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ORIENTATION WELCOME MESSAGE

Congratulations on officially becoming a member of our GW family! Your journey to GW begins now. Before January, you will learn more about what it means to be a GW student, complete online learning modules, and check off tasks on the new student checklist. This handbook serves as a guide to help you navigate this transition process. Stay on track by referring to this handbook often. We cannot wait to meet you soon. Until then, take a moment to learn a little more about your new home!

THE YEAR WAS 1821...

GW was founded in 1821 as “Columbian College.” In 1904, the name changed to the George Washington University. At the same time, the university’s colors changed to “buff and blue” to commemorate George Washington. The colors matched the uniform he wore when he resigned his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1783.

GW FIGHT SONG

Hail to the Buff!
Hail to the Blue!
Hail to the Buff and Blue!
All our lives we’ll be proud to say,
"We hail from GW" (GO BIG BLUE!) 
Oh, by George we’re happy we can say,
"We’re GW, here to show the way!"
So raise high the Buff (BUFF!)
Raise high the Blue (BLUE!)
Loyal to GW
You bet we’re
Loyal to GW (FIGHT!)

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING SEMESTER 2022

Classes begin:
Monday, January 10

Martin Luther King Day (no classes):
Monday, January 17

President’s Day (no classes):
Monday, February 21

Spring Break (no classes):
Monday, March 14 - Saturday, March 19

Make-Up Day*:
Tuesday, April 26

Designated Monday**:
Wednesday, April 27

**Classes traditionally held on Mondays will be held today to make up for the two missed university holiday Mondays.

Reading Days:
Thursday, April 28 - Friday, April 29

Final Examinations:
Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 10

Commencement Weekend:
Thursday, May 12 - Sunday, May 15

Spring Degree Conferral:
Sunday, May 15

*This day is held to allow the university and/or an individual faculty member to offer a make-up class for any unanticipated class cancelations or disruptions related to weather, emergencies, or a change to the class schedule. The Provost Office and/or the instructor will provide an update prior to Thanksgiving break (fall semester) and March 30 (spring semester).
By joining the GW community, you are committing to uphold the values and culture shared by all students, faculty, and staff. You are pledging to do your part in upholding academic integrity and to contribute thoughtfully to the community.

GW VALUES

Integrity - we are honest and fair in our words and actions.
Collaboration - we achieve more by engaging others in shared processes and decision-making.
Respect - we value people as individuals and treat them with fairness, compassion, and care.
Excellence - we achieve distinction through knowledge and innovation.
Openness - we are accessible, receptive, and share information freely.
Diversity - we value and include people from different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives in pursuit of our common goals.
Courage - we encourage risk-taking, learning from failure, and perseverance in our pursuit of excellence.

ETHICS MATTER

GW is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards in all of our actions. The Code of Ethical Conduct presents the standards of ethical conduct applicable to all persons acting on the university’s behalf. The Code should be used as a general guide in making ethical decisions in all situations. The Code aligns with and complements the GW Values and Service Framework. A list of all policies can be found on the Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Privacy website.

Speak up in the event that you experience actions that are inconsistent with or do not support compliance with GW’s values, ethical standards, policies or the law. Consult the Reporting webpage for more information and resources.

All members of the academic community share the responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to the freedom to learn, regardless of the mode of interactions, including face-to-face and virtual, digital, or online settings or through electronic media. The university has a duty to develop policies and procedures that provide and safeguard this freedom. The George Washington University believes that the procedures, rights, and safeguards outlined below are indispensable to achieving the goals desired – freedom to teach, to learn, and to search for truth. The primary purpose for the maintenance of conduct in the university setting is to protect the university community and to establish clear standards for civil interaction among community members. The university’s goal, through maintenance of standards set forth in the Code of Student Conduct (Code), is to help students experience democratic citizenship and its attendant obligations and responsibilities.

–Statement on Student Rights & Responsibilities

AT GW, ACADEMIC INTEGRITY MATTERS BECAUSE:

• We create knowledge. If your discoveries, creations, and conclusions are based on honest research, then those creations make meaningful contributions to the world.

• We believe in equity. Students who use unauthorized resources, pay others to do their work, or fail to attribute the work of others are using shortcuts and options not available to everyone and not permitted. This creates an inequitable learning environment. Upholding academic integrity upholds our ideals of equity too.

• We are scholars in community. When we know and trust the knowledge of others in our community, we can do even more together.

• Integrity creates value. Whether you plan to study business, arts, sciences, or social sciences, your degree will be respected in the wider world. That respect and value depend upon our collective reputation as learners with integrity.
Know the Code

Before you become a GW community member, you’ll want to know what GW expects of you and what you can expect from GW. The Code of Academic Integrity and the Code of Student Conduct (both available at studentconduct.gwu.edu) provide the expectations for GW students’ behavior both in class, out of class, and online.

