

# **Welcome to Glenville State University!**

Your journey toward becoming a Glenville State University Pioneer begins now.

Pioneers are always prepared, and Welcome Week is designed to help you start off at Glenville State on the right foot by creating meaningful connections, familiarizing yourself with GSU policies and procedures, connecting with our caring and dedicated professionals across campus, and informing you of all the services GSU provides. Attendance is expected at all scheduled events. The next few days will be packed with unique experiences and new friends.

We hope you enjoy this experience and have as much fun as you can before classes begin.



# New Pioneer Welcome Week Schedule

Attendance and participation during New Pioneer Welcome Week is expected. Guests of new students are welcome to attend the Pioneer Picnic and Welcome Rally.

### **QUESTIONS? Call (304) 462-6400 or email Student.Life@glenville.edu**

**Events in red are required for all students** | Events in green are required for a specific segment of students

### **Monday, August 11th**

8:00 AM All Day	Check-in Begins
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pioneer Picnic
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Welcome Rally
	At the Welcome Rally, students and their families will be introduced to University
	employees and learn important information about Welcome Week.
5:00 PM – 6:00PM	Photos and Goodbyes Fine Arts Center
	It's not goodbye, it's see you later! This will serve as the final farewell for students and their families. Photo
	booths will be set up in the Fine Arts Center to capture keepsake memories for the start of your college career.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Networking Dinner
	At the Networking Dinner, you will join fellow members of the Class of 2029 to enjoy a hibachi-style dinner
	with the Aramark staff while having icebreaker conversations with your peers.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Fire and S'mores

### **Tuesday, August 12th**

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Orientation Make-up
	Any student who didn't attend a Pioneer Preview New Student Orientation Day over the summer will be required to attend this session to learn important information about the University and ensure their success while at GSU.
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Mental HealthFine Arts Center
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	During this session, you will learn about the mental health services available to you on campus and
	the steps you can take to maintain positive mental health and well-being while on campus.
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hidden Promise Student Meetings Pioneer Support Center
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Campus & Community Fair
Local businesses, organizations, and churches will join the GSU student organizations for an	
	informational fair. At this event, you will be introduced to the local services available, pick
	up free material, and meet/sign up for student organizations that interest you.
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Human Puzzles
	Challenge your mind while making friends. See if you can solve the puzzle and
	escape from this escape room like event.
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Pub Food Night & Karaoke
	Eat, drink, sing, and relax with friends! Enjoy the traditional pub-style foods and
	drinks such as wings, soft pretzels, cheese sticks, sliders, dips, and mocktails.

### **Wednesday, August 13th**

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Substance Abuse & Prevention Fine Arts Center
	This session will provide the knowledge and skills used to recognize signs of substance
	abuse. We will also discover the best practices for navigating a healthy lifestyle.
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	GSU 100 Sessions
	You will meet with your GSU 100 class during this time to go over introductions, general
	information about the course and the University, and to answer any questions you might have.
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tie Dye
	Stop by this Student Life event to tie-dye your own GSU shirt!
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Residence Hall Recipes
	Join the staff of Aramark Dining Services to learn how to utilize the items available in your residence
	hall room to create delicious meals. Samples of these recipes will be available for those in attendance.
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Trivia and Tortillas
	Test your trivia skills while enjoying all you can eat chips and dips! Oh, and did we mention free prizes?

### **Thursday, August 14th**

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Hidden Promise Student Meetings Pioneer Support Center
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Campus Employment Session Pioneer Support Center
	Interested in student employment on campus? Attend this session to learn best practices on how to secure an on-
	campus job. From a resume to an office dress code, we will touch on all the points of being a GSU student employee
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Title IX Presentation
	In this session, you will learn about Title IX and Sex Discrimination, the protections
	that you have as a college student, and the resources available to you
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	GSU 100 Sessions
	You will meet with your GSU 100 class during this time to go over your class
	schedules, find your classrooms, and receive an in-depth campus tour.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Honors Program Student Meeting
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Intramural Showcase
	Learn about the GSU intramural program with basketball, pickleball, and kickball.
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	eSports Recruitment
	Come tour the Pioneer eSports Arena and learn about Glenville State's varsity eSports teams, the tryout process,
	and how you can get involved, all while enjoying casual community style games with your fellow students.
2:00 PM -5:00 PM	DIY Door Decorations
	Join Residence Life to create a personalized door decoration for your room.
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Street Festival
	As a welcome to the class of 2029, join the Office of Student Life and fellow Pioneers for a 360 photo booth,
	corn hole, axe throwing, popcorn, cotton candy, slushies, and more. It's not a party without live music!
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### Friday, August 15th

