programs is generally non-transferable. Students transferring with technical college credit should contact the Transfer Evaluation Specialist in the Registrar’s Office.

4. Course work taken at two-year Technical Colleges which are accredited through the Commission on Colleges will be considered in transfer if the course numbering is 1000 or above.

5. Transfer students must meet residency requirements outlined in the Degree Requirements section of the college catalog.

6. Credit earned by examination is accepted, but limited to 30 semester hours.

Jimmy Carter’s Imprint on GSW while he was a student and member of the Student Government Association. This imprint can be found near the front entrance to the campus.
Transfer Students

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY CONTINUED:

7. Credits accepted in transfer by Georgia Southwestern State University do not necessarily apply as hours toward graduation.

8. Credit hours only are transferred; grades are not.

9. A student transferring to GSW with a transferable Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a college or university within the University System of Georgia will have met the GSW core requirements as long as the student does not change majors. Core courses required by GSW but not by the student’s previous institution may have to be taken to prepare the student for upper division course work. However, the student will not be required to complete more than the total semester credit hours required for the degree, excluding physical education and orientation, to earn the degree. Students in this category who change majors may have additional core courses to complete, particularly in Core Areas A, D and F.

10. A student transferring to GSW with an Associate of Applied Science or an Associate of Science in Nursing degree will be required to meet GSW core requirements. Core courses already completed at the previous institution will be considered on a course-by-course basis.

For information regarding transfer credit, please contact our Transfer Evaluation Specialist located in the Registrar’s Office or at 229-928-1331.

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Nationally Founded: October 23, 1897
Established at GSW: October 18, 1969
Colors: Pearl White and Olive Green
Symbol: Panda Bear
Flower: White Rose
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• PINs are delivered according to your chosen delivery mode. Keep your PIN in a secure place. You will need to refer back to it for additional financial aid processing.
• Add the GSW School Code ’001573’.
• Sign your FAFSA by using your PIN number(s)

Once your FAFSA or Renewal Application has been processed you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review the information on the SAR for accuracy. If all information is correct, keep all pages of your SAR for your records. If you determine that the information on the SAR is incorrect, make corrections as necessary.

VERIFICATION

If your application is selected for verification, you will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) that additional documentation is required. An electronic notice will be posted to the ‘RAIN’ account and/or a missing information letter will be sent to the student’s permanent address. This letter identifies the missing items also noted in ‘Check your Admissions Status’. It is the student’s responsibility to see that all requests from the OFA are satisfied. To receive Federal Financial Aid, all verification requirements must be completed by the last day of the semester.

Once documentation is reviewed the OFA may require additional information to process your request for student financial aid. You should respond promptly to these requests in order to prevent delays in processing your application for aid. You may be asked to submit to the OFA: A signed copy of your W-2’s if applicable, verification of other family members’ income on precedures, please visit our website at: http://gsw.edu/Financial-Aid/Forms/index.

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If you are eligible for a Stafford Loan an offer will be made from the FAFSA results. You are required to accept offers for Stafford loans online, via your RAIN account. If you choose to not to accept your loan, you can bypass this step on RAIN, and no loans will be processed on your behalf. Be very careful in your decisions regarding borrowing. Loans must be paid back. After we have originated your loan with the Federal Processing Center, you must electronically sign your Master Promissory Notes with the PIN you received from the FAFSA. New student borrowers must also complete entrance counseling. Both the MPN and Entrance counseling may be submitted at www.studentloans.gov.

GSW also offers a parent loan ‘PLUS’ to biological and step-parent(s) who wish to apply for a loan in their name for a dependent student. It is credit based and available up to the cost of attendance based on the FAFSA results. Parents must visit: www.studentloans.gov and electronically sign the Master Promissory Note with their FAFSA PIN. For additional information on procedures, please visit our website at: http://gsw.edu/Financial-Aid/Forms/index.

ADD/DROP CONSEQUENCES FOR FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

Enrollment is not finalized until the end of Drop/Add in each term.

Classes dropped or added during Drop/Add will have aid adjusted accordingly. For example: If a part-time Pell recipient goes through Drop/Add to either add or drop a class, the Pell will be adjusted according to the number of remaining or additional hours.

Classes dropped or added after Drop/Add will not be adjusted to increase or decrease the level of aid. For example: If a three-quarter-time student manages to add a class after Drop/Add is over, the student would be full time by university standards, but for financial aid standards, the student remains at three-quarter-time. No additional funds will be added to the account unless it was an institutional error that caused the late addition.

Classes dropped after Drop/Add do not go unnoticed. Students receive a grade of W if the withdrawal occurs after Drop/Add. The W will come into consideration when students are checked for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The course the student withdraws from has a direct effect on passage percentage rate. This rate must be 67% of all hour attempted toward the degree. The student is not penalized academically when the withdrawal occurs. For example: A student signs up for four classes. After Drop/Add is over, the student withdraws from all but one class. The student has retained an A in the one remaining class. Academically, the student will have a term GPA of 4.00 but will not have passed 67% of what was attempted for the term. If this is the second or greater term for the student, the student will lose aid eligibility.

Class Attendance is confirmed for Financial Aid Recipients. If an instructor reports you as ‘Not Attending Class’ your financial aid will be adjusted accordingly. In addition, students must attend 60% of any semester to earn 100% of their Financial Aid. Those not attending 60% could owe money back to the school or the U.S. Department of Education. Future eligibility could be jeopardized.
To receive financial aid, all students must adhere to the following Terms:

- Be admitted into a degree-seeking program of study (Certificate Programs may qualify for some aid)
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours each semester - Pell Grant awards may be awarded for less than 6 hours of enrollment
- Be a citizen of the United States or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements. I understand I could lose federal financial aid eligibility if I am unable to adhere to the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policies that include three measures: GPA, course completion rate, and maximum timeframe. This policy is separate from the university’s policy for academic continuance
- Register with Selective Service (males only)
- All awards are subject to change pending the availability of federal, state, and institutional funding and regulatory verification
- Renew my FAFSA each year
- The traditional GSW financial aid award year is fall and spring. The FAFSA is valid for fall, spring and summer. Once registered for summer, I must submit a separate institutional ‘summer application’
- Offered aid is based upon full-time enrollment for undergraduates - 12 hours
- Aid offers not accepted within 30 days are subject to cancellation
- Pending financial aid will be canceled if I do not enroll or if I don’t maintain other eligibility requirements. Canceled aid awards will only be reinstated pending the availability of funds
- Disbursed aid will be prorated according to actual reported class attendance and/or participation. You must participate or attend classes to establish eligibility and remain eligible for federal aid
- Attend 66% of any semester to earn 100% of your federal financial aid
- If I withdraw, drop, or do not otherwise complete all of the courses that I am scheduled to attend in a term, disbursed funds may be returned to the federal government and I will owe a balance to Georgia Southwestern University. This is called the Return of Title IV process
- Know the yearly and lifetime limits to the federal aid programs and my own financial aid history
- Not be in default on a federal student loan or owe a repayment from a federal grant overpayment
- GSU will offer me up to the maximum federal loan amount, and I may reduce the offer when completing all of the above steps
- GSW will only process a loan for me if I accept, and complete entrance counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- All students must have a minimum of 6 hours to be loan eligible
- All resources or financial assistance must be reported

DISBURSEMENT: Generally financial aid begins disbursing on the 14th day of the semester and refunds are released to eligible students by day 28th, 14 days after your disbursement posts to your account.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID NOTICES: ** The Financial Aid Office uses the Radar email to communicate. In making this commitment, your GSW radar email insures your privacy within the confines of our academic community. It is also necessary to monitor your RAiN account regularly

The Georgia HOPE Scholarship program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC). HOPE recipients are responsible for being aware of all guidelines and information governing Hope Scholarship.

