

Transfer Student Orientation



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Welcome to Gustavus!

The Transfer Orientation program is focused on helping you with the transition to Gustavus and establishing a sense of belonging in your new college community in addition to establishing a strong academic record. We know that feeling connected as a Gustie takes a different amount of time for each person. We know that academic expectations might be different from your previous college or university. However, we hope that with the assistance of many members of our community, you will begin to see this as your home. On behalf of the Gustie Greeters and Campus Activities Office, we sincerely hope your Orientation experience is positive and affirming of your choice to become a Gustie!

Persons requesting accommodations in accordance with ADA should contact the Office of Disability Services as far as possible in advance of the event. Additional information is available from the Office of Disability Services, at 507-933-6286 (voice); 507-933-6207 (fax); or lbickett@gustavus.edu.

Sunday, September 1

- 9 a.m.–4 p.m. **CHECK IN AT THE INFORMATION DESK** | *Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
Meet your Transfer Student Gustie Greeter! Obtain your residence hall keys and pick up a folder containing voicemail information, adviser assignment, and student employment information.
- 10:30 a.m. **OPENING THE DOORS TO CHRIST CHAPEL: A WORSHIP EXPLORATION** | *Christ Chapel*
You are invited to open your heart and mind to the many opportunities for worship, study, prayer, spiritual exploration, and community building. Come and see that there is more faith at Gustavus than simply admiring the beautiful chapel in the center of campus. Discover a vibrant community of faith that is your spiritual home away from home.
- 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. **MUSIC AUDITIONS**
Audition times are pre-assigned. If you registered for lessons or ensemble auditions, you received a mailing in August with an appointment in the areas in which you have indicated interest. If you have any questions or did not receive an appointment, go to the music office (FAM 318) after your arrival on campus or contact Carol Ann Jutting (x7364 or cjutting@gustavus.edu).
- Noon–2 p.m. **LUNCH** | *Evelyn Young Dining Room*
Take a break with your family from unloading and unpacking. Stop by the Information Desk in the Jackson Campus Center and grab your complimentary lunch tickets.
- 3–5 p.m. **DINING SERVICE SCHEDULING SESSION** | *Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center*
Students receiving a work assignment with Dining Service may set up a work schedule during this time. Please allow thirty minutes and bring a copy of your class schedule.
- 3–4:30 p.m. **AUDITIONS FOR GUSTAVUS DANCE COMPANY AND APPRENTICE DANCE COMPANY** | *Kresge Studio, Schafer Fine Arts Center*
Find out more about dance opportunities at Gustavus. Students do not need to prepare anything in advance for the audition, but should arrive at the studio dressed to take a dance class.
- 4:45 p.m. **CAMPUS TOUR WITH GUSTIE GREETER** | *Meet at the Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
This informative tour will answer your basic questions about the layout of Gustavus, and will also let you in on the best places to study, hang out with friends, and even play Ultimate. **Remember your class schedule!**
- 5:45 p.m. **TRANSFER STUDENT BBQ** | *Johns Family Courtyard between Jackson Campus Center and Lund Center*
Your Residential Life Collegiate Fellow (CF) is your host for this informal get-to-know-you dinner. Come and meet your CF and hang out for good food and great conversation! Johns Family Courtyard is a favorite warm weather destination for Gusties to meet, eat, and study. (Rain location: Courtyard Café, next to the Information Desk)

7 p.m. **"E PLURIBUS GUSTAVUS" A CELEBRATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT: CREATING COMMUNITY** | *Anderson Theatre*

This campus-wide tradition is an opportunity for students to discuss transitions, cultural differences, social climate, and environmental changes. This program is the perfect opportunity to create connections with other transfer students through intentional conversation.

9 p.m. **TRANSFER STUDENT BONFIRE** | *Fire pit between North/Sorenson/Gibbs Halls (Complex)*

Make s'mores and hang out with your Gustie Greeter and other current and former transfer students. This is a great time to get to know one another. You can tell stories, ask questions, and meet new people. Come alone or bring a friend! (Rain location: Complex basement)

9-10:30 p.m. **QUEERS & ALLIES MIXER** | *Interpretive Center, Linnaeus Arboretum*

Come join members of Gustavus Queers & Allies (Q & A) in a casual, social setting to meet and greet one another as well as learn more about the interests, activities, and initiatives of this GLBTQA organization on campus. Snacks provided! Greeters will escort students from the Sesquicentennial Plaza at 9 p.m. or feel free to come and go on your own.