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Hidden Promise Student Meetings Pioneer Support Center
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Student Organization Mixer
	Connect with student leaders and explore all that campus life has to offer at this mixer, where GSU's
	organizations come together to meet, collaborate, and welcome anyone interested in getting involved.
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch (BOG members) & Letters to Self Café
	Enjoy lunch with members of the GSU Board of Governors and take a moment to write a letter
	to yourself as you embark on your college career to open at a later date in the semester to
	remind yourself how much you've grown since your first week on campus.
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Convocation
	The academic ceremony where the Class of 2029 takes the Oath of Academic
	Excellence and officially becomes part of Glenville State University. Welcome!
4:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Game Show and Ice Cream
	Let's take it back to the 2000's with a Double Dare and Minute to Win It style interactive
	gameshow with ice cream and all of the best toppings.
<b>Saturday, Aug</b>	ust 16th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Brunch
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Olympic Lawn Games
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Open Swim
	Free Time
	Suggestions: organize/decorate your room, get to know your RA, create a study schedule, get your
	backpack ready for the first day of classes, familiarize yourself with your class meeting locations, etc.
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Residence Hall Meeting
	First required meeting for residential students.
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Movie and Popcorn

### Sunday, August 17th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Brunch Café
	Free Time
	Suggestions: familiarize yourself with Brightspace and your campus email, check in with family and friends, think about a routine for the new semester, recharge before evening activities, etc.
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Res Life Block Party
	Join the Residence Life staff for a back-to-school block party at Goodwin Hall.

# **Student Life**









The Office of Student Life offers a wide variety of services, facilities, programs, and activities that foster student development that enhance the quality of campus life. It supplements the academic endeavors of the University by providing quality support services in a caring, student-centered environment that promotes student responsibility, character development, and diversity.

#### **RESIDENCE LIFE**

Residence Halls are places where students live together and form communities. GSU has three residence facilities: Goodwin Hall, Pickens Hall, and Pioneer Village. Each of these facilities offer a different style of living and learning from the traditional dormitory living quad suites and apartment style living. All residence halls are equipped with study lounges, laundry facilities, and secure entry.

#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Glenville State has over 30 unique, recognized student organizations. The organizations are student-led and are made up of special interest groups, academic clubs, honor societies, social Greek fraternities and sororities, and more. These organizations include Student Government Association, Black Student Union, Chi Beta Phi, LGBTQ+ Alliance, Forestry Club, and more!

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

The Office of Student Activities provides entertainment and events for the university community. These activities include comedians musicians, hypnotists, magicians, karaoke, bingo, and interactive games and events.

#### **CAMPUS RECREATION**

GSU has many avenues for students to stay active while on campus including the Fitness Center, Lilly Gymnasium, Pool, and Intramurals. These facilities and programs provide students with access to a vast array of cardiovascular and strength training equipment, open gym aquatic fitness classes and programs, open swim, team and individual competitions and challenges, and more.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The GSU Counseling Center is staffed by professional counselors and provide a wide range of services for depression, anxiety, anger communication, addiction, and more.

# **Student Organizations**







#### **ACADEMIC/SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS & STUDENT CLUBS**

Alpha Phi Sigma – *Criminal justice honor society* Art Society – For visual arts

Baptist Campus Ministries – For religious interest

Black Student Union – Social advocacy and service interest

Chi Beta Phi – *Science and math fraternity* 

Delight Ministries – For religious interest (geared toward female students)

DEMOS – Nonpartisan political science organization

Early Education Student Group – For early education Interest

Environmental Club – Focus on environmental issues and recycling

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – For religious interest

Fishing Club – For anglers

Forestry Club – For natural resource management forestry majors

Future Business Leaders of America – For business majors

Hermitage Literary Society – For English majors

Kappa Delta Pi – *Education fraternity* 

Land Surveying Club – For natural resource management surveying majors

LGBTQ+ Alliance - For LGBTQ+ community involvement

National Association for Music Educators – For music education majors

Pi Gamma Mu – Social sciences fraternity

Pioneer Debate – For those interested in speech and debate

Pioneer Page Turners – Student-led book club

Pioneer Shooting Club – For rifle/pistol sports interest

Psi Chi – *Psychology honor society* 

Science Fiction & Fantasy Guild – For science fiction enthusiasts

Student Government Association – For student leadership

Student Reading Interest Group – For education majors

Little Kanawha Drama and Theater Club – Drama and theater interest

National Society of Leadership & Success – Leadership honor society

#### **SOCIAL GREEK CLUBS**

Alpha Theta Xi – Social sorority Alpha Xi Omega – *Social fraternity* Chi Zeta Pi – Social sorority Delta Xi Rho - Social sorority Sigma Omega Beta - Social fraternity Tau Chi Beta – Social fraternity