Students with federal or state drug convictions that occurred while receiving financial aid may be ineligible for additional financial aid.

I affirm that I have read and understand the requirements.

GSW Student ID# Student signature Student printed name

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, both in quality and quantity to receive Title IV Federal Financial Aid and State Financial Aid. The Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards for remaining in good academic standing for the purposes of receiving financial aid at Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) are as follows:

Qualitative (GPA) - Undergraduates students must earn the graduating GPA of 2.0. Graduate students must earn the graduating GPA of 3.0.

Quantitative (67% Pace of Completion) - Students must successfully complete a minimum of 67% of the total attempted hours which he/she registers for at GSW. Repeated classes, ESL courses, Incompletes, Withdrawals and earning grades of F, WF, WS, U, IP, I, NR done in excess could have a negative impact. These hours count as attempted hours and do not count in earned hours. Example: Your Total Earned Hours divided by Your Total Attempted Hours = This percentage rate must be at least 67% to maintain eligibility.

Maximum Time Frame - Students are allowed to attempt up to 150% of the hours required for their degree level. Example: If a bachelor program requires 120 credit hours, a student may attempt a maximum of 180 hours before becoming ineligible for financial aid. All periods of enrollment count toward time frame whether or not aid was received. Students who have completed all the coursework for their degree but have not received the degree are no longer eligible for aid. There is only one level of appeal for exceeding the 150% timeframe. This appeal can only be made to the Financial Aid Office.

Learning Support/Developmental - Students can receive financial aid for no more than 30 hours of remedial course work. Students who are required to take remedial course work will be eligible to have their maximum time frame extended by the number of remedial hours taken up to a maximum of 30 hours. If terminated from aid for failure to exit Learning Support students may apply for reinstatement of aid when he/she has successfully exited Learning Support. There is no right of appeal for extended time for exiting Learning Support.

Second Degree - Students who have graduated with a Bachelors degree and wish to pursue a second Bachelors degree will be allowed 60 additional attempted hours toward the second degree. The minimum requirements of 2.0 overall cumulative) GPA and (67%) pace remain. An evaluation can be initiated by filing an appeal.

Transfer students - The GPA earned at GSW will be used in the qualitative standard. Credits transferred from prior institutions will be counted as part of the student’s "attempted credit hours", in calculating the quantitative pace (67%) and maximum time allowed (150%) segment of the SAP calculation.

Transient Courses/ESL – Are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Changing Majors - Students who change majors during the academic year are strongly encouraged not to withdraw from any classes as they still must meet the 67% completion rate. Students who decide to change majors or degree programs should do so early in their academic career so as not to jeopardize future eligibility for student financial aid at GSW. Changing majors is not a justification for failing to maintain SAP.
**S.A.P. Financial Aid Appeals Process**

GSW has established a S.A.P. Financial Aid Appeals Process to assist students who have failed to maintain S.A.P. due to mitigating circumstances (which has now been resolved or stabilized). Under this process, Georgia Southwestern State University will on an annual basis (the traditional timeline is at the end of Spring Semester) review students’ Satisfactory Academic Progress (S.A.P.). Whether financial aid can be renewed will be based on the results. If students are not meeting S.A.P. and have a documented mitigated circumstance they may file a financial aid appeal to the Financial Aid Office (FAO). This is essentially an unanticipated and unavoidable occurrence beyond the student’s control which directly affected his or her ability to be academically successful and which has been resolved or stabilized so he or she is now able to become academically successful. Examples of mitigating circumstances include documented illness, death in the immediate family, or natural disaster. Students will be notified by mail or email of the outcome of an appeal. As part of an appeal, students must also explain how the situation has been resolved or stabilized.

**Reinstatement** – If an appeal is approved with conditions those requirements must be met each semester to maintain eligibility. Once the student is meeting S.A.P. standards he/she may return to the annual checkpoint and is no longer held to the conditions. If the student’s appeal is denied with conditions, the student is eligible to file another appeal by meeting those requirements without the use of financial aid. Paying out of pocket (including private loans) or sitting out does not qualify a student for reinstatement of aid. Aid will be automatically terminated if the student is suspended from GSW.

**Georgia Scholarship Recipients** - In addition to the S.A.P. standards above Zell Miller and HOPE Scholarship recipients must adhere to Georgia guidelines. For your convenience those guidelines can be found at the gacollege411 website. These scholarships will be reviewed at the end of spring semester, at 30, 60, and 90 attempted hours. Zell recipients must maintain a 3.30 HOPE GPA and HOPE recipients must maintain a 3.0 HOPE GPA. After 127 HOURS (or maximum degree requirements) have been attempted eligibility ends.

Students who lost Zell or HOPE eligibility, but have regained a minimum 3.0 GPA, should submit a HOPE/Zell Evaluation Form from the GSW – Financial Aid- Form website to determine if and when aid can be reinstated. Additionally, seven years after high school eligibility expires if not used.

**Academic Renewal** - The US Department of Education does not recognize academic amnesty or academic renewal in relation to financial aid satisfactory academic progress. GSW is required to include all courses and grades in evaluating a student’s satisfactory academic progress. However, if there were documented mitigating circumstances please file a financial aid appeal for further consideration.

Students may be awarded Federal Pell Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study, Federal Direct (Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and Parent PLUS) loans, HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, etc. for the semester in which the student is now making SAP, the semester for which a SAP appeal has been approved, or for the next period of enrollment.

**Deadlines** – Appeals should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office prior to the beginning of the semester for which aid is being requested. Appeals received after the semester begins will be reviewed but students must pay fees and be reimbursed if the appeal is approved.

**Decision** - Students who wish to appeal the outcome, (except for maximum time and learning support) may appeal to the Vice President of Student Affairs prior to the beginning of the semester for which aid is being requested. This is the final level of appeal regarding financial aid.

All other rules and regulations governing federal and state financial aid programs still apply and are subject to change without notice. If you have questions concerning the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Student Aid Recipients telephone 229-928-1378, email finaid@gsww.edu or visit the Financial Aid Office, (fax- 229-931-2061) located in Sanford Hall, Room 207.

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

**Fee Payment Information:**

It is the student’s responsibility to determine the balance due on their account and render payment by the fee payment deadlines. The web registration system is available 24-hours per day for this purpose.

**HOW TO PAY:**

- Online payment options available for tuition, fees, dorm and meal plans are:
  - Credit Cards - MasterCard, Discover, or American Express is accepted. A 2.75% convenience fee will now be added for using a credit card.
  - E-check (electronic check) - no convenience fee will be added when paying by e-check, but you will need your bank routing number and your account number.

**Credit Card/Echeck Payment Instructions**

- GSW Home Page - www.gsw.edu
- Pay Student Fees Pay Button (left bottom section)

**Payments made in the Student Accounts Office for tuition, fees, dorm, and meal plan charges:**

- Cash
- Check

**Financial Aid**

- Accepted: Personal Checks, Travelers Checks, Cashier Checks, and Money Orders
- (FULL payment made payable to Georgia Southwestern State University with the student’s Banner ID number and telephone number noted on the check)
- Not Accepted: Counter or Starter Checks, 3rd Party Checks, Credit Card Checks, or Partial Payments

**WHERE TO PAY:**

- Credit Card Payment @ (Pay Student Fees on GSW Home Page www.gsw.edu
- Student Accounts - Marshall Student Center- (Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-5:00PM and Friday 8:30AM – 3PM)
- Mailed to Student Accounts, Georgia Southwestern State University, 800 GSW State University Drive, Americus, GA 31709
- This applies to all payments submitted in person or via postal services. Payments via telephone will not be accepted
- To view/print an invoice (which will include memoed financial aid) - go to Student Services, go to Registration, click Select Term, and then go to Registration Fee Assessment.
- Tuition and fee charges for fall term will not be available until after July 1.

