1. Is there a chess club at Grambling, and how can I join? There is a chess club, started by Noble, a Computer Science major. Reach out to him asking about when the club meets
2. What intramural sports are available at Grambling? Football, Basketball, Soccer (Women , although the international students have started an exciting soccer league), Tennis, Volleyball
3. How can I find out about all the available student organizations at Grambling? Theres usually a club fair held every semester where you can get to learn more about the different clubs available at Grambling, there’s also the International Students Organization (ISO) just for international students
4. Are there any clubs or groups specifically for international students? Yes there is an international student organization on campus, they usually hold meetings in the catholic student center
5. How can I get involved in campus leadership positions as an international student? be active, get to know more people on campus, help others when you can and campaign when the time comes, also ask others who are currently in those positions the processes involved. You can reach out to Life who has served as sophomore class president and is an international student
6. Are there any academic clubs related to business administration and management? There is a Grambling Business Association for College of Business students, there’s also the Grampreneurs for aspiring Entrepreneurs
7. What resources are available for students interested in entrepreneurship? Grampreneurs is a club established by Dr Warren (Dean of the college of business) for aspiring Entrepreneurs. He’s a great person and you’ll love being there
8. How can I find out about internship opportunities related to my major? Talk to other students in the same major who have gotten internships, you can also search on linkedin and other platforms like handshake. Be proactive, get your resume ready, get connected with people on linkedin who have done an internship you’re interested in and ask them about it.
9. Are there any clubs or organizations focused on community service? Every club on campus is required to do some form of community service every semester, but I’m not sure about clubs dedicated solely to community service.
10. What cultural events or celebrations are held on campus throughout the year? There is the Mardi gras holiday in louisiana which is very interesting and usually in the spring semester.
11. What opportunities are there for students interested in media or journalism? There is a the **KGRM-FM** radio station, there’s also a Mass Communication department at Grambling, you can reach out to them to learn more about what other opportunities are available.
12. How can I find out about research opportunities in my field of study? Reach out to professors in your department and ask them if there’s any ongoing research in the department or any projects they are working on that you can join
13. Are there any clubs or organizations related to technology or computer science? There is the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) at Grambling, reach out to the computer science department to ask how to join the GroupMe to stay updated with the clubs events. There’s also The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) on campus
14. What kind of support is available for students interested in pursuing graduate studies? For students in the college of business, Grambling has a partnership with LaTech allowing Grambling students to pursue a masters degree there after finishing a major in accounting. There’s also a few masters programs and one phd program offered at grambling
15. Are there any clubs or groups focused on mental health and wellness? Yes, there is a Wellness Center on Campus you can reach out to whenever you need help
16. What opportunities are there for students interested in theater or performing arts? Grambling has a vibrant theater and performing arts center, you can also audition to join the dance club or the choir (a good number of international students are part of the choir)
17. How can international students connect with alumni in their field of study? Reach out to them on linkedin or school events that they may attend
18. How do I join the official Grambling State University group chats? Ask current students for a qr code to join the groupme’s
19. What should I do if I can't find my childhood vaccination records? Don’t’ panick, fill out the forms using an estimate of the date you took those vaccines, take the remaining that you haven’t taken yet (and are required) then submit your health forms
20. How can I contact Mr. Plains regarding housing options? You can send him an email, include your name and G number in it his contact info are Email: [plainsk@gram.edu](mailto:plainsk@gram.edu)  
    Phone: 318-274-2504
21. What's the email address for the Foster Johnson Health Center? [gsuhealthcenter@gram.edu](mailto:gsuhealthcenter@gram.edu).
22. What's the process for filling out the housing interest form? the process for filling out the housing interest form at Grambling State University involves the following steps: Log in to your My Housing portal. On the home page, click on the menu and select "Apps and Forms." Fill out the housing interest form in the portal. When you reach the part to pay the $200 housing fee, make sure you have all the necessary payment details ready. Complete the payment through the housing portal. After filling out the form and making the payment, you will be considered for housing assignment. **Important notes:** The housing application may close at a certain date, after which students can't pick rooms and are just assigned rooms, so do it as soon as possible. If you encounter issues with the form or payment, you should reach out to the housing office for assistance. Spaces may be limited, so it's advisable to complete the process as soon as possible. If you log out before completing the payment, you may need to contact the housing office to regain access to the payment option.