I’m a Good Person. I Promise. Why Should I Read the Codes?

- Do you want to study abroad, work on campus, or be an elected student leader? Those opportunities depend upon being in good standing with the Codes.
- Know your rights. The Codes don’t just tell you what to do, they provide information about your rights and options if you’re accused or if someone harms you.
- Whether you’re from the D.C. area or halfway around the world, GW will be a new culture with different expectations to learn about issues like marijuana, academic citations, and discrimination.
- You’re civically engaged and looking forward to protests in D.C. Read the Codes to learn how it applies to your conduct off-campus and how it supports your rights to free expression.
- You want to join the University Hearing Panel, a group of students trained to resolve the university’s most serious allegations. Read up before you apply.

What Are the Most Important Decisions I Can Make to Stay in Good Standing?

- Avoid alcohol and other drug violations—the most common Code violations. If you’re under 21, alcohol use/possession is prohibited. Marijuana and other drugs are prohibited on campus.
- Be kind and inclusive. Enthusiastic disagreement and difference are an important part of civic engagement at GW. Disorderly conduct, harassment, and discriminatory misconduct are prohibited.
- Plan ahead. Most students who commit academic integrity violations didn’t plan to do that—they got behind and took a shortcut. Time management is a key skill in college and the Library and Academic Commons can help you improve.
- Talk to your professor. Not understanding class expectations for collaboration and citation is also a regular issue with academic integrity cases. If you’re not sure, ask your instructor.

What If I Get in Trouble Anyway—Should I Just Pack My Bags?

Almost certainly not. College is about learning academics and how to be a positively engaged citizen. Student Rights and Responsibilities will reach out, share the incident report, and help you understand your rights and options to respond. You can reach out to us anytime. studentconduct.gwu.edu | rights@gwu.edu | 202-994-6757
BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

A starting point for all you need to know and do leading up to the start of the spring semester.
**UPON DEPOSIT:**

Bookmark your admitted student portal (go.gwu.edu/portal) and login to review and complete the following tasks located in Next Steps:

- **CLAIM your NetID** and password (GW email). IMPORTANT: You need this to create your GW email. Your NetID (and GW email) is how you complete the pre-orientation online module, apply for on-campus housing, register for courses, upload your vaccination requirements, and more.
- b. Register for Spring Orientation.
- c. Apply for on-campus housing.

**WINTER CHECKLIST (NOVEMBER – JANUARY):**

- **Complete Section 1 and 2 of the Pre-Orientation Online Module.** Upon completion, sign-up for an advising session in preparation for class registration which opens Nov. 19. You will also be contacted by an academic advisor via your GW email.
- **Submit your mandatory vaccine card information** to the Colonial Health Center medical portal to become eligible to register for spring semester courses. GW requires students, faculty, and staff taking classes or working in GW-owned or -operated facilities to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. See instructions on how to upload your COVID-19 vaccination record at coronavirus.gwu.edu/vaccine.
- **If you are a student with a documented disability, register with Disability Support Services at disabilitysupport.gwu.edu.** It is best to provide documentation as soon as possible to avoid delays in the implementation of accommodations. Accommodations are not retroactive. Submit documentation and schedule a meeting with a DSS representative early to complete the registration process.
- **Register for spring semester courses online in Banweb.** NOTE: You must demonstrate compliance with GW’s vaccine requirement through the medical portal at mychc.gwu.edu before you are permitted to register for classes. Students with 0-30 credits can register on Nov. 19. General registration is open Nov. 22 - Jan. 9.
- **Submit a photo for your GWorld card (GW student ID).** An email will be sent to you from the GWorld Card Office.
- **Submit mandatory health immunization form** to the Colonial Health Center medical portal (See website for details: mychc.gwu.edu).
- **Review the Aetna sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan.** Note: if you do not waive the insurance you will be automatically enrolled. Set a reminder to check the healthcenter.gwu.edu website in January regarding waiver deadlines.
- **Complete the remaining sections of the Pre-Orientation Online Module** prior to Orientation on Jan. 7.
- **Review and submit access forms,** such as FERPA waiver and adding authorized users to your student eBill account (especially if someone else will be making tuition payments on your behalf).
- **Complete the three (3) mandatory new student online training modules by Jan. 9.** These trainings will be sent to your GW email in early December with instructions. NOTE: Failure to complete Part I of each course by the deadline will result in a transcript or registration hold for fall 2022. If you do not receive the trainings via your email by Dec. 15 or have access issues, please contact wellbeing@gwu.edu (include your name, GW email, GWID, and classification i.e. first-year or transfer).
- **Login to GW Engage (go.gwu.edu/gwengage) to browse over 500+ student organizations and to find upcoming events.**

Regularly check your GW email and admitted student portal - this will be our primary way of communicating with you.
ORIENTATION SNAPSHOT

Spring Orientation will be in-person on **Friday, January 7**.