**EXCESS FINANCIAL AID:**

There are two options for receiving your excess Financial Aid:

1. Canes Card – the refund will be credited to your card. This is the fastest and most secure way of receiving your money.
2. Paper check – the refund will be mailed to the address you have provided and is on file with the Registrar’s Office. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure the address is correct before the check is written. It could take up to 2 weeks or longer for you to receive thru regular mail. We do not send thru any sort of specialized tracking system.

You must look in the RAIN Announcement column for disbursement dates and refund status.
Antivirus:

While not required the use of an antivirus regarding your CanesNet account, please go to: 10.x or higher

802.11N installed. 802.11A is also supported. 802.11B is not supported on campus.

Operating Systems:

Windows: XP or higher, Apple OS 10.x or higher

For problems connecting to the internet in your room, please contact IT help desk at techsupp@gsw.edu or 229-931-2074.

Computer Repairs

The GSW IT Department is not permitted to work on personal equipment, including but not limited to desktop or laptop computers, printers, smart phones, etc.

For repairs needed to your computer, please go to http://gsw.edu/Resources/FacultyandStaff/JIT/ITSupportServices/ for a listing of local vendors.

CanesNet Login

The student’s CanesNet username is the part of the Radar email address before the @ symbol, and your password must be created using the Reset Password link: https://support.gsw.edu/SpecopsPassword/Reset/

Your CanesNet login is used to log in to computer labs on campus, access the CanesNet wireless network, and log in to your student email account. For more information regarding your CanesNet account, please go to: http://gsw.edu/Resources/FacultyandStaff/JIT/GettingStarted/CanesNet

Registration and Academic Information Network (RAIN)

Log in to RAIN by clicking the RAIN link on the main GSW website (gsw.edu) or https://rain.gsw.edu.

Username: gswID#
PIN: initially your six digit birthday (i.e. 110487 for November 4, 1987)

For assistance logging in to RAIN contact: Registrar’s Office registrar@gsw.edu 229-928-1331

Radar Student Email

GSW has set up an email account for every enrolled student. E-mail will serve as an official means of sending information to students by faculty and staff.

To verify your email address:
• Log into Rain https://rain.gsw.edu/.
• Click on Personal Information and then click on View E-Mail Addresses. One of the email addresses listed should be “<user>@radar.gsw.edu”. This is your email address on radar. The part before the @symbol is your username to log into radar.
• Your password is your CanesNet password

To Access your email:

Log into http://mail.radar.gsw.edu

For assistance with email contact: Tim Faircloth tim.faircloth@gsw.edu 229-931-5076

GeorgiaVIEW

GeorgiaVIEW is used for accessing online course material and for online courses.

• To login into GeorgiaVIEW, please go to http://gsw.edu/GeorgiaVIEW/
• Your user name is the part of your RADAR email address before the @ symbol.
• Prior to logging in for the first time and entering your username, you have to set up your password by clicking the “Forgot Password?” link. An e-mail with the password reset link will be sent to your RADAR email address.

For assistance with GeorgiaVIEW contact: Alla Yemelyanov gayview@gsw.edu 229-931-2969

What is RAIN?

RAIN provides a convenient method for students and faculty to obtain information via the Web. Upon entrance, the system determines whether the user is a student, or faculty. Once this “role” is established, the user is given access to the appropriate information. The system provides a way for students to track their progress through their degree program and view their schedule. For faculty and staff, the system will allow access to address and emergency contact information.

Why use RAIN?

Students can use the system to obtain information such as holds on your account, Semester Grade Reports, Academic Transcripts (Unofficial) Account Summary and Fee Assessments, Financial Aid Status, Registration Status, Course Schedule, Change of Address Form, Transcript Request Form, Enrollment Verification Form, Application for Graduation and Student Email Address.

When can RAIN be accessed?

View RAIN, under normal operating conditions, Sunday through Friday from 7:00AM to 11:59PM and Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 10:00PM.

How to get a PIN

In order to enter the system, your PIN is required. If you are unable to remember your PIN, bring a photo ID to the Registrar’s Office and your PIN will be reset.

How to navigate through RAIN

Do NOT use the BACK or FORWARD buttons for navigation anywhere with this system except as noted. Use Menu buttons as links to navigate. There is a 30 minute session inactivity timer out. This means that if you do not use the system for 30 minutes, you will receive an inactivity time out message and you will be prompted to re-enter your Id Number and PIN to regain access to the system.

How to Exit RAIN

Use the EXIT button to disconnect. No one will be able to access your records without re-entering your Id Number and PIN. Exit out of your web browser.

How to ensure privacy and security

Clear the Cache of the web browser you are using.

RAIN INSTRUCTIONS

• Go to the GSW homepage at http://www.gsw.edu. Click on the arrow of the “GSW Community Links” drop-down box in the top right corner of the screen. RAIN is the second option. Click on Rain.
• At the RAIN main menu, select the Secured Login option from the drop-down menu. It is the first listing.
• Enter your User ID and PIN. Click on Login. (Your User ID will always be your gswID). Check the link https://rain.gsw.edu/prod/fx/bwwkggsl_P_GetSSN to get your gswID.)

• The first time you Login, your PIN will be set to the six digits of your birthday. For example: if your birthday is April 18, 1980, your PIN number would be 041880. Click Submit.

• The next screen will require a Login Verification Security Question and Answer.

Follow the directions and enter a question to which only you would know the answer. Then, type the answer. Click on Login.

The first time you Login, you will be notified that your PIN has expired. Re-enter the original PIN (the six digit of your birth date (MM/DD/YYYY). Next, create your own PIN. Remember, the PIN must be six numeral digits. Then, re-enter your new PIN.

On subsequent visits to the web, you will simply re-enter the new PIN you created. Your PIN may be changed at a later date. If you forget your PIN, simply click on the Forgot PIN button. You will be prompted to provide the answer to your security question. Once you are logged into RAIN, you must provide a new PIN to be used for future logins. The Terms of Usage page will appear the first time you use the Student Web. READ THIS CAREFULLY. If you agree to the terms, Click Login. If not, exit.

If you choose to continue, you will have two menus to select from:
1. Student and Financial Aid Menu
2. Personal Information

It is preferable to navigate through the forms you select by clicking on the links indicated on the screen. It is also recommended that you avoid using the “back” button on your web browser.

If you use personal information that is incorrect, contact the Registrar’s Office in person.

LOGOUT INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure privacy and security of your student records, at the top of the web page, click on the Exit button.

Completely LOGOUT of RAIN, and close the web browser.
**PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Department of Public Safety is a state certified law enforcement agency. It is responsible for the on-campus enforcement of the Georgia criminal and motor vehicle code, the ordinances of the City of Americus, and the University’s Code of Conduct and parking code.

The Department operates 24 hours a day including weekends and all holidays. The department is located in the Hershel Smith Public Safety Building. (Phone 229-931-2245).

The 24 hour emergency number is 229-931-2245. Public Safety should be called anytime to report criminal activity, fires, and medical emergencies.

The Department investigates all crimes which occur on campus and prosecutes these cases in state and superior court when warranted. Public Safety also refers cases to Student Services for disciplinary action.

Public Safety offers educational programs dealing with various crime and fire prevention topics. Current crime statistics and personal safety information are located within the office as well as on the Public Safety Webpage.

Parking – All students, faculty and staff who operate a motor vehicle on campus must register their vehicle with Public Safety.

The campus has been divided into zones which are assigned to residential and commuter students and faculty/staff members.

When a vehicle is registered, a zone will be assigned and a decal issued. The decal must be placed on the vehicle in the lower left corner of the vehicle’s rear window, or on the bumper. Vehicles with improperly displayed stickers may be ticketed. The decal must be attached to the vehicle to complete the registration process.

