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What is going on with GUSClassic?

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PSU is replacing its legacy ERP system, GUS Classic, with a modern, cloud-based solution. This transformation will enhance how we manage student data, financial aid, and other core university functions.

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What is an ERP?

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An Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is a suite of integrated applications used to manage essential operations. In higher education, ERP systems typically include:

- Human Resources
- Business Finance
- Student Financial Assistance
- Student Information

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What modules have already been replaced?

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PSU has successfully implemented:

- Human Resources (2017)
- Business Finance (2017)
- Student Financial Assistance (2023)

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What's next?

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The final module—Student Information—is currently in progress. PSU is 1 of 8 Early Adopter Institutions in the US that are in the process of implementing Oracle Student. Once complete, PSU will have a fully modernized ERP system!

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Who is PSU working with?

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- Oracle – Provider of the Student Management Cloud (Student Information System)
- DriveStream – PSU's implementation partner
- PSU Departments & Experts – A cross-functional team guiding the project through planning, testing, and decision-making

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Why is the Student Information System so complex?

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Student Information Systems (SIS) are among the most intricate components of a university's technology ecosystem. They don't operate in isolation, they connect to almost every other system on campus.

Here's why the implementation is so complex:

- **Extensive Integrations:** The SIS must integrate with systems for admissions, financial aid, registration, advising, billing, housing, learning management, reporting, and more.
- **Massive Detail Management:** Every student record includes a wide range of data—academic history, financial information, personal details, and progress tracking—all of which must be accurate and secure.
- **Cross-Departmental Impact:** Nearly every department interacts with the SIS, making collaboration and coordination essential during setup and testing.
- **Policy and Workflow Alignment:** The system must reflect PSU's academic policies, business rules, and operational workflows, which requires careful configuration and validation.
- **Scalability and Flexibility:** The SIS must support PSU's current needs while being flexible enough to adapt to future growth and evolving academic programs.

This level of complexity is exactly why PSU is taking a thoughtful, collaborative approach to implementation—ensuring the system is robust, reliable, and ready to support students and staff for years to come.

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Who is involved in the project and what are they doing?

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The implementation is supported by dedicated cohort groups, including:

- PSU OSM Steering Committee
- Oracle, DriveStream & Other Early Adopter Institutions
- PSU Functional Areas (e.g., Registrar, Financial Aid)

These teams are actively participating in:

- System configuration and setup
- Workflow and policy development
- Testing and validation of the new system

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Will there be training for campus?

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Yes! Training opportunities will be provided to ensure students, faculty, and staff are well-prepared to use the new system. Sessions will be tailored to different roles and responsibilities, with hands-on guidance and support available throughout the rollout.

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Who are the Oracle Student Early Adopter Institutions?

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- Dordt University – Sioux Center, IA
- Flagler College – St. Augustine, FL
- Navarro College – Corsicana, TX
- Northwest Mississippi Community College – Senatobia, MS
- Pittsburg State University – Pittsburg, KS
- Spring Arbor University – Spring Arbor, MI
- St. Olaf College – Northfield, MN
- Virginia Wesleyan University – Virginia Beach, VA

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Q | Why is this implementation such a big deal?

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While GUS Classic has served PSU well for many years, it's time for a major upgrade. The system is outdated, fragile, and no longer meets the needs of a modern university. The transition to Oracle Student Management Cloud is a game-changer for PSU.

Here's why this matters:

- **Improved Student Services:** Students will enjoy a more intuitive, user-friendly experience with easier access to their academic and financial information.
- **Streamlined Administrative Processes:** Many manual tasks and workarounds will be eliminated, saving time and reducing errors.
- **Better Tools for Staff and Faculty:** Enhanced functionality and reporting will support more efficient and informed decision-making.
- **Greater Accuracy and Control:** The new system will improve data integrity and offer scalable performance tailored to PSU's evolving needs.
- **Future-Ready Framework:** Built to support growth, changing academic programs, and rising student expectations.
- **Enhanced User Experience:** Designed for both students and administrators, the system will simplify workflows and empower users to manage their academic journey more effectively.

And yes—GUS Classic will continue to support us until we move to Oracle Student. Fortunately, PSU has a team of experts who know the system inside and out, so we're confident it will continue to serve us well during the transition.

Q | When will it be ready?

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The go live timeline is late 2027. Updates will be shared regularly as milestones are reached.