

Governors State University



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President

Governors State University is committed to offering an exceptional and accessible education that imbues students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in a global society. GSU is dedicated to creating an intellectually stimulating public square, serving as an economic catalyst for the region and a model of diversity and responsible citizenship.

Since the university's founding in 1969, GSU has been committed to innovation and excellence. With coursework beginning at the junior baccalaureate level, GSU's core student population has transferred from community colleges and/or other colleges or universities with a minimum of 45 hours of college credit. Building on innovation, GSU launched the Dual Degree Program in 2011 to create a seamless pathway from community college to earning a debt-free bachelor's degree.

GSU's campus community includes:

- Students of every age;
- Faculty whose love of teaching matches their scholarly appetite for research;
- Businesses and government agencies who look to the university and its certificate programs to build a smarter, more skilled workforce;
- New and continuing students with diverse backgrounds and interests who look to GSU to deliver learning at the times, places and in the forms that work for their busy lives;
- Enthusiasts from the Chicago area who visit the Center for Performing Arts, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Garden, University Sustainable Garden and the campus Visual Arts Gallery for inspiration and fun; and
- Alumni who continue to engage in and support the growth and transformation of GSU.

In fall 2014, GSU will admit its first class of freshmen, becoming a full-service, four-year university. The 2014 class of nearly 300 freshmen will experience a focused academic program with themed general education courses exploring sustainability, civic engagement or global citizenship, and leading to a wide choice of majors.

Academic excellence is at the heart of Governors State, which offers 27 bachelor's degrees, 28 master's degrees, five doctoral programs and 23 certificate programs. The university has four colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business & Public Administration, Education, and Health & Human Services. In every program, there are gifted professors dedicated to the success of their students, plus unique opportunities to travel across the globe and take part in field programs in Belize, China and more.

Also known as the public square, GSU offers a wide range of services to students, including academic resources and tutoring services, career counseling, the Illinois Small Business Development Center, an on-campus childcare facility, and more than 60 student clubs, honor societies and organizations.

With the recent \$28 million renovation of GSU's science facilities, STEM education and research opportunities at the university have reached a new level. The state-of-the-art labs and classrooms complement excellent programs in biology, chemistry, computer sci-

ence and the health sciences, including nursing, physical and occupational therapy, and communication disorders.

The university also has an extensive library, computer center, Center for Performing Arts, Visual Arts Gallery and a fully equipped recreation and fitness center. The campus is home to the nationally recognized Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, the Environmental Research Preserve and the GSU Sustainable Community Gardens.

GSU continues to extend its commitment to serving the needs of its students. Study-abroad opportunities are expanding and GSU welcomes more students from every continent each year. Competitive sports activities also are emerging as GSU builds on its successful table-tennis team, recently adding volleyball, softball, bowling and golf.

While Governors State University continues to innovate and evolve with new educational programs and facilities, it remains dedicated to its founding principles and committed to providing a quality education, embracing diversity, reaching out to students and communities, and serving the region with excellence.

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A view of the main entrance to the campus of Governors State University, which is set on 750 acres of prairie in University Park, just 30 miles south of downtown Chicago.