



VERMONT
LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL

VLGS 2025 FALL ORIENTATION

**Online Hybrid
JD Program
Welcome Packet**



In this comprehensive PDF, you will find all the information you need to prepare for Orientation and the start of your academic career at VLGS.
Please read it thoroughly.

OHJD Program • Fall Orientation Schedule

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
6:30 to 7 p.m. ET	Welcome Ceremony	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Beth McCormack, Dean and Professor of Law Stephanie Clark, Vice Dean for Students and Professor of Law Roger Pao, Director, Online Hybrid JD Program, and Associate Professor of Law
7 to 7:30 p.m. ET	Library Resources and Services	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Stefanie Skogan , Reference and Academic Outreach Librarian
7:30 to 7:40 p.m. ET	BREAK		
7:40 to 8 p.m. ET	Introduction to Wellness Resources	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Sally Rumsey , Mental Health Clinician
8 to 9 p.m. ET	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Siu Tip Lam , Interim Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Professor of Law



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Thursday, August 21, 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
6:30 to 6:45 p.m. ET	Title IX Requirements and VLGS Harrassment Policies	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Jessica Durkis-Stokes JD'04, Associate Professor of Law and Title IX Coordinator
6:45 to 7:45 p.m. ET	Introduction to Legal Writing and Research	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff, Professor of Law and Director, OHJD Legal Writing Program
7:45 to 7:55 p.m. ET	BREAK		
7:55 to 8:55 p.m. ET	Introduction to Academic Success Program (ASP), Q&A on How to Prepare for Class, and Reading and Briefing a Case	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Dayna Smith JD'20, Director, Academic Success Program, and Associate Professor of Law Katrina Munyon, Assistant Director, Academic Success Program
8:55 to 9 p.m. ET	Closing Remarks	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Roger Pao, Director, Online Hybrid JD Program, and Associate Professor of Law



OHJD Program • Optional Orientation Sessions

Please note: All times listed below are Eastern Time (ET).

Monday, August 18

1 to 2 p.m. _____ Technology Services and CampusWeb
Online (Microsoft Teams)

Tuesday, August 19

4 to 5 p.m. _____ Plagiarism
Online (Microsoft Teams)

Friday, August 22

5:30 to 7 p.m. _____ OHJD Important Policies, Academic Regulations, and Q&A
Online (Microsoft Teams)





OHJD Residential Agenda • September 2025

Hotel Champlain

60 Battery Street • Burlington, VT 05401

A room has been reserved for each student at the Hotel Champlain at a discounted rate. Please be prepared to provide a credit/debit card to pay for the room upon arrival.

Please note: All times listed below are Eastern Time (ET).

Thursday, September 4

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. _____ Optional Visit to VLGS South Royalton Campus

6 to 9 p.m. _____ Welcome Reception • Hotel Champlain • 60 Battery Street, Burlington, VT 05401

Friday, September 5

8 to 9 a.m. _____ Office Hours with Dean McCormack and Doug • Meet in the Hotel Lobby

8 to 9 a.m. _____ Continental Breakfast

9 to 9:30 a.m. _____ Welcome Address and Oath of Professionalism

9:45 to 11 a.m. _____ Legislation and Regulation

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. _____ Civil Procedure

12:30 to 2 p.m. _____ Lunch Break (on your own)

2:15 to 3:30 p.m. _____ Legal Research and Writing

3:45 to 5 p.m. _____ Essay Writing for Exams

5:15 to 5:30 p.m. _____ Q&A with Career Services

5:30 to 6 p.m. _____ Q&A with VLGS Faculty

Saturday, September 6

8 to 9 a.m. _____ Office Hours with Dean McCormack and Doug

8 to 9 a.m. _____ Continental Breakfast

9:15 to 10:30 a.m. _____ Legislation and Regulation

10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. _____ Civil Procedure

12 to 1:30 p.m. _____ Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 to 3 p.m. _____ Legal Research and Writing

3:15 to 4:30 p.m. _____ Essay Writing for Exams

5:45 to 8 p.m. _____ Spirit of Ethan Allen Dinner Cruise and Farewell Address

Sunday, September 7

All Day _____ Travel Day