Here’s a summary of what to expect:

- Designated time to meet with advising staff from your college and more learn about your academic school.
- Opportunities to learn more about campus resources, student organizations, and overall community involvement.
- Chances to meet other new and deferred students, both first-year and transfer.

Your Orientation Leader will be reaching out to you soon. **Orientation Leaders** or “OLs” are current students who are selected to serve as guides to incoming students. They are your go-to for what it’s like to be a student at GW and are here to support you through this experience. You will meet in-person with your OL and fellow small group members in January during the 1-day program.

STAY INFORMED

Keep an eye on your GW email inbox for **Next Stop, GW!** email newsletters and other details leading up to Orientation. Follow us on social media @**StudentLifeatGW** (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok) to get connected to campus, and to learn more about student life at GW!

For the latest, go to our orientation site (**go.gwu.edu/orientation**).
New and deferred students will receive an email from Campus Living and Residential Education (living@gwu.edu) with details about applying to live on-campus and preparing for move-in and your arrival to campus. Please check both your personal and GW emails for this information.

More information about residence halls is available on the Campus Living and Residential Education website!

What to Bring:

This is a short list of what to bring to campus. A more comprehensive list can be found on the CLRE website.

- Toiletries, prescription medication, first aid kit, cleaning supplies, fan, desk lamp
- Detergent, dryer sheets, drying rack
- Full-length mirror, posters, throw rugs, calendar, message board
- Reusable utensils, dishes, and food containers, reusable grocery bags, reusable water bottle
- Sheets (twin XL), towels, pillows, blankets, mattress pad, mattress cover, and laundry bag
- Computer, cell phone, headphones, power strip w/ surge protector
- Thermometer, mask, Clorox and Lysol products

What is included:

- Twin XL (80”) mattress
- Microwave and refrigerator
- Wireless Internet
- Adjustable height bed frame, desk, desk chair, two chests with two drawers each
- One trash bin per student

What Not to Bring:

- Candles, halogen lamps, lanterns/oil lamps, and flammable liquids
- Non-surge protected extension cords
- Weapons, chemical mace, pepper spray, fireworks
- Hazardous material
- Live animals
- 3D printers
- Cooking appliances in non-cooking areas, microwaves, refrigerators
- Alcohol or other drugs, including marijuana, which is prohibited on campus

GETTING TO CAMPUS

GW is conveniently located near three major airports (DCA: Ronald Reagan Washington National, IAD: Washington Dulles International, and BWI: Baltimore Washington International) and D.C.’s Union Station. Public transit is available from each airport and train station. The Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Stop is located right on campus, with service to the Orange, Blue, and Silver Metro lines.
ACADEMICS

An overview of an undergraduate education at GW, advising by school, class registration, and academic support resources.
The George Washington University’s academic life is defined not only by the ability of faculty and students to put knowledge in action, but also by the ability to take full advantage of GW’s vast access to world-class partnerships, policy-research initiatives, and one-of-a-kind learning opportunities.

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS: SNAPSHOT

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) – Our oldest and largest college, Columbian is home to both generalists and specialists. At Columbian, we emphasize perspective, analysis, and communication; encourage collaboration with external partners; and inspire lasting change.

Corcoran School of the Arts and Design (CSAD) – The Corcoran School embodies what Columbian has defined as the “engaged liberal arts” by providing a platform for engagement, bridging creative expression and practical application, linking disparate fields, and preparing students for rich and multi-dimensional careers. We challenge students to investigate how art functions as a form of creative and intellectual inquiry. CSAD is a school within the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) – SMPA is a trailblazer in the study of political communication, journalism, and media. Graduates of the SMPA program are leaders in advocacy, politics, business, and journalism. Students engage with the world around them through internships and access to decision-makers, community leaders, and power brokers. SMPA is a school within the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA) – When you study international affairs at Elliott, you won’t just study it, you’ll experience it. You’ll understand and engage with the world, building knowledge of economics, history, political science, and relevant areas of anthropology and geography.

School of Business (GWSB) – This school offers a distinctive educational experience to prepare global business leaders through a portfolio of niche programs that emphasize academic rigor, learning outcomes, and teaching excellence in both delivery and content.

School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) – SEAS strongly supports co-curricular activities to broaden and deepen its students’ overall educational programs. The school also offers a highly collaborative approach that enables students to cultivate expertise in laboratories and influence in government.

Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) – We advance population health, well-being, and social justice locally, nationally, and globally by applying public health knowledge to enhance policy, practice, and management; conducting rigorous, basic, applied, and translational research; and educating the next generation of public health leaders, policy makers, practitioners, scientists, advocates, and managers.
An undergraduate education at GW provides you with a wide range of opportunities to pursue both professional and liberal arts degrees. These degrees ensure that you leave the University with a body of knowledge that shows a depth of understanding in at least one field. In addition, the General Education Requirement that is common to the education of students in all schools of the University, ensures that you develop key analytical abilities that transcend disciplinary boundaries. These analytical abilities provide you with cornerstones for your personal development, civic consciousness, and successful careers.

To earn an undergraduate degree, you must:

- Complete at least 120 credits,
- Fulfill the University General Education Requirement (Tier One),
- Fulfill school-specific general education and distribution requirements (Tier Two), and
- Fulfill the requirements of at least one major in their home school (Tier Three).

**TIER 1: UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION** curriculum trains you to engage in active intellectual inquiry across a variety of disciplines by developing a range of analytical skills, including critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and scientific reasoning.

| COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES (CCAS) | ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (ESIA) | GW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (GWSB) | MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GWSPH) | SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE (SEAS) |

Required to take **five** Tier One courses (for a total of 15 to 16 credits) in a range of disciplines drawn from the social sciences, humanities, natural or physical sciences with a laboratory component, and mathematics or statistics. (In some cases, these courses may be used to satisfy school-specific requirements and/or major requirements).

Within the General Education requirements, you must also fulfill the writing requirement, which consists of **three** courses: **UW 1020 University Writing** and **two Writing in the Disciplines (WID)**. WID courses are designated with a ‘W’ appended to the course number. WID courses may also fulfill general education, distribution, school-specific, or major requirements, if the courses are designated for that purpose. You should check with your school and/or departments to determine which courses may be double counted in either instance (writing requirement and general education requirements).
### TIER 2: SCHOOL-SPECIFIC GENERAL EDUCATION AND DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS vary by school.

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<td>Required approximately 9 to 18 credits to satisfy remaining General Education Requirements in a variety of disciplines and with respect to global perspectives, civic engagement, and oral communication.</td>
<td>Required a minimum of 19 credits. These credits are included within the school’s introduction to the major requirement, which includes the ESIA IAFF 1001 First-Year Experience.</td>
<td>Required to complete the Four Year Development Program, which consists of taking BADM 1001 First-Year Development Course I, BADM 1002 First-Year Development Course II, BADM 3001 Career Management Strategy, and BADM 4001 Leadership and Career Launch.</td>
<td>Required to take PUBH 1101 Introduction to Public Health and Health Services.</td>
<td>Required to take SEAS 1001, three additional social science and humanities courses, two additional mathematics courses, two additional science courses to provide adequate grounding for engineering and computer science training.</td>
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<td>Required to fulfill 25 to 26 credits in the school’s supporting courses in the liberal arts requirement. Many course options that fulfill these credits can be applied simultaneously to University-wide Tier One requirements, but are unique requirements within ESIA.</td>
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<td>Depending on your major, bachelor of science (BS) students have additional requirements in mathematics &amp; science.</td>
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You should continue to consult the Bulletin (see table on page 21 for more on the Bulletin) for school and major requirements across all schools, as well as communicate with your advisor.

### TIER 3: MAJOR-SPECIFIC EDUCATION varies by school. All schools require you to select a major and successfully complete the courses needed to fulfill degree requirements for that major.

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<td>Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) requirements vary by major. Review the program major requirements to learn more.</td>
<td>You must demonstrate third-year proficiency in a foreign language and take program specific regional foundations courses. Consult programs’ major requirements for information about program-specific foreign language requirements. BS degrees require an additional 18 credits in upper-level STEM coursework over BA degrees. Review individual program, major information to learn more.</td>
<td>There are six majors and two dual bachelor combined programs. Requirements vary by major. Review program, major requirements to learn more.</td>
<td>Requirements differ across majors and concentrations. You may have non-MISPH prerequisites attached to courses required for your major or concentration.</td>
<td>All students are required to complete a capstone project. Review program major requirements and recommended program of study for each major to learn more.</td>
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<td>Exercise science students: you also have the option to select a concentration.</td>
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<td>Review program major and concentration information to learn more.</td>
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Information adapted from: bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/
ACADEMIC ADVISING

WHAT IS ACADEMIC ADVISING?
Academic advising is the process between the student and an academic advisor of exploring academic interests, reviewing degree requirements and curriculum, and discussing career paths and plans. Your academic advisor is there to help you navigate your academic career while keeping you on track to graduate on time.

