

University of Georgia School of Law New Student Orientation 2025

ALL Students

Thursday, August 14

Casual Attire

- 9:30-10:00 Registration**
Hirsch Hall Check-in and pick-up your orientation packet in the Eversheds Sutherland Courtyard and proceed to the Chapel
- 10:00-10:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
UGA Chapel Andrea Dennis, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & John Byrd Martin Chair of Law*
- 10:10-10:40 Life in the Law**
UGA Chapel David Dove (*J.D. 2014*), *Partner at Troutman Pepper Locke*

1L AND LLM STUDENTS		TRANSFER STUDENTS	
10:40-11:45 UGA Chapel	How to Prepare for Class, Get Through Class, and Beyond Andrea Dennis, <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & John Byrd Martin Chair of Law</i> Lori Ringhand, <i>J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law & Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor</i> Thomas Kadri, <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i> Christian Turner, <i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	10:40-12:00 Cheeley Room	Student Involvement and Resources Panel Discussion Kellie Casey (<i>J.D. 1990</i>), <i>Director of Advocacy</i> Dr. Paula McBride, <i>Law School Registrar</i> Willow Tracy, <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Programs & Experiential Learning</i> Tony Waller (<i>J.D. 1993</i>), <i>Assistant Dean for Career Development</i> Chantelle Tickles, <i>Director of Student Affairs</i> Sarah Quinn, <i>Director of Dean Rusk International Law Center</i> Maggie Camfield, <i>SBA President, Class of 2026</i>
11:45-12:00	BREAK/Transition to Lunch		

- 12:00-12:45 Lunch with Your Section**
Hirsch Hall
Section X – Classroom A (120), pick up lunches in Morris Manning & Martin Café
Section Y – Classroom B (122), pick up lunches in G. Sanders Griffith III Concourse
Section Z – Classroom F (246), pick up lunches in Kathelen Van Blarcum Amos Foyer
Transfer Students – Cheeley Room (328), pick up lunches outside Cheeley Room
- 1:00-2:10 Breakout Sessions**
Hirsch & Rusk Led by School of Law Faculty. The assigned session location is listed on the back of the nametag.
- 2:10-2:25 BREAK**
- 2:25-3:00 Introduction to Student Services & Campus Resources**
UGA Chapel Chantelle Tickles, *Director of Student Affairs*
- 3:00-3:15 Counseling & Psychiatric Services UGA**
UGA Chapel Curtis Murray, *CAPS Counselor*
- 3:15-4:00 Student Experience Panel**
UGA Chapel Hear from our current students about their experiences in law school.
- 4:15-5:15 Mix N’ Mingle**
Hirsch Hall Join 1Ls & LLMs in the Eversheds Sutherland Courtyard and Morris Manning & Martin Café for light refreshments and fun games.

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Friday, August 15

Business Casual Attire

- 10:00-10:15** **A Message from the Dean**
UGA Chapel Usha R. Rodrigues, *Dean, University Professor, and M.E. Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance and Securities Law*
- 10:15-10:50** **Introduction to the Career Development Office**
UGA Chapel Tony Waller (*J.D. 1993*), *Assistant Dean for Career Development*
- 10:50-11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00-11:45** **CDO Orientation: Laying the Groundwork for Success ****LAPTOP REQUIRED******
Hirsch Hall Career Development Office
- 11:45-12:00** **BREAK/Transition to Lunch**
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch Presentation: Case Briefing**
Hirsch Hall Allison Hale (*J.D. 1989*), *Senior Lecturer & Director of Academic Enhancement Program*
- 1:15-2:00** **Curriculum & Student Conduct Standards, Administration of the Law School Honor Code**
UGA Chapel Usha R. Rodrigues, *Dean & Andrea Dennis, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*
Xavier Brown, *Assistant Dean for Admissions, **class handoff*
- 2:00-2:30** **Character and Fitness Requirements for Bar Admission**
UGA Chapel Tony Waller (*J.D. 1993*); *Assistant Dean for Career Development*
Christopher Twyman (*J.D. 1999*); *President, State Bar of Georgia and Managing Partner, Cox Byington Twyman & Johnson, LLP*
Kevin Wilson (*J.D. 1996*); *Staff Counsel, Office of Bar Admissions, Supreme Court of Georgia*
- 2:30-2:45** **BREAK**
- 2:45-4:15** **Professionalism Breakout Sessions**
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Monday, August 18

Professional Attire for Headshots, Casual Attire for Other Activities

- 9:15-10:00**
Hirsch Hall
- Wellbeing Tips & Strategies for Law Students** (*attendance required*)
Patricia Murphy, *Law Instructor*, will aid students to learn proactive strategies for managing stress in law school and applying them to their study routines and daily lives to enhance performance and maintain balance.
- 10:00-4:00**
Hirsch Hall
- Professional Headshots**
Your assigned photo time will be provided on your personal Orientation schedule.
- 10:00-10:45**
Hirsch 120 (A)
- Cultivating Your Financial Future**
Amanda Fox (J.D. 2014), *Associate Director of Student Services*, will discuss the intersection of personal finance and professional development. She will introduce resources available to students that will be instrumental to their financial well-being in law school and practice. ****OPTIONAL**
- 10:00-3:00**
Law Library
- Law Library Fest**
Drop by the law library to take a tour, meet your Legal Research faculty, get answers to tech questions, and learn how the library can help with research, combating stress, and more. Pick up a passport, collect stamps, and enter to win prizes like an Amazon gift card, UGA swag, and more!
- 12:30-1:15**
Hirsch 353 (I)
- First-Generation JD Student Orientation** (*prior registration required*)
All incoming **JD Students** (1L only) who identify as first-generation **college graduates** are strongly encouraged to attend this brief session with the First Start Coordinator. This session will introduce you to specialized programming and resources designed specifically for first-generation students, as well as provide valuable advice to help you start your legal education with confidence. Attendance at this orientation is mandatory for any first-generation student who wants to take advantage of the First Start Program and additional first-gen resources during their time at UGA Law.
- Who is a first-generation college graduate? If neither of your parent(s)/guardian(s) **completed a four-year undergraduate degree**, then you are a first-gen!
- You **are still a first-generation college graduate even if**: your brother or sister went to college, your parent(s)/guardian(s) have a 2-year associate's degree, your parent(s)/guardian(s) have SOME college (but did not graduate), or if you have a parent with a college degree that was *not present* in your life.
- 1:30 -2:15**
Hirsch 120 (A)
- CDO Chat and AMA**
New here? So are we—to *you*! Come meet the Career Development Office (CDO) team and get the lowdown on how we'll support your career journey from day one. We'll dive deeper into who we are, what we do, how we work, and answer any questions you've got in a relaxed, ask-us-anything format. Feel free to drop in or step out for your professional headshot.

Suggested Activities:

- Make sure you've got your UGA ID Card
- Registrar's Office and Student Affairs Office open for registration questions
- Counseling & Psychiatric Services open for general questions outside the Law Library

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