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Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)



Welcome Tigers!

at

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
FALL 2011**

SESSION I June 15 - 16	SESSION II July 6 - 7	SESSION III July 20 - 21	SESSION IV August 12 - 13
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Space is limited so select your date as soon as possible!



April 13, 2011

Dear Future Gramblinite:

Welcome to Grambling State University (GSU), the place *where everybody is somebody*. You have made a wise decision in choosing to further your education at GSU.

For 110 years, this well-respected and world renowned educational institution has prided itself on providing a nurturing and caring environment for students to learn, which contributes to their total growth and development. We offer 67 undergraduate and graduate degree programs along with many student groups and organizations that will enable you to grow culturally and socially, as well as academically, as you pursue your college goals. Our faculty and staff are courteous and ready to assist you at anytime. At GSU, we want to ensure that you are afforded an education which results in a successful and rewarding future for you.

The staff of the Office of Student Success has planned and prepared four (4) early orientation sessions, referred to as SOAR (“Summer Orientation Advising and Registration”) to help you understand the significance of the many aspects of college life and assist you in completing the registration process. During these detailed sessions, you will receive important information that will help you start your college career on the right path. These SOAR sessions have been planned with you in mind, and I hope you will enjoy them.

Thank you for coming. I look forward to welcoming you this fall as a member of the 2011 Fall Freshman class.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Pogue, Ph.D.
President



“Celebrating 110 Years of Tradition, Service and Excellence”

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of Student Success

Dear Future Tiger,

Congratulations on your decision to join the Great Grambling State University community. We extend a warm welcome to you and to ensure a smooth transition from high school to the university, preparation is underway in anticipation of your arrival!

You should know that your hard work up to this point has paid off in a great way! Your acceptance here at Grambling State University will give you the opportunity to fulfill your academic goals. We know that with determination and the support of the Great Grambling State University family, you will succeed in reaching your ultimate goal - a degree from our institution.

In an effort to better assist you with your transition, the university has planned four (4) early orientation sessions referred to as “***Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)***”. The “***SOAR***” session is intended to help you understand the significance of the many aspects of college life and help you complete the registration process. ***SOAR*** is a two-day orientation for new students. Here's a very quick overview of ***SOAR***:

- **Day 1** – you will check in, take placements exam (selected students only), interface with various department personnel, and have fun meeting new friends. You will also have the opportunity to discuss university life with current Grambling State University students.
- **Day 2** – you will have breakfast with faculty and deans, go on a campus walking tour; work with academic advisors, register for classes, have small group sessions and end with an exciting spirit event.

Note 1: The placement exam is an “adaptive” exam which takes approximately 45 minutes to 2 hours to complete. Only required students will take the exam. Those students will be notified via email or phone. Please bring an official photo ID for admittance. Parents are not allowed in the testing center during this period. Please leave all book bags and cell phones in your room.

Note 2: Please secure residential housing prior to arrival. Students who register for SOAR IV **MUST** have all housing requirements paid for prior to arrival or rooms will **NOT** be available.

SOAR Payment

The registration fee for the SOAR program **\$125**. Please note, if you make a selection, and later decide to change to another date, there will be an additional charge of \$25. You have two payment options:

- Pay Now Online
- Pay Later. Upon arrival to SOAR Session, you will be directed to report to the Student Account Station. Student Accounts will be set up in the Atrium of the Favrot Student Union building.

The SOAR registration fee covers the cost of the following items:

- Residential living quarters for two-days
- Meals for two-days
- SOAR T-Shirt
- GSU Convocation Shirt
- Black College Student Survival Guide, Jawanza Kunjufu

The SOAR t-shirt, Convocation Shirt and Black College Student Survival Guide will be presented to you on August 14th during Welcome Week.

The following lists a few items that will assist in making Grambling State University your “Home Away From Home”.

- Official transcripts from any college or university where you took college-level courses you would like to count towards your academic work here (if you haven't already submitted them to our Office of Admissions)
- Your student ID "G-Number and password (to log into Banner)
- State or federal issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport) if you want to obtain your GSU Student ID during SOAR
- Your parents or guardians are welcome to attend. However, they will have to find their own hotel accommodations and make eating arrangements. Note the requirements for guests listed on the official registration website.
- An open mind ready to exceed your expectations, conquer challenges, fulfill anticipated academic needs, and enjoy an exciting experience!!!

What TO Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedding (for a twin size) & pillow • Pajamas/sleepwear • Comfortable shoes • Deodorant • Toilet tissue • Alarm clock/cell phone • Towels • Soap • Shower shoes • Clothing (jeans, socks, t-shirts, underwear) • Sleep aids/medications (if needed) • Toothbrush & toothpaste • Shower Curtain

What NOT to Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candles/Incense • Pets • Space Heaters • Guns/Fire Arms • Alcohol or Alcohol Paraphernalia • George Foreman Grills • Illegal Drugs • Open Heating Elements • Hot Plate

Please have your name or identifying mark on all items you bring with you. Any item with an open heating element is strictly prohibited due to fire safety mandates. Cooking is not permitted in the bedroom or common areas. Should you have any questions regarding any item listed or not listed, please feel free to contact the Residential Life Department.

Important Contact Information

If you have any other SOAR questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

DEPARTMENT	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Office of Admissions	admissions@gram.edu	(888) 863 - 3655
Office of the Registrar	jenkinsp@gram.edu	(318) 274 - 2385
Office of Financial Aid	tezenoa@gram.edu	1 (800) 761 - 8077
Office of Residential Life	gsuhousing@gram.edu	(318) 274 - 2504
Foster Johnson Health Center	outleyp@gram.edu	(318) 274 - 2351

Now You Are Ready to Register to *SOAR*!



To login you will need your **G number** and **PIN**
which can be found on your Letter of Admission

Click here to register for [SOAR](#)

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Director of Student Success Program



DAY 1: Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)
2011 Program Schedule of Events
August 12, 2011

Events	Times	Building
Registration Check-in	8:00A.M.-9:30 A.M.	Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center
Opening	9:30 A.M.-10:00AM	Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center
Placement Exam	10:10 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	Jacob T. Stewart Labs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rm 322-Writing and Math • Rm 334-Math • Rm 362 • Rm 319 –Writing and Math
Meet with Financial Aid	(Non –Testers Only) 10:10 A.M. - 12:00 Noon (All Students) 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.	Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center
Lunch	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	McCall Dining Hall
Residential Hall Check-in	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	800 A
Class Scheduling and Payment of Tuition/Fees (for participants who don't need testing)	3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center
Dinner	4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	McCall Dining Hall
Free Time	6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.	
Social	8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.	Black and Gold Room

DAY 2: Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)

2011 Program Schedule of Events

August 13, 2011

Events	Times	Building	
Breakfast	7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M	McCall Dining Hall	Breakfast with GSU Family
Campus walking tour lead by Student Orientation Leaders			
8:30 A.M. – 10:30 P.M.			
Available to those students who completed Registration on Day 1.			
Academic Advising and Registration in Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.			
LUNCH			
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center Concessions			
Registration Complete by 2:00 P.M.			
Dinner 4:30pm-6:00pm McCall Dining Hall			
All meals on Sunday, August 14, 2011 will be in the McCall Dining Hall			
Brunch 10:30am-1:00am Dinner 4:30pm-6:00pm			