ACADEMIC SCHOOL ADVISING MODELS: OVERVIEW

Columbian College of Arts & Sciences (CCAS) (also includes Corcoran School of the Art and Design and School of Media and Public Affairs) uses a “POD” or Place of Discovery, advising model. You are assigned a POD based on your last name and there are several advisors in each POD. You have the option to continue seeing the same advisor each time or see a variety of advisors to capitalize on each advisor’s specific area of expertise.

POD 1: last names A-G, POD 2: last names H-N, POD 3: last names O-Z

Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA) assigns you to an academic advisor based on last name. There are 10 academic advisors and each has a section of the alphabet.

GW School of Business (GWSB) operates on an open-team advising model, which allows you to work with any available advisor during business hours. If there is a specific advisor you like working with, you can continue meeting with this advisor during your time at GW or you can meet with the first available advisor when needed.

Milken Institute School of Public Health (MISPH) assigns you to an academic advisor based on last name.

School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) pairs you with a faculty advisor.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING
If you’re interested in pursuing a career in health care or exploring the decision to attend law school and enter a legal career, there is pre-health and pre-law advising available. More information is available in the online orientation module.

You will learn more about your school’s advising team, your role in the process, and how to best leverage the relationship as you prepare for the start of the semester and complete tasks this summer.
CLASS REGISTRATION

Deferred students can register as early as Nov. 19. New students can register as soon as their deposit is processed (with the exception of students in the School of Engineering and Applied Science). General registration is open Nov. 22 - Jan. 9 to all students. Note: students must demonstrate compliance with GW’s vaccine requirement before being permitted access to register for spring 2022. You should complete Section 1 & 2 of the Pre-Orientation Online Module and sign up for an advising session before registering for classes, so you are prepared.

PLEASE NOTE:

All students who plan to take at least one on-campus, in-person class on any of GW’s campuses in Spring 2022 must demonstrate compliance with GW’s vaccine requirement through the medical portal before they are permitted to register for these classes. Vaccine compliance will be enforced prior to registration for on-campus, in-person classes. Any student who is non-compliant and tries to register for an on-campus, in-person class will be unable to do so.

Visit coronavirus.gwu.edu/vaccine for more information.

HOW CLASS REGISTRATION WORKS

When you register for classes login to GWeb using your GW email address and password. You are encouraged to login to GWeb to ensure you can login successfully. GWeb is accessed via it.gwu.edu/gweb.

As you prepare for Spring registration, we encourage you to update your contact information, including your cell phone number and current address. You can do this by logging in to GWeb, and navigate to the “prepare for registration” link under the Records and Registration menu.

Once you are logged in, you will see tabs of information. Click on the Registration Menu. More details, including screenshots and instructions about the registration process is available in Section 1 of the pre-orientation online module.

Attention School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) students: You will have a registration hold on your account. An advisor will contact you to schedule a virtual advising appointment. For questions about the process, please first consult Section 1: Academic Advising & Class Registration of the online module. If additional questions remain do not hesitate to contact the SEAS advising team at seasadvising@gwu.edu.
1. Complete Section 1 & 2: Academic Advising & Class Registration of the Pre-Orientation Online Module. (Note: you can leave your online orientation module and return to complete it any time before the deadline. Your progress will be saved).

2. Sign-up for an advising webinar, appointment, or drop-in hours within your academic school. Details about virtual advising are available in Section 1 of the module.

3. Ask questions and utilize the resources provided in both the module and webinar.

**PLACEMENT EXAMS**

Language, math, economics, and chemistry classes may require placement exams to determine at which level you should start. You must complete the language and/or math placement exams before registering for classes to determine what course best fits your level and schedule.

- **Language:** each foreign language department has a specific exam and/or policy regarding placement. Those with high AP/IB scores and native speakers may have special instructions for which level they should take. For details, visit the language center website.

- **Math and economics:** the ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) math placement is required for any students who intend to register for ECON 1001, ECON 1011, MATH 1051, MATH 1220, MATH 1231, or MATH 1252. Consult the Economics department ALEKS webpage and the Math department ALEKS webpage for more information and to take the test.

- **Chemistry:** general chemistry (CHEM 1111) requires completion of the ALEKS chemistry preparatory course (CPC). This applies to all incoming students intending on pursuing the following academic fields: applied sciences, biological sciences, chemical sciences, computer science, engineering (all majors), physical science (BS only), pre-health sciences (e.g., dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, etc.). For more information and to take the test, visit the Department of Chemistry’s ALEKS website.

**IB/AP/DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS**

Submit your IB/AP credit scores directly to GW. For any dual enrollment credits, have your official transcript sent to the Office of the Registrar. See this page for more information about bringing credits to GW. These credits may count toward elective credit, General Education Requirements, major and minor requirements.