A copy of the Parking Code is available in the Public Safety office as well as on the Public Safety Website. It is the responsibility of the driver to read and comply with the parking code.

**PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

Parking decals are required for all visitors, students, faculty and staff. Decals can be obtained from the Public Safety office during regular office hours. The cost for a decal is $18. Decals are valid through the end of the academic year.

Temporary or Visitor’s parking permits may be obtained for visitors at no charge and must be hung on the rear view mirror facing forward.

Parking stickers must be attached into the lower left corner of the vehicle’s rear window or on the bumper:

- “B” zone is for resident students
- “X” zone is for commuter students
- “Open” zone is for All Registered vehicles (Resident, Commuter, Faculty/Staff, or Visitors).
- “All Visitors should always obtain a visitor’s pass when parking on GSW’s Campus.”
- “Staff” zone is for faculty, staff and other GSW employees.

Visitors may park in “X” or “B” zone, or in designated visitor parking areas. Parking zones are enforced only on school days and only between 8:00am and 5:00 pm with the exception of no parking zones (yellow curbs) and handicapped parking spaces.

**PATROLLING**

The patrol division is made up of certified law enforcement officers. All Public Safety Patrol Officers have powers of arrest on GSW campus and authority up to 500 feet outside campus boundaries. Officers have completed Georgia Basic Peace Officer training and attend a minimum of 20 hours additional training annually. Duties of a patrol officer include everything that might be expected of a city police officer including traffic control, working vehicle accidents, taking reports of crimes as they occur, and general safety of the campus community and property.

**PARKING FINES**

All parking violations on the campus of GSW are $25.00 per citation if cited with a campus parking citation. In the case of handicapped space violation, a Uniform Traffic Citation will be issued and will have to be settled with the Municipal Court of Americus, Georgia. Fines can be paid in the Public Safety Department in the Hershel Smith Public Safety Building or in Student Account Department Located in the Marshall Student Center.

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**CAMPUS BOOKSTORE**

The Campus Bookstore at Georgia Southwestern State University is institutionally owned and operated. The bookstore has been established to provide the student body with goods and services at the least possible cost. It is a part of the University and has goals directly centered on the satisfaction and success of the students and faculty. The bookstore is self-sufficient, receiving no funding from the University System, and any profit is returned to the institution. The success of the bookstore lies with the success of the students.

The bookstore carries new and used textbooks, with an emphasis on trying to obtain as many used textbooks as possible through student buybacks and various wholesale distributors. In addition to course materials, the bookstore stocks computer software, mass-market paperback books, computer books, study aids, reference materials, and school/office supplies for academic use. The bookstore also has gifts, including tee shirts, hats, coffee mugs, seasonal gift items, balloon bouquets, greeting cards, a classic collection of crystal engraved with the school seal, and many other gift items. Other goods and services offered through the bookstore include fax services, phone cards, and special ordering for any academic materials at no cost. The bookstore accepts personal checks, Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, gift cards, and Financial Aid.

**LOCATION AND STORE HOURS**

The Campus Bookstore is located in the Marshall Student Center on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University. During fall and spring semesters, the bookstore is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Friday. The bookstore closes during breaks to restock shelves for the following term. The store is also closed on holidays. Extended hours of operation are offered during the beginning of each term to accommodate the large volume of students buying books and supplies for new classes. Textbooks and merchandise are also made available online at www.gswbookstore.com.

**TEXTBOOKS**

The Campus Bookstore carries both new and used textbooks. Used textbooks save students 25% off the new retail price. Textbook rentals are also available on many titles and save students up to 75% off retail prices. A valid credit/debit card and student ID is required to rent textbooks. Cash, check, credit, debit or financial aid may be used to pay for rentals.

The textbook buyback is conducted at the end of every semester during final exams. Books that are not changing to new editions and will be used the following term will be purchased at 50% of the price paid for the book. Books that are not being used again by the bookstore will be purchased by the buyer at established wholesale prices. The textbooks carried by the bookstore are based strictly on faculty selection. Every attempt is made to have the books in stock before the beginning of the term, however there are occasional delays due to receiving the text information late, publishers being out of stock, late or misdirected shipments, or unexpected increases in a course’s enrollment.

**REFUND POLICY**

The bookstore encourages students to attend class before purchasing textbooks. A full refund will be given during the drop/add period of the current term, which is generally the first week of the semester. The store is simply unable to allow students to keep the materials for a longer period of time and still return them for full credit. New textbooks must be returned in new, saleable condition with no markings whatsoever to be eligible for a refund. A student ID and cash register receipt is required for a refund. Any markings result in the book being reduced to a used status and only a 75% refund given. General supply, gift, and clothing merchandise may be returned for any reason for a full refund within 7 days of purchase with a receipt. Defective merchandise may be returned any time throughout the semester for an exchange. Shrink-wrapped books must be returned in the original wrapping for a full refund. Textbooks purchased after the drop/add period are non-returnable. Sale items, study guides, special-order items, mass market paperbacks, and computer software are non-returnable.
Food services at GSW provide the students with quality and variety at an economical price. The campus food service is contracted with ARAMARK, an internationally recognized management corporation. Students with a meal plan are provided a wide selection of all-you-can-eat meals. A typical meal in the Dining Hall offers a produce market, self-serve deli, grill station, pizza/pasta station, RFoC comfort station, vegetarian station and assorted baked goods and desserts. The Dining Hall is located in the Marshall Student Center.

The Cane’s Den is the place to go for your favorites such as Bene Pizza, Montague’s Deli, Grill Works, Fresh Market Smoothies, Java City gourmet coffee, freshly prepared Grab and Go desserts, salads, and sandwiches. Pay cash, credit card or flex dollars for the items you purchase. The Cane’s Den is conveniently located in the Student Success Center.

C3 is a convenience store that offers students more than just basic groceries and supplies. C3 also provides quick meal solutions, such as Grab and Go sandwiches, salads, and desserts, made fresh daily. C3 is conveniently located in the Marshall Student Center.

Java City offers a variety of specialty coffees, such as Lattes, Mochas, Cappuccino, Espresso, and more. Not into coffee? Try one of our smoothies! Java City also offers salads, sandwiches and bakery items. Conveniently located in the Marshall Student Center.

**Dining Services**

**Residence Life**

**SOUTHWESTERN OAKS**
- Private and shared bedroom suites
- Semi-private bathrooms
- Loftable and bunkable beds
- Rooms furnished with extra-long twin beds, dresser, desk and chair
- High speed internet access

Private Bedroom Rate: $2,415/semester
Shared Bedroom Rate: $1810/semester

**SOUTHWESTERN MAGNOLIA**
- Private bedroom suites
- Semi-private bathrooms
- Loftable and bunkable beds
- Rooms furnished with: extra-long twin beds, dresser, desk and chair
- High speed internet access

Private Bedroom Rate: $2,415/semester

**SOUTHWESTERN PINES**
- 4 Bedroom/2 Bath Apartments
- Carpeted bedrooms furnished with extra-long twin beds, dresser, desk and chair
- Living room furniture also furnished
- Kitchen furnished with oven, microwave, and refrigerator
- High speed internet access

Private Bedroom Rate: $2460/semester

**Freshmen & Sophomores must choose one of the following plans:**

- 10 meals per week (any 10 meals, Monday - Sunday) . . . . . . . . . . $1,428 per semester
  *Includes $240 flex dollars

- 15 meals per week (any 15 meals, Monday - Sunday) . . . . . . . . . . $1,537 per semester
  *Includes $240 flex dollars

- Unlimited meals per week (Monday - Sunday) . . . . . . . . . . $1,537 per Semester
  *Includes a declining balance of $120

