



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



GRAMBLING ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (GAP)

Dear Future Gramblinite:

The Grambling State University Family is eagerly awaiting your arrival to the university. During your tenure at Grambling, you will embark upon an exciting and challenging journey designed to open the door for many stimulating educational, social, and leadership opportunities. To ensure a smooth transition from high school to the university, preparation is underway in anticipation of your arrival. In an effort to better assist you with your smooth transition to college life, the university has planned a **MANDATORY** early orientation session 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. Grambling provides three (3) opportunities for assisted registration:

Session I: June 15, 2015
Session II: July 21, 2015
Fall Registration: August 17, 2015

The itinerary is as follows:

TIME	EVENT
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Check In/Registration (Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Package Pickup
8:30 am – 9:00 am	University Welcome/Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Willie D. Larkin, President• Dr. Janet Guyden (Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs)• Student Body Representative

TESTING

- All walk-ons **who have not been tested** will go to Adams Hall, room 322 for COMPASS testing at 9:00 am.
- Students who are late and miss the 9:00 am test time can take the test at 1:00 pm.
- Students enrolled in the Pilot-course may at their option, retest at 1:00 pm.
- Students who require 504 accommodations must test remotely prior to coming to SOAR.

GENERAL SESSION

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| 9:00 am – 11:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University Registrar• Student Accounts/Cashier• Tiger One Card• Financial Aid and Scholarships<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster-Johnson Health Center• Bookstore• Favrot Student Union Board |
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- Office of Residential Life (Housing)
- Student Counseling and Wellness Resource Center
- Title IX
 - Banner Web Training
 - Student Affairs
 - Gambling Achievement Program and the Office of Retention
- **GSU Spirit Event**

Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch with Deans, Faculty and Staff in the McCall Dining Hall

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION
(Assembly Center – Arena Floor)

Step 1. Get Admitted (walk-ons only)

Step 2. Housing

Step 3. Immunization

Step 4. Academic Advising

Step 5. Financial Aid

Step 6. Tuition and Fees

Step 7. Auto Decal

Step 8. ID/Meal Card

Upon Completion of Registration

Academic Browse
(Departmental)

Student Affairs Browse
(SGA, Miss GSU, Miss Cover Girl, FSUB, and Admissions)

Red Carpet Event
(Photo Opportunity)

Eddie G. Robinson Museum Tour

Bookstore Tour
(Favrot Student Union)

Residential Housing/Campus Browse

4:00 pm

Departure

- ✓ The deadline to register online for SOAR I – June 15, 2015, is **June 9th – 12:00 midnight**
- ✓ The deadline to register online for SOAR II – July 21, 2015, is **July 14th – 2015, 11:00 pm**
- ✓ The deadline to register online for Fall Registration – August 17, 2015, is **August 11th – 11:00 pm**

The SOAR registration fee is \$35 for students only. This fee is required for new undergraduate and transfer students to attend SOAR to finalize admission. The SOAR Program is funded by the fees that the University collects from the participants. **Parents and guests who wish to eat will be charged \$5.00 per person for the meal.**

Students who complete the registration process by obtaining a **fee sheet will not be required to return to the university until Sunday, August 23rd. Monday, August 24th classes begin.**

To ensure a seamless registration process, if you have any questions please contact the individuals in the departments below to ensure that all necessary paperwork has been received:

- Make sure you have paid your admission fees to be admitted to the University
Admissions: herronc@gram.edu – Ms. Chemia Herron – (318) 274 – 6423
- Make sure you have all your immunization records submitted to the Health Center
Immunization: hassenl@gram.edu – Ms. LaBrittany Hassen (318) 274 – 3411
- Make sure you have completed your Financial Aid
Financial Aid: hammsg@gram.edu – Mr. Gavin Hamms – (318) 274 – 6328
 - Go to (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>)
 - Bring tax transcript (can only be obtained from www.irs.gov)
- Make sure you have paid your fees for housing and have a room assignment
Housing: howardd@gram.edu – Ms. Dana Howard – (318) 274 – 3133

Also, please make sure when you apply for SOAR that you indicate your major so you can get properly advised for classes.

Finally, to register online for SOAR, click here: [SOAR Online Registration](#).

If you cannot pay online, onsite registration will be available the day of registration (*realize however that on-site registration will slow down the registration process*).

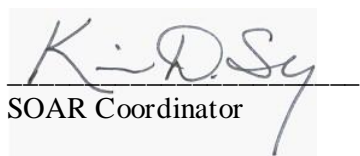
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- **Instagram:** @GSUFYE
- **Twitter:** @GSUFYE
- **Facebook:** First Year Experience at Grambling State University
- www.gram.edu

Grambling State University adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities should register with the ADA Student Services Coordinator and contact their instructor(s) in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations. If you need accommodations for this orientation related to a disability, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have questions or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing you, and thanks for choosing Grambling State University!

Sincerely,



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