More information about placement exams and IB/AP/Dual enrollment credits are included in the online orientation module.
### Commonly Used Class Registration Terms

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<td>Add/drop period</td>
<td>Marks the start of open class registration for all students. This semester’s add/drop period begins on August 12 at 9 a.m. ET. This means you can adjust your schedule starting at this time through the first couple of weeks of classes before it’s “final.”</td>
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<td>Bulletin</td>
<td>The Bulletin for the year in which you first enroll includes the degree requirements that will continue to govern your program from your first semester through to graduation. After your first year, your Bulletin will be archived on the current Bulletin website. You should continue to consult it and communicate with your advisor throughout your program. You should consult the current Bulletin as well for information that changes from year to year.</td>
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<td>Credit hours</td>
<td>The amount of course credits that a student is enrolled in. To be full-time, students must register for at least 12 and a maximum of 18.</td>
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<td>CRN</td>
<td>Course Registration Number; a six-digit number used to register for a class online.</td>
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<td>Dean’s Seminar</td>
<td>A small seminar course offered exclusively to first-year students in Columbian (CCAS) on topics of interest to professors.</td>
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<td>Departmental approval</td>
<td>A course that requires a department or professor’s approval to sign-up for the class. These courses are typically reserved for juniors or seniors and are not appropriate for first semester students.</td>
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<td>Discussion/Reflection</td>
<td>Usually a 50-minute class meeting run by the class Teaching Assistants (TAs) to help reinforce the material discussed during lecture that week.</td>
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| MWF and TR                         | Indicate when a class meets during the week: MWF = Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
TR = Tuesday, Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Prerequisite                       | Classes required to be taken before you can take a corresponding upper-level class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| RTF-EZ form                        | Registration Transaction Form; a form that students can fill out and have signed by a professors and an advisor to register for a class that is full                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| UW                                 | University Writing; introductory writing course required for all undergraduate students, which is typically taken in the first year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Waitlists                          | A virtual list offered at a professor’s discretion of students waiting to register for a full class. If a spot becomes available, students have 24 hours to accept the spot before it’s offered to the next person on the list.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES
GW LIBRARIES AND ACADEMIC INNOVATION

Highlights of GW Libraries:
• Quiet and group study available with a variety of spaces to meet your preferences. Check library.gwu.edu for hours.
• Research materials and assistance available in-person and online at library.gwu.edu. Distance students can have print materials mailed to them at no charge.
• CREATE digital studio offers professional-level AV equipment and computers for editing as well as workshops and individual advice in multimedia software.

Libraries available to all GW students:
• Gelman Library (Foggy Bottom campus)
• Eckles Library (Mount Vernon campus)
• Virginia Science and Technology Campus Library

ACADEMIC COMMONS
Academic Commons is a one-stop shop for all academic services and resources available at GW. Visit academiccommons.gwu.edu or find us at the Ask Us Desk.

Tutoring and Review Sessions:
Course-specific peer tutoring and review sessions are free for GW students through Academic Commons. Find your course and make an appointment at go.gwu.edu/tutoring.

Writing Help:
Dedicated attention to writing and research projects at all stages of the writing process is available through The Writing Center. Make an appointment (recommended) at writingcenter.gwu.edu.

Research Assistance:
Personalized help in strategizing and finding resources for any project or paper is available by appointment at go.gwu.edu/consultations.

Study Skills for Virtual & In-Person Learning:
Learn to better manage your time, improve your note taking skills, or get organized with information and videos, many made by GW students, at academiccommons.gwu.edu/study-skills.

Workshops and Consultations:
Free workshops and consultations are available in programming, coding, data organization, statistical analysis, Adobe Creative Suite, GIS, and more at go.gwu.edu/libworkshops.

Undergraduate Research:
Get hands-on experience in your field of interest by participating in the undergraduate research opportunities available on researchcommons.gwu.edu.

Be sure to check out academiccommons.gwu.edu to learn about academic services and resources available throughout the university.
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AND BILLING, DINING, THE HEALTH CENTER, AND OTHER USEFUL SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS.
FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS

PAYMENT PLANS

GW’s Office of Student Accounts offers several ways to pay semester fees, including tuition, room, board, and insurance charges. View all methods at studentaccounts.gwu.edu/how-pay.

GW offers a monthly payment plan that splits semester charges into four equal monthly payments. This plan has an application fee and is interest free as long as monthly payments are paid in full and on time. Payments must be scheduled on the 10th of each month from July through October for the fall semester, December through March for the spring semester, and April through June for the summer semester. Enrollment is required for each semester in which you participate in the plan. If your parent or guardian is making payments on your behalf, please provide them access to your account using the link on the plan website. View details at studentaccounts.gwu.edu/monthly-payment-plan.

