Welcome to Georgia State University!
GSU HISTORY AND FACTS

GSU is an urban research institution made up of 6 locations, with our main campus located in the heart of downtown Atlanta. The Downtown campus has over 30,000 students seeking degrees in more than 250 programs. As you walk around campus, you will get to see many of the buildings and facilities our students use on a daily basis. You will also learn about the types of programs offered, history of GSU, how Atlanta is an integral part of our school, and what life as a Panther is like. We hope you enjoy your visit!
START: Outside of Student Center East at the corner of Courtland and Gilmer Streets. This area is called Unity Plaza. Events are held here almost everyday such as cookouts, the Greeks stroll, and student organization booths.

You will also a statue of our mascot Pounce. Rub his nose for good luck!

NEXT: Walk into Student Center East. Stop in the atrium by the Grand Piano.

- The Atrium where you are standing is a lounge space and wireless hot spot (most student buildings on campus are wireless).
- Internet stations and the Student Center Information Desk are also located around you. The Information Desk provides discounted tickets for students at many Atlanta area attractions such as Six Flags and Regal Movie Theatres.
- Speakers Auditorium, which is located at the top of the stairway within the Atrium, holds special guest speakers/events. Speakers have included John Legend and Laverne Cox.
Here you will find textbooks, general reading, supplies, PC software, and GSU apparel. Be sure to look inside!

- You can buy books, rent them and even sell them back to the Bookstore at the end of the semester.

Across from the bookstore is the **Panthers Club** food court, which offers a wide range of choices such as Chick-Fil-A, “home-cooked” food, sandwiches, salads, Freshens yogurt and smoothies, and Starbucks coffee. Next to the Panthers Club is the **Panther Place Lounge**, which is a space for students to relax or catch up with friends on campus.

NEXT: Use the stairs in Student Center East to go to the third floor. Walk down the hall to the very end. You will pass a study area that students utilize to catch up on assignments or take a quick nap. Use the bridge to cross over to Student Center West and make a right. Stop by the Bookstore.
NEXT: Use the stairs on your right in Student Center West to go to the second floor. Walk to your left and then make a right through the doors. You will see some glass windows on your left which is where our University Career Services Center is located.

This office assists students and alumni with interviewing skills, resume writing, on-campus ad professional job listings, and job placement.

On your right is the home of 88.5 FM WRAS, the largest student-run radio station in the U.S. at 100,000 watts. Other student media resources are located on this floor, such as the Signal, which is the weekly campus newspaper and GSTV.
NEXT: Walk down the Hall and make a left. You will see Cinefest, our own campus movie theater.

We play a lot of current movies. This past summer (2018) we had showings of Avengers: Infinity War and Black Panther.
NEXT: Walk outside Student Center West through the glass doors. You are now in Urban Life Plaza. Students can study here or host activities.

To your right you will see the Georgia State University Sports Arena. We typically play home basketball games and volleyball games here. Games are FREE for students with their Panther Card (Student ID). We have 16 NCAA Division 1 athletic teams at GSU and we play in the Sunbelt Conference.

NEXT: Walk down the stairs in Urban Life Plaza and make a right onto Decatur Street. At the stoplight, make a left onto Piedmont Street. Walk one block down until you get to the corner of Piedmont and Gilmer Street. On your right you will see the Georgia State University Recreation Center.
The Recreation Center is open 6am-11pm throughout each semester. It is free for students.

Things you can find in the Rec Center:
- Weight room
- Squash and Racquetball courts
- Rock climbing wall
- Dance and Aerobics room
- Martial Arts room
- Indoor Track
- Omni Gym
- Aquatic Center (Pool, Hot Tub and Sauna)

Houses a program called Touch the Earth, which provides students with opportunities for rafting, camping, skiing, horseback riding, equipment rental and locker rooms.

Students can work with a personal trainer and/or nutritionist, and get cholesterol and blood pressure checks.
- **Office of International Student and Scholar Services**: Provides immigration and support services to international students, faculty, and staff. (Sparks Hall, 33 Gilmer Street)

- **Scholarship Resource Center**: Provides resources on scholarships available to new and returning students. (Sparks Hall, 33 Gilmer Street)

- **Office of Supplemental Instruction**: Offers free review/study sessions for students taking historically difficult courses. Led by students (SI Leaders) who have already taken the course and done well. (Sparks Hall, 33 Gilmer Street)

- **Office of Admissions**: Students who have admissions questions or who have applied and are waiting for an acceptance decision should come here for questions. (Sparks Hall, 33 Gilmer Street)

- **Hurt Park** (photo above right): Outdoor space that GSU student organizations and offices use to host events. Students enjoy studying here when the weather is nice.

- **Woodruff Park**: Outdoor space to study and play games. Many movies are filmed in Hurt Park.
  - Fun Fact: Georgia is the Hollywood of the South. A lot of marvel movies are filmed here such as Black Panther, Ant-Man and Captain America.

**THINGS YOU DIDN’T SEE ON TODAY’S TOUR DUE TO CONSTRUCTION**
THANK YOU FOR VISITING GEORGIA STATE