**Juniors and Seniors living in the Residence Halls must purchase a meal plan with a cost of a minimum $100 of flex dollars or by choosing from one of the meal plans below. A Block meal plan is a plan that allows you to eat in the Dining Hall a set number of meals for the entire semester. Once you run out of meals, you may purchase more from the Office of Residence Life. The plans are as follows:**

- 40/40 Block Meal Plan + $100 Flex dollars.....$370
- 25/25 Block Meal Plan + $100 Flex dollars.....$280

**Flex dollars may be used to purchase items in the Cane’s Den, C3, Java City or additional meals in the Dining Hall. This type of account is also offered to commuting students who would like to take advantage of the convenience of eating on campus. Students who add at least $100.00 in flex dollars to your account get a 10% bonus. Meal plans or declining balance dollars may be purchased during registration or by visiting the Office of Student Life located in the Student Success Center.**

**Note:** Meal Memberships can be purchased through the Office of Residence Life. Flex dollars added to your membership rolls over from Fall to Spring semesters, but not from Spring to the following Fall semester. Only one meal per meal time period is permitted with a board plan.
Health Services

On-campus health services are provided at the Herschel Smith Health Center. The center provides services to students with minor illnesses or injuries and promotes positive physical and mental health. A health services professional staff member is available from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm while classes are in session. The Health Center is open to students by appointment or on a walk-in basis. The Health Center offers Women's and Men's clinics every Wednesday. Also, free monthly HIV testing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If a student needs emergency medical assistance when the Health Center is closed, the student should contact emergency medical services by dialing 911 or Public Safety. Public Safety's emergency phone number is 229-931-2245.

Other services provided include consultation services with the Health Center staff, and a comprehensive Women's clinic each Wednesday. Hospitalization, prescribed medications, laboratory, X-ray services, and consultations with non-university medical specialist are not included in the semester health service fees. Cost associated with these services is the financial responsibility of the student.

A student who utilizes Health Center medical services is expected to visit the Health Center at times that do not conflict with academic responsibilities. After a student has been assessed in the Health Center, we will provide a written recommendation to excuse from class only if we feel there is justification. By Georgia Southwestern State University policy, an excuse from class can only be granted by the professor of that class.

The Health Center provides care for all currently registered students and currently employed faculty and staff (who must pay the co-pay health fee whenever using the health center). A mandatory health fee is assessed to students currently enrolled in three or more credits on GSW's campus. A student registered for less than three credit hours has the option to pay the semester health fee, or a co-pay for each visit. The semester health fee entitles the student to consultation services with the professional Health Center staff. There are free over the counter medications available as well as first aid supplies, without charge. Students are assessed fees for prescription medications dispensed at the center, equipment, lab tests and special procedures.

Students seeking medical assistance from the Health Center must have completed consent for immunizations and a health history form on file at the Health center. Students must be currently enrolled in classes at the time of treatment.

A student accepted for admission will receive a certificate of immunization and a health history form which is to be completed and returned to the Director of the Health Center prior to enrollment in the University. Evidence of two MMR's are required of students born in 1957 or later. All students are required to have Varicella, and Tetanus-Diphtheria, Hepatitis B vaccination -required for all students who are 18 years of age or less at matriculation. Newly admitted freshmen or matriculated students planning to reside in university managed housing are required to have the meningococcal vaccine or sign a waiver (If the student is under the age of 18 a parent must sign the document). All new students (freshmen, transfer, and others) attending regularly scheduled classes or receiving resident credit will be required to submit a certificate of immunization prior to attending such classes. Students will not be permitted to attend classes or reside in campus housing until the required immunization record is on file with the Health Center.

International students must have documentation of two measles, mumps, and rubella immunizations or blood titers for immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. A PPD tuberculin skin test is required within 10 days of arrival to campus. If positive, the student must have a chest X-ray within 2 weeks of arrival to campus. No X-ray films will be accepted. A Severe Acute Respiratory (SARS) Questionnaire form must be completed upon arrival to campus and completion of the tuberculin screening questionnaire. All reports and documentation must be in English. All immunization forms and reports must have signature of health care provider, address and contact phone number in English.

It is recommended that each student discuss with his/her health care provider the need for additional immunizations such as, pertussis, hepatitis A, and influenza. It is recommended that all students carry major medical insurance to provide supplemental coverage in the event of an acute injury or illness requiring hospitalization. A low cost Health Insurance Program is available to students attending GSW. Georgia Southwestern State University requires that all international students submit proof of health insurance coverage that meets the University's requirements. International students must present proof of this coverage each semester prior to registering for classes. If there is no proof of insurance, enrollment in university insurance program is automatic. Please contact the Health Center for brochures and plan information.

Student Resources

LIBRARY SERVICES
The James Earl Carter Library is named in honor of the father of former President Jimmy Carter. It contains over 190,000 volumes and currently subscribes to 234 journals. As a selective United States Government Depository, the Library houses over 300,000 federal government publications in various formats. The Library’s multimedia collection includes LPs, video tapes, audio cassettes, DVDs, and software. Special collections include the Dr. Harold Isaacs Third World Studies collection and the GHS Historical collection.

Through our participation in GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), the Library provides access to over 90 databases. The Library’s online catalog is part of the state-wide integrated online system, GIL (GALILEO Interconnected Libraries) which also provides our users with access to the holdings of all the universities in the University System of Georgia through its universal catalog. Items may be borrowed from any institution in the USG through GIL Express. The Library seats over 600 and provides individual and group study areas. The Library’s computer lab has 20 computers. Additional student computers can be found on both levels of the Library. The Library also provides wireless access. Audiovisual equipment and facilities include microfilm and microfiche reader-printers, copying machines, and head phones, tape-recorder, tv/dvd, scanner, flip cameras, and a CD player.

The Library offers an Area B Course, LIBR1101, participates in UNIV1000, and many services including Interlibrary Loan, reserves, and reference assistance. The Library provides individual library instruction, tutorials, and demonstrations upon request. The Library’s electronic services include email submission of ILL, renewal, hold requests, reference inquiries, and an online suggestion box.

The Library is also home to the Oral History Center, Music Listening Library, and Fine Arts Gallery. Further information about the Library, its collections, services, hours of opening, and staff can be found on the Library’s website: http://gsw.edu/Libary/index.

POST OFFICE
The University Post Office is a contracted unit of the United States Postal Service, and is located in the Marshall State Center. We offer most of the services of a city post office, including Express Mail, Priority Mail, purchasing stamps, and money orders. You’ll find your GSW mailbox located here.

Post Office hours
9:30am - 4 pm Monday – Thursday
9:30am – 2pm Friday

A GSW mailbox is assigned to each student living in the residence halls. You will receive your mailbox assignment on move in day, or you can come by the GSW Post Office for your assignment. This mailbox will be active as long as you are living on campus. If you are not living in the residence halls (including Summer Semester) a forwarding request form must be submitted to the GSW Post Office. If you do not submit a forwarding address, all mail will be returned to the sender according to the rules and regulations of the United States Postal Service. Your GSW mailbox is for YOUR use only. Any mail that does not have YOUR name and box number will not be distributed into your mailbox.

