



**Office of the President**

July 21, 2015

Dear Future Gramblinite:

Welcome to Grambling State University, and to our early orientation session. You have made a wise decision in choosing to further your education at GSU where we are “Honoring History, Keeping Promises and Fulfilling Dreams.” For 114 years, this respected and world renowned educational institution has prided itself on providing a nurturing and caring environment for students to learn, grow and develop to their full potential.

We offer 42 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and our courteous faculty, staff, administrators and Student Government Association are ready to assist you at any time. At Grambling State University, we want to ensure that you are afforded an education which results in a successful and rewarding future.

Additionally, we offer many co-curricular activities, student groups and organizations that will enable you to grow culturally and socially, as well as academically.

In an effort to better assist you with a smooth transition to college life, the Grambling Achievement Program staff has planned mandatory, detailed early orientation sessions, referred to as SOAR (Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration). This program will assist you in completing the registration process, as well as provide valuable information which will set your college career on the right path.

Again, welcome, and thank you for coming. We are excited that you are here, and look forward to welcoming you to Grambling State University as a member of the 2015 Fall Freshman class.

Sincerely,

Willie D. Larkin, Ph.D.  
President

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

#### 8:00 am – 5:00 pm    Residence Hall Check-In

- Students who **COMPLETED** and **RETURNED** the housing application form and a deposit should report to their assigned residential hall as stated in their *Assignment Letter* from the University's Department of Housing and Residential Life. Please reference the attached listing of check-in locations.
- Students who **NEITHER COMPLETED** the housing application form **NOR SUBMITTED** a deposit payment must report to the Tiger Village Club House.

#### 11:00 am – 1:00 pm    Lunch - McCall Dining Hall

#### 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm    Dinner - (McCall Dining Hall)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015, FRESHMAN REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION

#### 7:00 am - 8:15 am    New Student Check-in – The Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center

#### 8:30 am – 9:00 am    Opening Session - The Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center

**All students are required to attend the opening session.**

#### University Welcome/Introductions

- Dr. Willie D. Larkin, President
- Dr. Janet Guyden (Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs)
- Student Body Representative

#### 9:00 am & 1:00 pm    COMPASS Testing - Charles P. Adams, Room 322

Students will take the Mathematics or English placement examination. Non-programmable calculators are permitted. The test will cover algebra or writing. **Students will not be able to register for classes until they have taken the Mathematics or English Placement Test and scores are disseminated to the advisors.** Students who are exempt from the test should report to their respective departments for advisement at 10:30 a.m. in The Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center. Students who are exempt for the test should report to the Office of Student Financial Aid if there is a need to do so.

#### 9:00 am – 10:30 am    New Student Opening Session: Orientation Packets contains the orientation-week schedule, information thumb drive, Generation G t-shirt, Common Read book *The Circle*. **Presenters**

- Office of the Registrar
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Student Accounts/Cashier (Tuition and Fees)

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- Office of Residential Life (Housing)
- Foster-Johnson Health Center (Immunization/Shot Records)
- Tiger One Card
- Aramark (Meal Plan)
- Bookstore
- Favrot Student Union Board
- Student Counseling and Wellness Resource Center
- Student Affairs
- Judicial Affairs
- Police Department

### **10:30 am - 5:00 pm    Advisement and Registration**

Students who have declared a major will report to their respective department for advisement in the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center. Students who have not declared a major should report to Grambling Achievement Program (First Year Experience Instructors) for advisement. Students should report to Student Computer Lab in Room 176 to pay tuition and fees on-line after leaving their advisor. Students who are unable to pay on-line should report to the cashier to pay fees and negotiate the meal plan in the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

### **11:00 am – 1:00 pm    Lunch - McCall Dining Hall**

### **6:00 pm                      Candle Lighting/Pinning Ceremony– T. H. Harris Auditorium (Social after ceremony in the Quad)**

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

### **8:00 am – 5:00 pm    Advisement and Registration**

Students who have declared a major will report to their departments for advisement and Banner training. Students who have not declared a major should report to GAP (First Year Experience Instructors) for advisement. Students should pay tuition and fees on-line before leaving their advisor. Students who are unable to pay on-line should report to the cashier to pay fees and negotiate the meal plan in the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

### **5:00 pm                      “Survival 1901” – Black and Gold Room (SGA/Miss GSU)**

### **9:00 am – 11:00 am    Student Tour of the GSU Campus and Learning/Resource Centers**

Students will tour these areas with student ambassadors/group leaders. Please refer to your [campus map](#) for location of buildings.

