

SGU WELCOME GUIDE



Welcome to St. George's University!

We hope you are excited to begin your SGU education and look forward to welcoming you in person on campus. Before you arrive, we have a few things to share with you about Orientation, registration, and your trip to Grenada.

TRAVELING TO GRENADA

What to Pack (and Not Pack):

When packing for your trip, the most important thing to remember is to keep your travel documents, including your passport, admission letter, immigration letter, and visas (if applicable), with you at all times. Do not check any of these items at the airport. We also encourage students to pack some essentials in their carry-on bag. This includes a change of clothes, a set of travel-sized toiletries, swimsuit, and sunglasses (it is a Caribbean island after all). During heavy travel periods, your luggage may take a detour and can arrive several days late. Also, please note that the airline LIAT only allows carry-on luggage to weigh 15 pounds.

The weather in Grenada is generally around 85 degrees and sunny year round so keep that in mind when packing for the semester. Here are some essential things to pack, and not pack.

- Professional attire is required for the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Convocation and the White Coat Ceremony.
- A scrub top is necessary for the Anatomy Lab—they are available for purchase from the University shop but stock may be limited.
- It can get chilly in air-conditioned buildings and in the evening so light sweaters and sweatshirts are recommended.
- Do NOT bring camouflage clothing! SGU students and family should be aware that civilians are banned from wearing camouflage clothing in several Caribbean islands, including Grenada, where police are often dressed in military-style attire. The color of the camouflage is not important; once it is reflective of military attire, it is an offense that could lead to a monetary fine or jail. It is advisable that you do not pack or wear such clothing when travelling to or living in the Caribbean.



Student Self-Service

Before heading down to Grenada, check your student self-service account for the most up-to-the-minute information regarding your student status. If you have holds listed on your account, be sure to check with the associated department (Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, etc.) to have it cleared before your departure to campus.

Travel Documents

While in transit, be sure to have the following items in a folder and keep them in your carry-on luggage or on your person. Do not put these items in your checked luggage.

- Passport and airline tickets
- Acceptance letter
- Letter to the immigration officer
- Paid receipts on purchases made outside of Grenada (computers, appliances, cameras, etc.). Grenada customs will charge customs fees for goods brought into the country. Without a receipt, valuation is at the discretion of the customs agent. Rates are 5% on books, 5% on computers, and 40% on most other items. Items that must be declared and that are usually taxed are electronics and computers. Items like clothes and books are usually not taxed when brought in your luggage, although they often are taxed if mailed.
- The University will pay a flat fee to customs for students new to Grenada for up to three covered items (one computer/laptop, one iPad, one smart phone). If you have not filled out the **electronics customs form** already, please do so before departure. In the event you are charged, please bring your receipt to the business office on campus for reimbursement after registration.

ARRIVING IN GRENADA AND ON CAMPUS

At the Airport

Have your passport and all important travel and admission documents ready when going through customs. There will be optional porters in the baggage area who will offer to take your bags. If you take part in this service, it is customary to tip porters \$1 to \$2 (USD) per bag.

After you go through customs, you will be greeted by the SGU Orientation Team, who will provide you with a campus map and help you with transportation to campus (or to your off-campus accommodation).

Airport Transportation

SGU provides transportation from the airport to all new incoming students. Airport pickup commences Tuesday, August 8 and will run through Sunday, August 20. Please note that family members are required to pay for their own taxi.

If someone does not meet you at the airport, take a taxi to campus or to your off-campus accommodation. Ensure that you save the receipt and submit it to the Housing Office to get reimbursed. Check with the Security Booth for directions to the Key Distribution to pick up your room key.





Housing: Key Distribution

If you are living on True Blue campus, your first stop will be the Key Distribution in Lower Charter Hall on the True Blue Campus and the Grand Anse campus, if you will be residing there. At those locations, you will confirm your room assignment and pick up your room key(s). Key Distribution will be staffed August 8 through August 20 from the early morning until the last flight has arrived and been checked in. Early arrivals must coordinate with the Housing Office so they can pick up their room key from a Resident Assistant or Security.

REGISTRATION

After you are settled in your housing arrangements, you should then head to registration to check in where your clearance status will be verified. When it has been confirmed that you are registered for courses and do not have a hold on your account, you will be given clearance for your student ID card and information on where to pick up your books.

For those who have not submitted their ID photo using the **photo capture app**, photos will be taken for your student ID card during the Registration check-in process in Taylor Hall. Please look presentable and be sure to bring an alternate form of picture identification and your student ID# (A00.....) to verify your details. Student ID cards will be required for you to be able to complete the check in process and access campus buildings, classes, University transportation, and Orientation activities, as well as many other things.

Registration Check-In Will Be:

August 11, 13, 15-18

Upper Taylor Hall (#46 on campus map)

August 21-25 and August 28

Caribbean House, Great Hall (#1 on campus map)

The Bourne Center, Office of Enrolment Planning (#11 on campus map)

Registration Hours—All Schools, All Terms

Friday, August 11	10 am–5 pm
Sunday, August 13	1 pm–5 pm
Tuesday, August 15	9 am–1 pm
Wednesday, August 16	9 am–5 pm
Thursday, August 17	9 am–5 pm
Friday, August 18	9 am–5 pm
Monday, August 21	9 am–5 pm
Tuesday, August 22	9 am–5 pm



ORIENTATION

If you have any questions during your Orientation to SGU, visit the orientation desk located at the Lower Charter Hall steps (#36 on the campus map) and ask one of the SGU Ambassadors there. The Orientation Welcome Desk is open from 8 am–8 pm from August 8–20.

Orientation Schedules

Mandatory Orientation sessions begin on Wednesday, August 16. The official Orientation schedules for all programs can be [found here](#). Please note that this schedule is subject to change, so be sure to check it daily for the most up-to-date information.

Orientation Tours

As part of your introduction to SGU and Grenada, the Orientation team has planned a number of tours. You can sign up for these tours before you arrive on campus. Here is a brief description of each:

CAMPUS TOUR

Student-led walking tour of the True Blue Campus. Bring along sunscreen and water and be sure to wear comfortable footwear. Duration: 1 hour. Sign up via your online Orientation schedule.

LOCAL AREA TOUR

Student-led tour on the school bus, pointing out the bus routes through the local neighborhoods, popular grocery stores, and places to eat.

Duration: 1 hour. Sign up via your online Orientation schedule.

GRAND ETANG AND ANNANDALE FALLS TOUR

Student-led tour on the school bus to Grand Etang and Annandale Falls. At Annandale Falls, there will be a chance to swim in the waterfall so remember to bring along your swimsuit (note that you cannot ride the bus in wet clothes so plan to change clothes before boarding the bus back to campus). Bring along sunscreen, water, and snacks and be sure to wear comfortable footwear.

Duration: 4 hours. Sign up via your online Orientation schedule.