### **Pioneer Pantry & Career Closet**

The Pioneer Pantry provides access to food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and school supplies. The Career Closet is stocked with casual and business/professional clothing perfect for an internship, job interview, or student teaching. Both are available to students in need at no cost.

The Pioneer Pantry and Career Closet are located on the basement level of Louis Bennett Hall. Both are open Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. No appointment is necessary – just drop by and pick up what you need.

# **Local Businesses and Resources**

### **Grocery and Retailers**

- Foodland
- Family Dollar
- Dollar General
- **Flatwoods Walmart** (approximately 40 minute drive)
  - Also in Flatwoods: Starbucks, Wendy's, Shoney's, Cinnabon, Taco Bell, Little Ceasars, McDonald's, KFC, Arby's, Moe's, and more
- Weston Walmart (approximately 45 minute drive)
  - Also in Weston: Sheetz, Don Patron Mexican Restaurant, Gino's, Taco Bell, Burger King, Hardees, McDonald's, Wendy's, KFC, Dunkin', and more

#### Restaurants

- Mollohan's Restaurant
- Freshens
- Cedar Creek Grill
- 'We Proudly Serve' Starbucks
- **Dugout Dairy**
- McDonald's 10% discount with student ID
- Subway 10% discount with student ID
- Tudor's 10% discount with student ID
- Pizza Hut 10% discount with student ID
- Main Street Diner
- China One Chinese Restaurant
- Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza
- Fatboys BBQ

### **Services**

- **The Shop** (Barber shop)
- Cutting Edge (Hair salon)
- Lavish Locks (Hair and nail salon)

### **Gas Stations/Convenience Stores**

- GoMart
- Par-Mar
- Mountaineer Mart

Please note: This is not meant to be a comprehensive list of local businesses and resources, rather it is designed to share with you what is available locally as you become familiar with the area.

#### Medical

- WVU Medicine Glenville Clinic
- Minnie Hamilton Health System
- Little Kanawha Family Medicine
- Gil-Co Faith Pharmacy
- Glenville Family Dentistry
- **Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital** (approximately 35 minute drive)
- Community Care of West Virginia (locations in Weston and Flatwoods)
- Lucky Eye Care

### **Recreation and Entertainment**

- Cedar Creek State Park: Hiking, fishing, swimming pool, putt-putt golf course, playgrounds, picnic areas, and camping
- **Sue Morris Sports Complex:** Walking track, basketball courts, and sand volleyball
- Glenville Golf Course: Student memberships available
- Shooting Range
- Little Kanawha River: Fishing and kayaking
- **Gilmer County Recreation Center:** Hiking, horseback riding trails, disc golf course
- College Forest: Hiking and hunting
- GSU Fitness Center and Pool
- Burnsville Lake: Fishing, boating, kayaking, camping

### **Auto Repair and Hardware**

- Glenville Western Auto
- Hardman's Hardware
- J&K Auto Care
- Glenville Auto
- Drake's Used Cars
- Advance Auto Parts
- NAPA
- Pioneer Auto Wash

### **Emergency Contacts**

- Glenville State Public Safety: (304) 904-2041
- Gilmer County Emergency Service: Call 911
- Ambulance and Fire Department: Call 911
- City Police: (304) 462-5216 or Call 911
- State Police: (304) 462-7101

### **Glossary of Common Higher Education Terms**

<u>Academic advisor</u>: Your academic advisor is the person assigned to work with you on planning your class schedule and building your degree plan. You should meet with your advisor at least once per semester during GSU's planned academic advising period.

<u>Academic calendar</u>: The academic calendar outlines important dates and deadlines at GSU, including the first and last days of classes, the last day to add or drop a course, mid-term and final exam weeks, academic advising periods, and graduation.