23. When does housing typically open for new students? Follow the Instagram of the department of Campus Living & Housing on Instagram to stay updated as dates may vary every year
24. Are there different housing options available for male and female students? Yes, you will see all the options that are available to you in your housing portal. The international student advisor (Ms. Dang at the time) says that if you are on a full scholarship, it will cover any housing you choose, so don’t worry about which to choose. The most common housing among international students however are Garner, Knott, and Wheatley for males, and Robinson and Hunter for females
25. What's the deadline for paying the $200 housing deposit? Students are generally advised to complete the housing application and payment process as soon as possible due to limited spaces
26. Should I upload health documents as PDFs or individual JPEG scans? you should upload health documents as individual JPEG scans rather than as a PDF.
27. Are there any orientation activities specifically for international students? Previously speakers are invited to hold information sessions for international students on various topics including CPT and OPT, the international student advisor (currently Ms. Dang) also takes time to orient every new international student who comes by her office
28. How can I connect with other incoming international students before arrival? You can chat on whatsapp with other if you are part of educationusa or the new seasons youth program, you can also look others up on linkedin and get in touch with them
29. What's the process for registering for classes as a new student? urgently complete health form submissions, to avoid having an immunization hold when trying to register for classes. Look up the curriculum for your major online then login to bannerweb and register for the classes you are recommended to do in your first semester of college. If those classes are full, look up other classes in the curriculum that may be under other semesters or years but don’t have a prerequisite. Register those classes. To register, login to bannerweb,select student, then registration, then “look up classes”, check for the code of the classes you want to register then go back to the tab where you saw “look up classes” and select “add or drop classes.” Go to the bottom of the page labeled CRNs and input the code of the class you want to register for and submit changes. You can see what your class schedule looks like based on the classes you’ve added by going back to the page where you selected “look up classes.” There, select student schedule by day and time.
30. How can I find out about scholarship opportunities for international students? Be proactive, search online, look up organizations like Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) that support HBCU’s or corporate organizations that offer scholarships to college students
31. What health services are available on campus for students? You can visit foster johnson health center if you have any health needs, you can also email them to remove immunization holds on your account if have an immunization hold, their email address is [gsuhealthcenter@gram.edu](mailto:gsuhealthcenter@gram.edu), but its recommended you call to get a faster response. The phone number is 318-274-2351
32. Is there a recommended packing list for international students coming to Grambling? The packing list for international students coming to school includes a comprehensive range of items covering various categories. For bedding, students should bring bed sheets and pillow cases. Bathroom essentials include bath towels, a shower caddy, and shower shoes. Health and grooming items encompass toiletries, personal care products, and hair care items. Tech necessities include wireless headphones, Airpods, an iPhone or Samsung, and a backpack. School supplies like pens, pencils, and a scientific calculator are recommended. For food-related items, students should pack utensils, a water bottle, mugs, plates, bowls, and some snacks including garri, sugar, and groundnut. Clothing needs include athletic wear, formal attire, running shoes, a wristwatch, and hats. Room decor is limited to printed pictures. Miscellaneous necessities range from hangers to disinfecting wipes and a spring balance. Important documents such as passport, I-20 form, financial aid forms, immunization records, and COVID-19 vaccine card should not be forgotten. First aid supplies and some medications are also recommended. Students are advised to bring cash and purchase winter-specific items like warm clothes, rain boots, and umbrellas in the US when the season approaches
33. How much does the tetanus vaccination cost at different clinics? tetanus vaccination should be relatively inexpensive, ranging from free to around 500-1000 naira in most cases. Students are advised to shop around and avoid places charging excessively high prices for this vaccination.
34. How can I get my G-number if I haven't received it yet? Your G number will typically be provided in your admission portal or admission letter. If you haven’t received it yet, you can email or call the admissions office to ask about it
35. Are there any job opportunities available on campus for international students? Yes, you can literally walk in to any office and ask if there is any job available that you can help with. You can also ask in your department for such opportunities or join LS-LAMP as a student researcher.
36. How can I set up a U.S. bank account as an international student? Schedule an appointment with the bank (Chase bank is recommended and is used by most international students), get the required documents from the international student advisor, the rest will be taken care of at the bank.