Mail should be addressed to students as follows: STUDENT NAME
GSW BOX ______
800 GSW STATE UNIVERSITY DRIVE
AMERICUS, GA 31709-4376

For further information contact the Postal Services Supervisor at 229-931-2364.
V.P. OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
The Vice President of Student Affairs is dedicated to student development both inside and outside of the classroom. Georgia Southwestern’s goal is to provide quality programs, facilities and services that will enhance the educational and personal experiences of GSW students. The V.P. of Student Affairs is responsible for the supervision of the following departments:

- Campus Recreation
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Event Services
- Financial Aid
- Health Services
- Volunteer Services

Please stop by the Division of Student Affairs located in the Student Success Center on the third floor. You may also call us at 229-931-2237 for more information, or visit us on the web at http://www.gsw.edu/student/index.html for more information on how you can get involved.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMS
Orientation Programs for new and transfer students are provided throughout the year. A number of S.T.O.R.M. Days are held during the summer months prior to the beginning of the fall semester for new and transfer students entering Georgia Southwestern. Sessions are also available for students registering for Spring, Fall & Summer terms. Students interested in applying to become an O’Team Leader, students registering for Spring, Fall & Summer terms. Orientation Programs for new and transfer students are provided throughout the year. A number of S.T.O.R.M. Days are held during the summer months prior to the beginning of the fall semester for new and transfer students entering Georgia Southwestern. Sessions are also available for students registering for Spring, Fall & Summer terms. Students interested in applying to become an O’Team Leader, students registering for Spring, Fall & Summer terms.

THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD
Campus Activities Board (CAB) provides students with quality entertainment and activities throughout the regular academic year. Our executive board consists of 6 Program Directors and 3 Advisors. CAB is always recruiting volunteers for our PIT (programmers in training) Team and sponsoring events that you, the student, want to bring to campus. From concerts to comedians, to movies and game nights, CAB is always entertaining! All weekly meeting times are posted at the CAB office or on the online calendar at www.gsw.edu/events.

GREEK LIFE
Greek Organizations offer students an opportunity to enhance University Life in a unique environment. Fraternities and Sororities promote scholarship, encourage community service and philanthropic work and allow for athletic intramural opportunities. Commitment to personal and organizational excellence is the cornerstone of the Greek experience at GSW. At GSW, we have 11 National Greek Letter organizations 2 CPH Sororities, 3 IFC Fraternities and 5 NPHC Fraternities and Sororities. Fall Recruitment for both IFC and CPH organization begin in early fall so register early. NPHC recruitment is year round so see a member if you are interested!

CAREER SERVICES
Programs and services of the Career Services Center help students gain information needed to make decisions about careers, life planning and acquiring job search skills. Specific programs and services include individual and group career counseling and assessment, computerized career information, resume preparation, interviewing, and job search workshops. A career planning class will be offered to assist students with developing appropriate career-related goals and in selecting a major corresponding with the student’s goals.

Student participation in area and regional career fairs is coordinated by the Career Services staff, giving students the opportunity to meet and interview with representatives from businesses, government, hospitals, health agencies and graduate school. Experiential learning opportunities are available in internships or in Cooperative Education assignments.

Career Services posts extensive job announcements for part and full time jobs, and has a web-site for resources: www.gsw.edu/~career. Students may email Career Services at: career@gsw.edu or reach us by phone at 229-931-2237. The Career Services office is located in the Student Success Center Rooms 3404 & 3405.

CAMPUS COMPUTING
GSW offers students a variety of technology-based services on campus. Each student is assigned a campus email address by Information and Instructional Technology. Information on accessing your student email account can be found at: http://www.gsw.edu/~oit/studentemail.shtml.

Residence Hall occupants may have Internet access in the dorm room. Each residence hall also has a small computer lab with Internet access, GALILEO access, word processing and printing capabilities.

The James Earl Carter Library provides GALILEO access in the Library to many digital research databases and periodicals. A computer lab is also available in the Library to facilitate the student’s work in preparing research papers. See the Library’s website for additional information regarding access hours.

Computer Labs are available in the Academic Skills Center and the James Earl Carter Library. See the GSW website (www.gsw.edu) for current hours. The labs are generally available during the day, in the evenings, and on the weekends. The use of technology based services at GSW is governed by the Computer and Network Usage Policy found in Appendix P of this publication and on the web via the GSW website (www.gsw.edu) under the Policies link on the main page. Each student is strongly encouraged to become familiar with this Policy.

COUNSELING
The Counseling Services Department at GSW is located in the Student Success Center Rooms 3401-3403 (Phone 229-931-2708). The goal of this office is to work with students on an individual basis. Students struggling with a wide variety of personal issues and academic concerns may seek counseling from the Counseling Services Department. Respect for the individual, his or her values, and unique circumstances underlie our work with students. Most concerns can be dealt with through short-term individual counseling. Referrals to community resources are made when necessary. All counseling services are completely confidential to the limits provided by law. No information (except that protected by law) can be released within or outside the University without the individual’s written consent.

DISABILITY SERVICES
Georgia Southwestern State University and the Office of Disability Services is committed to making sure that any student with a disability receives equal access and an equal educational opportunity. The Office of Disability Services is responsible for providing reasonable accommodations and services to students with a documented disability. Please contact the Disability Coordinator at (229) 931-2661 or visit Room 302, third floor, Sanford Hall to obtain more information.

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER
The University Writing Center, located in ACE 104, is a helpful resource for students through all stages of the writing process.
The Sou’Wester – A bi-monthly student edited and managed campus newspaper is viewable online at www.gswnewspaper.com and will be printed at various times throughout the semester. All students are invited to work on the staff in news, sports, arts, and photography. Some paid positions are available. The office is located in the Student Success Center Room 3452.

CAMPUS RECREATION/INTRAMURAL SPORTS
The purpose of Intramural Sports and Recreation at Georgia Southwestern is to offer a wide variety of activities either organized or self-directed so that all members of the University community have an opportunity to participate. University Recreational Services provide the University community the outlet to physical well being through physical activity. Intramural team sports offerings include flag football, soccer, softball, basketball, and volleyball. Numerous individual and dual sports such as tennis, golf, and billiards are also made available throughout the year. We also have a budding club sports program featuring disc golf, bass fishing and racquetball. There are also employment opportunities available through our office. Recreational facilities available include the intramural Gym, athletic field, tennis courts, fitness center, racquetball court, climbing wall, ropes course, and fitness trail.

GSW Fitness Wellness programs offer a variety of group exercise classes. Anything from ZUMBA to yoga. The weight room features free weights, Cybers selecterize machines and a cardiovascular area. We cycle in new cardio equipment every 3 years.

Like the outdoors? Each semester a variety of trips and special events are offered to students for minimal or no cost often times through the Georgia Conservancy.

All intramural sports, aerobics and outdoor recreation information is available on the first day of classes in the Recreation- al Sports Office in the Student Success Center Room 3409 or call 931-2365

RELIGIOUS GROUPS
Various religious organizations assume responsibility for directing religious activities on campus, encouraging attendance at the house of worship of one’s choice, endeavoring to instill in students a deeper understanding of their faith and engaging in programs of religious emphasis. Some groups at GSW are the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Cornerstone Campus Ministry, Presbyterian Student Center, and the Wesleyan Foundation.

STUDENT MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS
Sirroco – This is a literary magazine published each spring semester. It contains poetry, prose, art, and photography. Material should be submitted to the Sirroco through the university English Department.

GSW-TV16/ Hurricane Watch – The station provides educational, informative, and entertaining programming. GSW-TV16 provides hands-on experience for students in television broadcasting and production.
IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARDS

GSW provides every student with a CANES CARD. The CANES CARD is the official Identification Card for Georgia Southwestern State University. Students can use their CANES CARD to receive financial aid refunds, access the Dining Hall, Java City, C-Store, and Canes Den. The CANES CARD can also be used to make on campus and off campus purchases or access ATMs for cash. The CANES CARD functions as a pre-paid DEBIT card, students can only make purchases if they have money applied to their CANES CARD.

Every student will need to have a CANES CARD to access GSW facilities such as the fitness center, game room, library, swimming pool, bookstore, academic computer labs, and the Residence Halls.

For new students CANES CARDS will be made on STORM Day and Registration Day in the Canes Card Office located in the Marshall Student Center. The CANES CARD office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am-5pm and Friday from 9am-2pm. Students can contact the CANES CARD office at (229) 931-5091 or Student Accounts (229) 931-2013 with questions or concerns.

