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University of Guyana to Host Ceremonial Commencement Ceremony on September 1, Classes to Start on September 4: Orientations for New Students from August 28 to September 1 and September 6 to 8 for Continuing Students

The University of Guyana is set to commence the new academic year 2023/24 with virtual and face-to-face orientation sessions for new and continuing students beginning August 28 through September 8, 2023.

VIRTUAL AND FACE-TO-FACE ORIENTATIONS

This year, the University is expected to welcome over three thousand five hundred (3500) freshmen who will join over eight thousand (8000) continuing students. The virtual orientations for new students of the Turkeyen and Berbice Campuses and the Institute for Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE) will run from Monday, August 28 to Friday, September 1, 2023. The virtual sessions will be held from Monday to Thursday and these will be followed by face-to-face Campus Tours and engagements with the heads and other officers of the various Academic Units on Friday. A brief welcome and introduction to the University will be held for all students prior to the start of the virtual sessions on Monday, August 28 at 9:00 hrs. Please click here to join this session:

<https://zoom.us/j/97446017005?pwd=SFM3UktRYopCd2FQL3pBR3ozcVhoZzo9>

Meanwhile, orientations for Continuing Students will run from Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, September 8, 2023. Campus Tours and face-to-face engagements with Academic Units are also being organised.

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the orientation sessions hosted by the respective Academic Units will be available to students directly from their SRMS, the University's Registry or their Academic Departments from August 25, 2023. Students should also receive emails directly with the necessary login information for them to register for the orientation sessions.

SRMS and Updating Your Registration Status

The orientation sessions are aimed at providing a step-by-step introduction to all of the systems, policies, personnel, and resources that students need to navigate the University. This will be particularly important for students to start their classes seamlessly. Sessions also address programme-related queries and concerns and provide the necessary support and guidance to students to ensure their time at the University is smooth, enriching and fulfilling as far as possible. During orientation, students are also introduced to the rules, regulations, lecturers, specific processes, given a tour of the physical and online classrooms, and how to read and calculate their grade point average (GPA) and academic profiles. They are also made aware of the special services and opportunities available to them during and after their studies.

Classes to Begin on Sept 4

Classes for most new and continuing students will begin on September 4, 2023. It is to be noted that some classes for new students in some disciplines such as in the College of Medical Sciences will begin two weeks later since these students require their Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC), General Certificate of Education (GCE) and Caribbean Advance Proficiency Examination (CAPE) results in order to be admitted. The University was able to facilitate provisional admission for some disciplines ahead of their examination results being released by the CXC.

Applications, Registration and Admission Continue Till September 26

Meanwhile, applications, registration and admission are still ongoing. The University will continue to offer its students three attendance options - face-to-face, online or blended learning formats. The mode of delivery will depend on the discipline being taken by students. Faculties and other academic departments will continue to advise their respective students directly about the options available to them.

Though many programmes are at capacity, students who have applied and not yet heard from the University or who wish to register for programmes that still have spaces are encouraged to apply or complete pending applications or registrations as registrations will be ongoing into late September for conditionally accepted students.

Timetables

Timetables for registered new and continuing students are now available on UG's new online timetabling system. Please click here: <https://uog.edu.gy/timetables>.



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Continuing students who have not yet registered for the new academic year 2023/24 are urged to do so as soon as possible by checking into their SRMS accounts.

TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL OPENING

The University's traditional Ceremonial Opening will also be held in a blended mode on Friday, September 1, 2023, at 17:00 hrs at the George Walcott Lecture Theatre (GWLT), Turkeyen Campus. For those attending virtually please register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iNWeoPvvSFu106ZwH2wGVw.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Quick links to all Important Orientation, Commencement and Classes

Opening Orientation Sessions:

<https://zoom.us/j/97446017005?pwd=SFm3UktRY0pCd2FQL3pBR3ozcVh0Zz09>

Link to Orientation Sessions hosted by Academic Divisions:

<https://uog.edu.gy/newsletters/new-students-orientation-schedule-calendar-and-resource-folder>

Applications and Registrations:

<https://registry.uog.edu.gy/admissions-division/apply-uog>

Faculty Specific Timetables:

<https://uog.edu.gy/timetables>.

Link for Ceremonial Opening September 1

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iNWeoPvvSFu106ZwH2wGVw.

2023/2024 Academic Schedule:

For details on key academic dates please click here: <https://turkeyenonline.uog.edu.gy/srms/docs/Academic-Deadlines-2023-2024.pdf>



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For efficiency, please also check the Frequently Asked Questions page at <https://uog.edu.gy/frequently-asked-questions/how-apply>.

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The University of Guyana, now in its 60th year, was founded in October 1963. “UG” as it is fondly referred to offers 160 plus programmes in over 60 disciplines in online, face-to-face or blended formats. UG delivers in a Guyana-based system across eight campuses. It is the largest, oldest, most advanced and only state University in Guyana with a student population of over 10,000.

“UG” has provided education, training and research for over 50,000 alumni over its 60-year history. UG’s national and global impact and footprint are significant. Its graduates have risen to populate the commanding heights of national, regional and international organisations of repute in over 150 different disciplines. The mission of the University is to discover, generate, disseminate and apply knowledge of the highest standard for the service of the community, the nation, and all mankind within an atmosphere of academic freedom, innovation and universal respect.

UG’s forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University’s future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana, the region and the world. UG is currently celebrating its 60th anniversary and is stepping up its focus on becoming one of the leading and most sought-after educational institutions in the world for both staff and students.

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