- Library -- A.C. Lewis Memorial Library
- Student Computer Laboratories -- Brown Hall
- Eddie G. Robinson Museum

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- Student Computer Laboratories -- Jacob T. Stewart Hall
- Art Gallery -- Dunbar Hall
- Favrot Student Union – Favrot Student Union Building

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm    Yard Party**

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015**

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm    Advisement and Registration**

Students who have declared a major will report to their respective department for advisement in the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center. Students who have not declared a major should report to Grambling Achievement Program (First Year Experience Instructors) for advisement. Students should report to Student Computer Lab in Room 176 to pay tuition and fees on-line after leaving their advisor. Students who are unable to pay on-line should report to the cashier to pay fees and negotiate the meal plan in the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

**9:00 am – 11:00 am    Departmental Orientation**

Students who have declared a major will report to their departments for orientation sessions. Students who have not declared a major should report to GAP. Students will learn more about: curriculum requirements, the academic calendar, the importance of the rising junior examination, the process for adding and dropping classes, registration for continuing students for Spring 2016, the final examination schedule and others. **Attendance is required. Departmental locations will be provided at the registration help desk.**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm    Student Tour of the GSU Campus and Learning/Resource Centers**

**Students will tour these areas with student ambassadors/group leaders.**

- Library -- A.C. Lewis Memorial Library
- Student Computer Laboratories -- Brown Hall
- Eddie G. Robinson Museum
- Student Computer Laboratories -- Jacob T. Stewart Hall
- Art Gallery -- Dunbar Hall
- Favrot Student Union – Favrot Student Union Building

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm    “Know Your Rights”– Black & Gold Room (SGA)**

**9:00 pm – 12:00 am    Late Night Breakfast – McCall Dining Hall (First 400 students FREE!!!)**

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm      Advisement and Registration**
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- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm      Pizza-n-Pics – Courtyard (Sophomore Class)**
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm      Student Tour of the GSU Campus and Learning/Resource Centers**
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  - Art Gallery -- Dunbar Hall
  - Favrot Student Union – Favrot Student Union Building
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm      Comedy Show featuring Sean Larkins & Double D – T. H. Harris Auditorium (FREE)**

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm      Advisement and Registration**
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- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm      “Locate My Classes”**
- Students will use this time to review course schedules and locate the buildings and classrooms where their classes will be held. Students will participate in this process individually. Please refer to your [campus map](#) for location of buildings. If you cannot locate a particular room, please ask for assistance from the closest academic office.
- 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm      Spirit Rally with the Tiger Marching Band, Cheerleaders and Orchesis Dance Group – Men’s Gym**

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# **CHECK-IN LOCATIONS**

**\*JONES, TRUTH, RICHMOND HALLS – TRUTH HALL RA OFFICE RM 123**

**\*ADAMS, HOLLAND & TUBMAN HALLS – ADAMS HALL RA OFFICE RM 119**

**\*KNOTT & STEEPLE GLEN – KNOTT HALL FIRST FLOOR RA OFFICE**

**\*DOUGLASS, ATTUCKS, PINCHBACK, & BETHUNE – DOUGLASS HALL CLASSROOM**

**\*GARNER, BOWEN & WHEATLEY HALLS – WHEATLEY HALL CLASSROOM**

**\*HUNTER, ROBINSON – ROBINSON HALL RA OFFICE**

**\*WEST CAMPUS – DOUGLASS HALL CLASSROOM**

**\*JEWETT HALL – JEWETT FIRST FLOOR LOUNGE**