If a CANES CARD is lost, stolen, or destroyed, cards can be replaced for a fee paid in the student accounts office.

The Testing Center provides secure testing, accurate scoring, clear reporting and responsive service. For more information about the testing center, log onto http://gsw.edu/Academics/Academic-Resources/Disability-Services/testing-center/.

We will be offering more tests in the near future.

Contact Information

Ms. April Dodson  
april.dodson@gsw.edu  
Testing Assistant/Proctor  
Sanford Hall, room 318  
(229)931-2933

Ms. Janice Woodham  
janice.woodham@gsw.edu  
Testing Coordinator/Proctor  
Sanford Hall, room 301  
(229) 931-2085
Counseling Services

The transition to the University can be daunting. Some students make the adjustment easily, while others become overwhelmed by the pressures. Counseling Services provides a variety of services to help students effectively cope with stressors imposed by the University environment. The center is located in the Student Success Center Rooms 3401-3402. The center operates on an open door policy. However, appointments are accepted by calling (229) 931-2708.

The services that are provided are short-term and are free to GSW students, as well as faculty and staff.

- Personal Counseling
- Social Counseling
- Academic and Educational Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Conflict Mediation
- Educational Workshops and Presentation
- Group Therapy

Some issues that are addressed include alcohol-related problems, date rape, domestic violence and sexual abuse/violence. If Counseling Services is unable to provide the necessary services for a client, alternative recommendations are discussed and appropriate referrals are made.

CONFIDENTIALITY
Counseling Services’ staff adheres to standards of confidentiality as set forth by the American Counseling Association. Generally, information about a student is not released without written permission from the student. Exceptions include instances of suspected child abuse or when students are in danger of harming themselves or others. Sharing of information is done in compliance with FERPA.

Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society (ΑΨΩ) is an American recognition honor society for participants in collegiate theatre. Membership is open to students (primarily undergraduate) who are active in collegiate/university theatre at four-year institutions (full colleges and universities). Most casts/chapters use a “point system” for determining eligibility of membership, with a certain number of points being dealt to a certain task in theatre. Inclusion and participation in the Alpha Nu Cast of this society is based upon active participation in the Theater, Communication and Media Arts Department at GSW. It recognizes the hard-work and commitment of the students to Alpha Psi Omega’s motto to “Seek a Life Useful” through their efforts in the world of the theater.

For more information contact:
Richard Loper at rloper@radar.gsw.edu
Ray Mannila at ray.mannila@gsw.edu
Career Services can assist you in the following areas:

Assessing Your Career Interest/Goals
Career Assessment
Deciding on a Major
What You Can Do With Your Major
Planning a Career
Part- and Full-Time Job Offerings
Where/How to Get Volunteer Experience
Getting Internships, Summer Jobs, and Coop positions
Job Search Strategies
Preparing a Resume
What Resume Style is Best For You
Writing an Effective Cover Letter
Research Employment Fields
Resume Referral Services
Using the Internet for Job Search
Hot to Network Your Way to Success
Regional Career Fairs—Employment Opportunities
How to Prepare for an Interview
Mock-Interviewing—Practice Interviewing Skills
How to Research an Employer
Writing Follow-Up Letters
Assessing a Job Offer
Negotiating your Salary

Mission Statement
Career Services is committed to providing progressive, timely, and comprehensive services of the highest quality to Georgia Southwestern State University students and alumni. Career Services is dedicated to promoting optimal career development to all students and seeks to effectively provide meaningful work experiences in preparation for a global job market.
Career Services

FRESHMAN YEAR

Exploring

Self Assessment and Career Planning Activities
- Begin to identify interests, abilities, skills, and personal/work values
- Seek career counseling to discuss "choosing a major" and/or identifying possible career options
- Explore a wide variety of majors
- Talk to academic advisors about the majors you are considering
- Develop and practice good study, organizational, and functional skills
- Investigate campus organizations that might interest you. This is a good way to develop leadership, organizational, and planning skills
- Participate in campus activities—get involved in what’s happening on campus
- Seek summer, part-time, and volunteer jobs to explore careers and gain valuable experience
- Write the answers to the following four key questions:
  1. What do I want to do?
  2. What can I do?
  3. What do I need to do to develop myself further?
  4. How can I get the job I want after graduation?

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Deciding

Career Exploration and Investigation Activities
- Continue exploring you academic interests through a variety of courses
- Learn about career options in the various majors by talking with professionals in those areas
- "Shadow"—spend a day on the job with a career person
- Talk with family, friends, peers, counselors, professors, etc.
- Talk with your academic advisor to discuss requirements and procedures for declaring your chosen field
- Confirm your choice of an academic major
- Investigate internships, part-time work, summer jobs, and volunteer programs to gain valuable experience

Career Services

JUNIOR YEAR

Experience

Gain Experience and Get Involved
- Consider all options after graduation
- Research career options, and decide which ones are most appealing
- Conduct information interviews in these career fields
- Continue building practical experience through employment, volunteer work, internships, etc.
- Seek leadership positions in school organizations to develop organizational, public speaking, writing, and other relevant skills
- Identify and research companies of interest. Determine those companies attending regional career fairs and establish contact with representatives
- Begin networking—make contacts and keep a journal on all employment possibilities
- If considering graduate school, identify possible schools and find admissions information
- Participate in experiential learning opportunities
  Develop an effective resume and have it critiqued by a career counselor.

SENIOR YEAR

Job Seeking

Job Search/Transition to Work Activities
- Develop your resume, register, and maintain an active file with Career Services
- Actively participate in resume referral service
- Attend regional Career/Job Fairs
- Visit the Career Center containing job listings, employer and graduate school information, and company literature
- Identify companies; research these companies and network to establish contacts
- Attend information sessions or see a counselor about job search strategies, interviewing skills, preparing a cover letter, etc.
- Plan an design your own effective job search strategy
- Participate in mock-interviewing process
- Network, network, network!
- Join a professional association (become actively involved)
- Continue developing related work, leadership, and other skills necessary for your career objectives
CAMPUS RECREATION

GSW Campus Recreation offers a variety of recreation activities including Intramural Sports, Fitness and Wellness Programming, Outdoor Adventure opportunities, and more! Qualified staff members are here to serve the GSW community with fun, safe, and healthy opportunities to meet your recreation needs. Our mission is to serve the GSW community by promoting and encouraging a balanced and healthy lifestyle through educational programming, leadership, and recreational opportunities.

What we have to offer in the SSC!

MAIN LEVEL (ID is required for use of facility)
- Intramural Gym: Courts for Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, and any other indoor campus activity
- Four Racquetball Courts (Rent racquets/balls from Fitness Center; ID REQUIRED, NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Climbing Wall and Bouldering Area
- Fitness Center
  - Cardio, Free Weights, Machines and Cables, Stretching, and Core
  - Group Exercise Studio
    - Aerobics, Cycling, Dance, Mind/Body
- Indoor Track – 10 laps = 1 mile
- Powerade Machine

SECOND LEVEL
- Game Room
- Indoor Track – 10 laps = 1 mile
- Vending Machines

BASEMENT LEVEL
- Showers/Locker Rooms
- Self Defense/Boxing Classes
- **If you need assistance locating the rooms, please ask a Fitness Supervisor on duty.

FITNESS & WELLNESS

Fitness Center
The GSW Fitness Center is located in the Student Success Center on the first floor. The facility is free for students, staff, faculty, and Hurricane Club members to use. You must have a current GSW ID. The facility is supervised by our student Fitness Supervisor Staff and Director for Fitness and Wellness. The Fitness Center has a full weight room, including Cybex machines and free weights, treadmills, arc trainers, stationary bikes, and flat screen TVs for your enjoyment.