37. What's the process for getting a U.S. phone number? Make sure your phone can use a US carrier, its recommended to get an iphone or Samsung device, but it’s okay if you can’t afford it initially. Schedule an appointment with the carrier you want to use (T-mobile is the most popular among international students) or you can order it online, reach out to other international students for exact details about the process
38. Are there any student organizations specifically for international students? Interanational students organization (ISO) is on campus, and usually meet at the Catholic Student Center
39. How can I access my student email account? Login to banner web, select the option “email account information.” You will find your school email there, you can open it on Microsoft outlook. To access it for the first time, Go to [www.gram.edu](http://www.gram.edu). Click GSUPortal. Enter your email username without @gsumail.gram.edu. Enter your old password. Enter your new password. Re-enter your new password. You may be prompted to setup Account Recovery Settings. Once you complete your Account Recovery Settings setup, go back to GSU Portal and re-enter your username and NEW password. Once you are in the portal, click the Office 365 App. Select your School account. Enter your ENTIRE GSU email address and the NEW password that you created in the portal.
40. What's the deadline for course registration? Based on the academic calendar for fall 2024, the last day to register or add classes is Friday, 23rd august 2024.
41. Are there any recommended textbook rental or purchase options? Grambling provides books for students through thr grambundle at barnes and noble bookstore
42. How can I find out about campus events and activities? Follow various Instagram groups on social media, attend club fairs, interact with other students, use the fizz app
43. How can I access academic advising services? Look up the staff in your department online and reach out to them via call and email
44. What's the process for declaring a double major? while double majoring is possible at Grambling State University, it's generally not recommended due to the administrative challenges, increased workload, and potential impact on overall college experience
45. Are there any tutoring services available on campus? Yes, visit the office of retention in brown hall and ask about the subject you need help with. Grambling students also have access to tutor.com, an amazing platform where you can connect with tutors for any subject at any time of the day
46. What's the policy on bringing personal appliances to dorm rooms? Most appliances are allowed except an electric cook or similar appliances, although you can have a fridge and a microwave
47. How do I set up my campus Wi-Fi access? For most wifi facilities on campus are easy to access, you typically just have to login using your school credentials
48. Are there any on-campus fitness facilities available to students? Yes, there is the intramural center with fitness facilities for activities like cardio and body building. There’s also a swimming pool in the intramural center
49. Are there any recommended off-campus housing options? All freshmen are required to stay on campus
50. How can I access mental health services on campus? **Student Counseling and Wellness Services (SCWRS) is located on campus on Central Avenue in the Foster-Johnson Building, West Wing**. For more information, call the Counseling Services main office at 318-274-3277.
51. What's the policy on health insurance for international students? Our school provides international students with health insurance through Pan-American Life Insurance Group. This insurance covers medical expenses such as doctor visits, hospitalization, and prescription medications. For prescriptions, the copayments are $20 for generics, $50 for brand-name drugs, and 50% of the cost for specialty medications. However, dental insurance is not included in this coverage.
52. Are there any campus safety services available? There is a police department on campus that are consistently watch dorms at night. There’s also a GSafe App you should download to report any suspicious activity you notice
53. How can I report a maintenance issue in my dorm room? Work orders are processed Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m and Friday 7:30- 11:30 a.m. Work orders can be placed by calling  **318-247-0313**. For all after hour emergencies and weekends, please call **318-247-0313** and follow instructions on our answer automation service. Student can also submit non-emergency work orders in their My Housing portal
54. What's the process for changing roommates if needed? A room change/hall transfer period will be announced after the 14th class day for the Fall and Spring Semesters and the 7th class day for the Summer Session. This period is to accommodate those students who wish to relocate. Residents may change rooms in the hall where they currently reside or transfer to another residence hall. Changes will not be made before the announced period. With approval from the Grambling State University ‘s Office of Campus Living & Housing, changes will be granted based on the availability of spaces in the residence halls. In order to make the change process legally, residents must understand the following: Room changes will be scheduled daily beginning at 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday – Thursday, after the 14th class day (fall and spring semesters) and 7th class day (summer session). The resident will receive a phone call when the space is available. A new room assignment will be made after resident officially checks out and provides a proof of check-out and receives Room Change Form.
55. Are all freshmen required to live on campus?All new incoming freshmen are required to live on campus their first academic year. Transfer students classified as freshmen are also required to live on campus.
56. When should I apply for housing? Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible because space in the residence hall is limited. The earlier the student applies, the better the chance of securing a desired accommodation and roommate request. It is strongly suggested that students apply in the early spring for the fall semester.