FERPA POLICY

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Once enrolled at GW, students have the right to inspect and review their own education records, as well as designate who has access to their student records outside of GW.

We encourage you to have conversations with your family members about FERPA prior to arriving in August. You can access the Student Consent for Release of Information to Parents/Third Parties form (go.gwu.edu/ferpa) via the Registrar’s website.

PLANNING FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2022

To apply for financial aid, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and supporting documents for each year of enrollment. Please note that undergraduate students must be degree-seeking in order to qualify for financial assistance. Most institutional sources of funding require full-time status (12 or more credits) each semester.

Eligibility for need-based financial assistance is based on the student’s demonstrated need on the financial assistance application. The need may be funded by institutional and federal grants, scholarships, and federal loans. While GW offers significant amounts of need-based aid, we are not able to fund 100% of need. Some families also utilize the monthly payment plan or additional federal and/or private alternative loans to supplement the awards that are offered.

Need-based awards are not guaranteed every year and must be applied for by the March 1 deadline for the following academic year. For step-by-step instructions, please see financialaid.gwu.edu.

For all your financial aid, billing, and registration needs, please reach out via phone or email to Student Financial and Registration Services, which is GW’s customer service organization bringing together the offices of Student Financial Assistance, Student Accounts, and Registrar in a friendly, centralized, service-culture setting.

The Student Services Hub is located on the Ground Floor of the University Student Center.

Phone: 202-994-9000
Email: serviceshub@gwu.edu
A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO DINING

OPEN DINING IN THE DISTRICT
The GW Dining plan is a declining-balance account. Purchases are made with a swipe of your GWWorld Card using Dining Cash. With over 70 different dining partners located on, or close to, our Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses, you have the freedom to choose what you want to eat and when. You can view our comprehensive GWorld partner list, which includes restaurants, grocery stores, food trucks, and other shops at dining.gwu.edu/where-eat.

The Meal Deal program is designed to provide students with access to affordable meal options, priced at $6.00 breakfasts, $8.00 lunches, and $10.00 dinners. All GW Dining Meal Deals include an entree and a side or drink. Find more information, including a list of all the current vendors with Meal Deal options, at dining.gwu.edu/meal-deals-discounts.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS:
1. Enroll in the residential dining plan for residents with or without a kitchen or the Pelham Plan. To enroll, you must visit the GWorld Office in-person to register and pay.

2. Add funds at your discretion via the GET App. This enables you to have a pre-loaded amount of money on your GWWorld card to use at participating GWWorld dining partners on- or off-campus.

DINING PLANS
Dining Cash is the main source of funds that you’ll pull from during your time at GW. It is used at dining and grocery partners and is required for all undergraduate students in residence halls. Your Dining plan varies depending on whether or not your residence hall has an in-unit kitchen; you can check the dining plan amounts at dining.gwu.edu/dining-plans. Colonial Cash is a separate, voluntary account. These funds are also accepted at all dining locations as well as at partner retail stores, vending machines, laundry and more. Both Dining and Colonial Cash roll over year-to-year and semester-to-semester, and you can add money to them at any point.

HOW TO CHECK YOUR BALANCE
Be sure to download the GET app to help navigate your dining experience. It is free and available for both Apple and Android devices—search “GET mobile” in the app store. Before you start using the app, you’ll first need to register at get.cbord.com/gwu/full/login.php. Once you submit this registration information, you’ll receive an email confirmation that you will use to complete your initial registration and first login. After opening the app, you will be directed to select George Washington University as your institution. Enter your username (your email) and the custom password you just created during registration. You will then be prompted to create a custom pin that you can use moving forward to log into the app.

With the GET app you can check your GWWorld balance, order food online, make deposits, and more. Head to gworld.gwu.edu/online-account-management for more details.
GRUBHUB X GW DINING

Students can also use GWorld to pay for delivery from Grubhub. Download the Grubhub app and login using any credentials. Next, sign up for Campus Dining by going to My Grubhub, then Settings, then Campus Dining. Select Find Your Campus, choose The George Washington University and tap Add Affiliation. Add your GWorld card, then enter your GET App username and password to connect GWorld dining dollars as a form of payment. Now you can order from any Grubhub partner listed and get food delivered right to your door. Plus, Grubhub’s student dining membership isn’t limited to GW’s campus—feel free to order food from any Grubhub partner no matter where you are. Find more details at dining.gwu.edu/grubhub-campus-dining.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH GW DINING

Find GW Dining on social media to see the latest news, including vendor updates, meal deals, giveaways, and more: @gwdining on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Students with certain dietary needs can also find recipe ideas and other resources from the GW Dining Reps, each of whom focuses on a different diet: vegetarian, Halal, Kosher, gluten free, Mount Vernon Campus, and sustainability.