Group Exercise
All Group Exercise classes are FREE for students, faculty, staff, and Hurricane Club, and GSW Fitness members at GSW. You must bring your GSW ID to participate. The Group Exercise Studio is located on the first floor of the Student Success Center.

Personal Training
Personal Training services at GSW are a safe and effective way to help meet your fitness and wellness goals. A nationally certified fitness professional will assist you in developing an orderly exercise routine designed to meet your fitness goals and needs. Combining personal training with other fitness programs will provide you with the well-rounded package you need to improve your health and fitness.

Join GSW Fitness, GSW Intramurals, and @GSW_Fitness on Facebook and Twitter, to get live, updated news about what’s happening!

Visit the Hurricane Athletic Website at www.gswcanes.com
Will You Go Greek?

I wanted to start off and first welcome you to Georgia Southwestern. We are very excited that you are here. This is going to be a fun and exciting time for you and there will be plenty of activities for you to get involved in. One of these areas is Greek Life. The Greek System as a whole has been around college campuses for over a hundred years. When determining whether or not to go Greek, there are 6 basic principles that the Greek system participates in. These principles are: Philanthropy, Leadership, Athletics, Scholarship, Social, and Brotherhood/Sisterhood. Each of these principles is important to the Greek System and they stand behind these ideals.

The Greek System has been at Georgia Southwestern State University for over 40 years. GSW’s Greek System is very strong and is always looking to add new members. The Greek System at GSW consists of three Councils. These councils are listed below with their recruitment methods:

- **Inter-Fraternity Council**
  - Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Inc.
  - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
  - Kappa Delta Sorority Inc.
  - Sigma Chi Fraternity
  - Kappa Sigma Fraternity
  - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.
  - Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity Inc.
  - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
  - Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
  - Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity
  - Delta Sigma Theta Fraternity Inc.
  - Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
  - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
  - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
  - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

**Panhellenic Council**
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
- Alpha Phi Omega Sorority Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Kappa Delta Sorority Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
- Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity
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- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

**National Panhellenic Council**
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
- Alpha Phi Omega Sorority Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Kappa Delta Sorority Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Inter-Fraternity Council recruitment has a 5 day official recruitment period beginning on Tuesday, September the 9th and ends of Saturday, September the 13th.

Panhellenic Council’s recruitment is also a 5 day process beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd and ending on Saturday, September 6th.

National Panhellenic Council
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
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I hope you decide to go through the recruitment process. You will meet new people, share common aspirations and ideas and… you will be well fed. The Greek recruitment process is like no other and you will enjoy every minute you are a part of it.

Have fun and Good Luck!

Joshua Curtin
Director of Campus Life
Name:________________________________________ Preferred Name:_____________________
Social Security Number:_________________________ Date of Birth:________________________
Permanent Address Street:______________________________________________________
                        City:________________________  State:_______  Zip Code:_________
Campus Address Street Address or Hall and Room:______________________________
                        Campus/Local Phone Number:_______________________________
Fall Semester Status: Freshman          Sophomore         Junior         Senior          Graduate
High School Attended:_______________________________ H.S. Grad. Date:_________________
H.S. GPA (on scale of 4.0):__________________  College GPA (if applicable):_________________
If applicable, Previous College/University attended:_____________________________________
Major:______________________________________________________________________________
Which NPHC Greek Organization(s) are you interested in:________________________________
Parents' first and last names:__________________________________________________________
Brothers/Sisters:________________     Other:__________________________
Please list any activities that you have been involved with including, but not limited to, scholarships,
other organizations, and offices held, interests and hobbies, awards, and any other items you think would
be of interest to the NPHC Greek organizations (use back of form or additional pages if necessary):
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Return completed form to: Georgia Southwestern State University NPHC
Division of Student Affairs • 800 GSW State University Dr • Americus, Georgia 31709

Fall 2014 Recruitment Application
Georgia Southwestern State University INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
Chi Phi • Kappa Sigma • Sigma Chi
September 9th – September 13th
Name:_________________________________________  Student ID Number:_______________________________________
Email Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________
Facebook Username:_______________________________________________________
Campus/Local Address:  Cell Phone Number:____________________________________________________
                        Hall and Rm Number or Local Address: ____________________________________________
                        GSW Box Number: ___________________________________________________________
Email Address:_________________________________________________________________
Fall Semester Status (Circle):   Beginning Freshman        Transfer      Continuing GSW Student          Graduate
High School Attended:  _____________________________________  H.S. Grad. Date:___________________________________
If applicable, Previous College/University attended: _______________________________________________________________
Major:_____________________________________________________________________________________________________
Parents' first and last names: __________________________________________________________________________________
Have you ever pledged an Inter-fraternal Council Organization?           Yes            No
If so, when, where, and what group? ____________________________________________________________________________
Family members in a fraternity? _______________________________________________________________________________
If so, which fraternity?________________________________________________________________________________________
Please list any school or community activities, honors, and hobbies and interests:
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I understand that in order to participate in Fall Recruitment at Georgia Southwestern State University, I must be admitted as
a full-time student to the University. I further understand that the minimum G.P.A. to join a fraternity is 2.50 for beginning
Freshmen and Transfer students. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 regular hours of class at Georgia Southwestern State
University, and not be a new member for another fraternity. GSW Students who have met these criteria, will be eligible to
participate in formal recruitment. By submitting this form I agree to release my verified grade point average to the GSW
fraternities and Inter-fraternity Recruitment staff. If I choose to become a member of an IFC group, I give permission to the
University to release my grades to Fraternity leadership. Please turn in your IFC application by September 8th by 12pm, to
the Division of Student Affairs located on the 3rd floor of the SSC. There is no fee to participation in IFC Recruitment.
Signature:___________________________________________   Date: __________________________________

Office Use: ____________GPA Verification  ____________ Contacted by _______________
Fall 2014 Recruitment Application
Georgia Southwestern State University PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

Name: ___________________________ Student ID Number: _______________________

Email address: ___________________________ Hall and RM No. or Local Address: ___________________________

GSW Box Number: ___________________________ Campus/Local Phone Number: ___________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________

Please Circle Your Current Status
Fall Semester Status: __________ Beginning Freshman __________ Transfer __________ Continuing GSW Student __________ Graduate __________

Facebook Username: ___________________________ Twitter Username: ___________________________

High School Attended: ___________________________ H.S. Grad. Date: ___________________________

If applicable, Previous College/University attended: ____________________________________________________________________________

Major: ___________________________ T-Shirt Size: ___________________________

Parents’ first and last names: __________________________________________________________________________________

Have you ever pledged a National Collegiate Sorority? Circle Yes No

If so, when, where, and what group? ____________________________________________________________________________

Family members in a sorority? _________________________________________________________________________________

If so, which sorority? ___________________________________________________________________________________________

I understand that in order to participate in Fall Recruitment at Georgia Southwestern State University, I must be admitted as a full time student with a majority, 75% of classes, being enrolled at Georgia Southwestern State University. I further understand that the minimum GPA to join a sorority and go through the formal recruitment process is 2.50 high school gpa for beginning freshmen and 2.30 for a continuing GSW student or transfer student. By submitting this form I agree to release my verified grade point average to the GSW sororities and Panhellenic Recruitment staff. If I choose to become a member of a Panhellenic group, I give permission to the University to release my grades to Sorority leadership. I also understand that the fall recruitment fee is $25 payable to GSW Panhellenic Association on or before Noon of Friday, August 29th, 2014 to the 3rd Floor of the Student Success Center. Recruitment is 09/2/14 - 09/06/14.

Signature: __________________________________ Date: ___________________________

Office Use: Hours _______ GPA _________ Payment received ____________ Date contacted with schedule ________________

**Please attach one recent photo of yourself to this application***

Please list any school or community activities, honors, and hobbies and interests:

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