57. Are there any study abroad opportunities for Grambling students? Yes, Grambling students can do study abroad programs through ROTC (but unfortunately, international students can’t join ROTC)
58. How can I access the campus library resources? The digital library os currently being renovated, but you can go to the one in Charles P Adams
59. Are there any career counseling services available on campus? Yes, the career services office is located in Jacob T Stewart college of business. It’s the first door when you enter the building
60. What's the process for registering for classes as a new student? – Submit immunization documents first, as this is required before you can register for classes. Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor through the online scheduling system or by emailing them directly. Include your name, G number, major, and classification in the email. Your advisor will provide a list of courses you should take based on your curriculum. Once you have the list, register for classes through the BannerWeb system. If a class is full (indicated by a "C" in the registration system), email the professor to request an override. If you don't get an override, look for another class in your curriculum to take instead. If you encounter issues, contact Mr. Milton Jackson ([jacksonmil@gram.edu](mailto:jacksonmil@gram.edu)) for assistance.
61. How can I contact my academic advisor? – You can schedule an appointment through the online scheduling system, but some students reported issues with this method. If you can't schedule a meeting online, email your advisor directly. Include your name, G number, major, and classification in the email.
62. What should I do if a class I need is full? – If a class you need is full (indicated by a "C" in the registration system), email the professor to request an override. If you don't get an override, you may need to look for another class in your curriculum to take instead.
63. Who can I contact if I'm having trouble with registration? – If you encounter issues or don't hear back from your advisor, you can contact Mr. Milton Jackson ([jacksonmil@gram.edu](mailto:jacksonmil@gram.edu)) for assistance.
64. What email address should I use to set up my MedProctor account? – Use the email address that your I-20 was sent to, which should be the one Mr. Ray created for you. You don't need to use your school email address, as you likely don't have that yet as a new student.
65. How do I download the required immunization documents? – Tap on the link above the 'profile' in the MedProctor system. You'll be directed to a page where you can download the actual documents. Download both the immunization certificate and the medical history form.
66. What's the process for getting a student ID card? To obtain your Tiger1 Card (student ID) at Grambling State University, follow these steps:
67. **Prepare Your Photo**:
    * Ensure your photo meets these criteria:
      + Current photo
      + .jpg or .png format only
      + Centered face with a neutral facial expression or natural smile
      + Face straight ahead (no tilting), cropped from just above the head to collarbone
      + No hats, scarves, sunglasses, or any items obstructing face or hair
      + No other people or objects visible
      + High-resolution photography recommended
      + No filters (black & white, sepia, etc.)
68. **Online Photo Submission**:
    * Access eAccounts using your university-issued email account at [eAccounts Portal](https://tiger1-gram-sp.transactcampus.com/eaccounts/AnonymousHome.aspx). (https://tiger1-gram-sp.transactcampus.com/eaccounts/AnonymousHome.aspx)
    * Log in with your university email credentials.
    * Navigate to "Profile" and select "Click to Submit a New Photo".
    * Review and accept the "Terms and Conditions".
    * Follow the prompts to upload your .jpg or .png photo.
    * If you encounter an error, wait for the photo to finish processing or submit a different one.
    * Once submitted, if approved, select "Submit & Sign-out". You will receive an email notification at your university email address.
69. **Pick Up Your Tiger1 Card**:
    * Cards are printed at Lee Hall, Room 100 or Room 133.
    * Ensure your submitted photo meets all requirements to receive an approved notification via email.
    * Visit the designated office for pick-up only after receiving an "approved" notification.
    * Your initial Tiger1 Card is free. Replacement cards cost $25.00.
70. Do full-scholarship students need to pay the housing application fee? Yes, everyone applying for housing is required to pay the $200 application fee.
71. What's the process for obtaining a student visa? the process for obtaining a student visa for Grambling State University involves several steps:
72. Receive your I-20 form from the university.
73. Pay the SEVIS fee after receiving your I-20.
74. Schedule an interview with the embassy in your country.
75. Prepare the necessary documents for the visa interview, which may include:
    * DS-160 confirmation page
    * MRV fee/Visa fee receipt
    * Appointment confirmation
    * International passport
    * Signed I-20 (with blue pen)
    * Passport-sized photographs (American size)
    * Admission and scholarship letter
    * Academic certificates and transcripts
    * English proficiency test results (TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo)
    * Bank statements (if applicable)
76. Attend the visa interview at the embassy. Some students reported being asked questions such as:
    * Is this the only school you applied to?
    * How did you come to know of it?
    * What have you been doing after completing high school?
    * Who would be paying for your travel?