9:30 p.m. **MOVIE NIGHT: THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS 6** | *Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall*

Hobbs has Dom and Brian reassemble their crew in order to take down a mastermind who commands an organization of mercenary drivers across 12 countries. Payment? Full pardons for them all.

9:30 p.m. **GROCERY BINGO** | *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*

Fun and prizes!

10:30 p.m. **"NIGHT OF NEON" DANCE** | *The Dive, Johnson Student Union*

A long standing tradition at Gustavus, "The Dive" is a great opportunity to have fun and let loose. Break out your fluorescent colors and dance the night away under the black lights.

Monday, September 2

7 a.m.-4 p.m. **EVELYN YOUNG DINING ROOM OPEN**

9 a.m. **THREE CROWNS CARD** | *Meet at Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*

If you don't yet have your student I.D., meet the Transfer Greeters here to take care of this necessary item. You'll need it for meals beginning today!

9:15 a.m. **BREAKFAST** | *Evelyn Young Dining Room*

Transfer students and Greeters will sit together.

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Meet Your Gustie Greeters!



MADELINE CACCIATORE

YEAR Senior

MAJOR Music Education

HOMETOWN Windsor Heights, Iowa

TRANSFERRED January 2012



DAVID KREBS

YEAR Senior

MAJOR Nursing

HOMETOWN Ogilvie, Minnesota

TRANSFERRED September 2010

Advice for Transfer Students

Ask a LOT of questions and embrace awkward moments. They are inevitable and can make great stories later when you think back, "Remember that one time when I first transferred to Gustavus?"

-Emilie Scott '14

Probably the most important piece of advice I could give to an incoming transfer student is to reach out and get involved in extracurricular activities so that you can get to know as many people as possible to establish your roots.

-Dakota Darkstar '14

There will be things you miss about your old school, but you should trust the decision that you made and embrace the differences you find at Gustavus! Only thinking about what you're missing out on usually just brings you down.

-Emilie Scott '14

Immerse yourself in Gustavus. Get involved! It's the best way to meet people!

-Kaitlin Bembenek '15

Make sure you know your way around campus and where your classes are BEFORE the first day of class! Also, don't worry about making friends! It will come naturally and at the most unexpected time! I met my first friend in our microbiology lab and we have been good friends ever since!

Megan Nading '16

10 a.m. **ACADEMIC ADVISING** | *Library A/V Room 1 (basement)*

Meet your academic adviser to review and confirm your class registrations, receive your degree audit, and establish expectations and ways of communicating with each other throughout the semester. Advisers will also address how long it might take you to graduate and refer you to departments to ask last-minute questions before classes begin tomorrow. A library tour is included.

11:15 a.m. **GET CONNECTED** | *Beck Hall 101*

Immediately following advising, we'll move right into a last "Q & A" time customized to your needs. Items for discussion could include your Three Crowns Card; post office services; WebAdvisor and general technology issues; dining service; opportunities for involvement, service, and leadership; academic resources including tutoring and the Writing Center; the Book Mark and textbooks; and Lund Center facilities. Please bring your laptop.

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH** | *Linnaeus Arboretum*

Enjoy a fantastic sandwich bar with a Gustie favorite, frost your own cookies, for dessert. Meet the Peer Assistants and the rest of the Gustie Greeters! These two staffs comprise over 60 successful, caring upperclass student leaders. Fraternity and sorority representatives will also be on hand to answer questions about Greek life on campus.

1:15 p.m. **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ORIENTATION AND TRAINING**

Meet with your new supervisor to learn the ins and outs of your on-campus job and take care of the initial scheduling of your shifts. See your assignment card for your meeting location.

2:30-5 p.m. **FREE TIME**

Take a few hours to relax, continue unpacking, and cross off those last "to-dos" on your list including picking up textbooks and school supplies and visiting necessary offices.

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