Academic probation: Students who are off-track academically are given a warning and are put on probation for a period of time. Usually, students are put on academic probation because they have failed to maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA). However, sometimes students are put on probation for failing to make progress toward their chosen major. Students who are on probation are given a length of time to improve their academic performance and complete steps outlined by the institution. Students who fail to meet these requirements and improve their academic standing run the risk of being suspended from college.

Academic suspension: Students who have not met GSU's minimum academic standards are asked to leave the university for a period of time (usually either a semester or a year). Typically, students who are on suspension must apply for reinstatement if they wish to reenter the university after their suspension period ends

Add/drop periods: A period of time (usually one week) at the beginning of each semester for students to finalize their schedules. During this time, students can add new classes or drop classes without receiving a "withdraw" mark on their academic transcript.

<u>Admissions Office</u>: The admissions office oversees your application to the university, determines whether or not you will be admitted, and helps facilitate your transition into college.

Auditing a course: You can attend a class for no grade or credit, if that grade is not needed for your degree program. Students may choose to audit a class to learn more about a particular subject area outside their area of study. GSU requires registration for course audits, and all applicable fees must be paid. Audited classes may also show up on your transcript, although you will not receive a grade. If you are considering auditing a class, talk to your academic advisor.

<u>Catalog</u>: A document containing rules and policies at GSU. The catalog also includes class descriptions, academic requirements for the university's various degree programs, and information related to expenses

<u>Credit hours</u>: Units of value given to courses, which equate to academic credits toward your degree. Credit hours are loosely based on the number of hours you are expected to spend in a particular class each week (not

counting homework or other out-of-class study time). Different courses are worth different credit hours, but the most common format is three credit hours per class. Most associate degree programs require 60 credit hours. Most bachelor's degree programs require 120.

<u>Department Chair</u>: The faculty member who leads a specific academic department.

<u>Electives</u>: Each degree program allows students to take elective classes, or classes that are not required but still count toward the degree. Electives allow students to explore their unique interests and personalize their education.

<u>Faculty</u>: The term used to describe university employees who teach classes or conduct research on behalf of the university.

<u>Final exams</u>: Comprehensive, sometimes cumulative tests that are given at the end of a semester. Often these exams are weighted more heavily than other tests

<u>Financial Aid Office</u>: The office that compiles all of your financial aid from various sources, including the federal government. The financial aid office oversees the distribution of loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study stipends and can help you find ways to pay for your education.

<u>Full-time</u>: Whether or not a student is considered full-time or part-time affects the cost of tuition and the types and amount of financial aid a student can receive. GSU students must be registered for 12 credit hours to be considered full-time. However, it is important to remember earning only 12 credit hours per semester will not allow you to graduate on time (in four academic years). A student seeking to complete a four-year degree in four years or a two-year degree in two years must complete, on average, 15 credit hours per semester.

Major: The subject or discipline in which a student chooses to specialize. Schools typically offer many different majors or programs of study. Students who are unsure about what field they wish to study can enter college as "undecided" and work to complete their general education requirements while they decide. Students can also change majors. However, changing majors or staying "undecided" too long can prevent students from graduating on time — so it is important to talk to an academic advisor when making decisions about academic majors or adjusting your program of study.

Minor: An additional area of focus or emphasis of study, often to provide students with secondary skills related to their major or to expand on a particular interest area. For example, a student might choose to major in integrated marketing with a minor in graphics and digital media. Minors require fewer credit hours to complete than majors.

Office hours: Designated hours when a faculty member or assigned assistant for a course is available to meet with students to address concerns or provide advising. Faculty usually post their office hours on the syllabus for their class and indicate whether students need an appointment or can just "drop in." Office hours are a great time to get to know your professors and build a relationship with them.

<u>Prerequisite</u>: A course that a student must successfully complete before enrolling in another class or a certain class rank (e.g. sophomore status) required to take a class. For example, English 101 will be a prerequisite for English 102, also known as "pre-req" or "PR."

<u>Registrar's Office</u>: The office that oversees your official university transcript. This office often coordinates the course scheduling and class registration process.

Resident Advisor (RA): An RA is a student who lives in the residence halls, maintains the rules, and assists students.

Resident Director (RD): An RD is a professional staff member who oversees the residence hall, including all RAs

Room and Board: Refers to charges applied to a student's account for living on campus or eating in the dining halls. "Room" applies to the cost of housing (living in the dorms) and "board" refers to the cost of your meal/dining plan.

<u>Satisfactory Academic Progress</u>: Also known as SAP, this is a set of minimum expectations established by Glenville State University's financial aid office and the federal government that indicates a student is making sufficient progress toward earning their degree in a timely manner. If a student does not meet this minimum level of progress, they may lose eligibility to receive financial aid.

Student Life: The office that helps students develop and grow through experiences outside of the class-room. The Office of Student Life manages housing and residential facilities, student activities, dining services, student organizations, wellness, and recreation. Judicial affairs are also managed by Student Life.

<u>Syllabus</u>: A document provided by professors on the first day of class that sets forth the expectations for the semester and includes important details about the class. Syllabi often include a course schedule, grading policies, the professor's office hours and contact information, and required materials and textbooks.

# **Campus Contacts**

Academic Affairs	•
Accessibility & Accommodations	) 462-6051
Admissions	) 924-2010
Athletics	) 462-4102
Barnes & Noble Pioneer Campus Store	) 462-6365
Brightspace Help Desk	) 462-6145
Career Services	) 462-6051
Cashier's Office	) 462-4104
Counseling Center	) 462-6432
Dining Services	) 462-4108
Financial Aid	) 462-6170
Fitness Center	) 462-6441
Hidden Promise Scholars	) 462-6060
Office of Technology	) 462-4106
Pioneer Support Center	) 462-4118
Pool Information	) 462-6216
Registrar's Office	) 462-4117
Residence Life	) 462-6414
RFK Library	) 462-4109
Student Life	) 462-4114
Student Government Association (SGA)	) 462-6419
Student Support Services (SSS)	) 462-6150
Title IX Coordinator	) 462-6192
Tutoring Coordinator	) 462-6060
Veteran Support Services	) 462-6155
Emergency Services	
Emergency	
Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7)	988
GSU Public Safety Cell	) 904-2041
GSU Public Safety Office	) 462-6450
GSU Counseling Center	) 462-6432
Title IX Reports	) 462-6192

# **Stay Social!**





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# **Fall 2025 Academic Calendar**

Full Semester	
Deadline to Apply for December Graduation	Friday, August 1
All classes are live for students in Brightspace, with syllabi posted, by 12:01	
Content for all online and hybrid classes posted in Brightspace, by 12:01 A	M
First day of classes	
Last day to add or drop classes without a "W"	
For rize™ MBA classes ONLY, last day to drop classes without a "W"	Friday, August 29
Labor Day—No classes/University closed	Monday, September 1
Application Period Opens for May Graduation	Wednesday, October 1
Mid-semester	Monday–Thursday, October 6-9
Fall Recess – No classes/University open	
Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of "W"	Friday, October 24
Advising Session	
Thanksgiving Break – No Classes (Univ. open Monday-Wednesday)	
Last day of classes and to completely withdraw from University	
Final Exams	
Commencement	
Deadline for faculty to submit final grades	
Final grades posted	
Deadline to Apply for May Graduation	
First Session	
Deadline to Apply for December Graduation	Friday August 1
All classes are live for students in Brightspace, with syllabi posted, by 12:01	
Content for all online and hybrid classes posted in Brightspace, by 12:01 A	M Saturday, August 16
First day of classes	
Last day to add or drop classes without a "W"	Friday, August 22
For rize <sup>™</sup> MBA classes ONLY, last day to drop classes without a "W"	Friday, August 29
Labor Day—No classes/University closed	
Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of "W"	
Application Period Opens for May Graduation	Wednesday, October 1
Last day of classes	
Final Exams	
Second Session	
All classes are live for students in Brightspace, with syllabi posted, by 12:01	
Content for all online and hybrid classes posted in Brightspace, by 12:01 A	
Classes begin	Monday, October 13
Last day to add or drop classes without a "W"	
For rize™ MBA classes ONLY, last day to drop classes without a "W"	
Last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of "W"	
Thanksgiving Break – No Classes (Univ. open Monday-Wednesday) Last day of classes and to completely withdraw from University	
Final Exams	Monday-Thursday December 9-11
Commencement	
Deadline for faculty to submit final grades	
Final grades posted	Tuesday December 16
Deadline to Apply for May Graduation	

### **Need to change your schedule?**

# Glenville State University **Main Campus** Shuttle Pickup/Drop-off Locations Emergency Call Center To East Main Street **Mineral Road Campus**