Have more questions? Check our GW Dining’s FAQ page dining.gwu.edu/frequently-asked-questions, or send us an email at dining@gwu.edu.
THE STORE

GW’s Food Pantry

Founded in 2017 to address student food insecurity, The Store is a student-run food pantry that is managed by The Store student organization and the Division for Student Affairs. The Store’s mission is to alleviate food insecurity at GW and provide other resources for students to thrive. The Store provides dry goods, meats, fresh produce, dairy, vegan options, and more to ensure all students have access to the things they need. In addition to food, The Store also provides laptops and iclickers to students each semester, and provides laundry and printing cards, lightly used business attire, household items, toiletries, and menstrual hygiene products.

FOGGY BOTTOM LOCATION
District House Room B121
2121 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20052

MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS LOCATION
2100 Foxhall Road
Washington, D.C. 20007

GW students interested in accessing the Store may sign up by visiting: studentlife.gwu.edu/store.

TESTIMONIALS:

“As a graduating senior, I would like to thank everyone involved in making The Store possible. It really has made a huge impact on the community and I hope it continues to grow as the years go on. Thank you.”

“This is wonderful. I’m a first-gen student and have skipped meals and survived on oatmeal packets for years. Thank you so much.”

“Thank you so much for the relief you bring me and others when I am on my last penny during the month. Sending me money from home is not easy and I tell my Mom I am fed even though I run on just oats. Thanks for giving me my health and the relief that I won’t go hungry.”
Disability Support Services

Did you know in college that it is on YOU (the student) to disclose a disability in order to receive accommodations? Don’t worry—we’ve broken it down for you below.

**What do you mean by disability?**

Maybe you had a Section 504 plan or IEP in high school? While that is usually indicative of a need to register with us, it is not a prerequisite. You could be someone with a physical, cognitive, mental, or chronic health impairment that *substantially limits a major life activity*. We **must** have documentation of an impairment to determine accommodations. Check the instructions below on the relevant documentation we need and on the DSS website [disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/document-your-disability](http://disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/document-your-disability).

The determination of whether a student has a physical, cognitive, medical, or mental health impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (and therefore has a disability) must be made on a case-by-case basis. How do we do that? By examining the documentation you provide! Check the instructions below on the relevant documentation we need.

**Okay, that’s me now what? I want to register with DSS.**

1. Submit a DSS Online Registration Form, which includes your supporting disability documentation, at [disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/register-disability-support-services](http://disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/register-disability-support-services). Eligibility criteria for disability-related support services include the below. Please do not send us your Section 504 or IEP plan, as these do not count as verified documentation.
   a. Recent verification of diagnosis prepared by a qualified professional that includes recommendations for reasonable accommodations.
   b. Documentation that is current and relevant, substantiates how the condition impacts the student in a postsecondary academic environment, and illustrates a connection between the impact of the disability and the requested accommodation.

2. You will be notified of your eligibility status and will receive a plan of approved accommodations by email (at your GW email address).

3. Once your registration is established, you must attend a session during Orientation to review DSS policies and procedures.

**What does DSS do?**

- Assistive Technology
- Alternative Format Text Materials
- Classroom Access
- Housing Accommodations
- Interpreting Services
- Letters to Professors
- Note-Taking Technology
- Test Accommodations

**Contact DSS:** Rome Hall, Suite 102 | 801 22nd St., NW | Washington, D.C. 20052
Telephone: **202-994-8250** | Email: **dss@gwu.edu**
GW’s Colonial Health Center (CHC) provides multidisciplinary, integrated, student-centered services in a safe, accessible, culturally inclusive, and supportive environment. The CHC seeks to promote healthy lifestyle choices and to holistically support the physical and emotional well-being of students in order to achieve academic success.

The Colonial Health Center is open and operating to assist students who are seeking medical, psychiatric, counseling, and psychological services. Doctors and counselors are providing in-person treatment in the office Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (ET) by pre-scheduled appointment only. Telehealth appointments are also being offered during regular business hours.

As we continue to do our best to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and other diseases, the center is not accepting walk-up visitors for in-person visits and is spacing out in-person visits to limit the number of individuals in the waiting room at one time.

**COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)**

Our counselors provide an environment for students to overcome challenges and difficulties that may interfere with academic, emotional, and personal success. Counseling services are free, confidential, and short-term. Students can access CAPS for support by calling the CHC and requesting to speak with the next available counselor - no appointments necessary.

After an initial consultation, counselors and students work together to determine the best course of treatment to address individual mental health needs.

Counselors utilize a multifaceted approach to provide various options for treatment through the Stepped Care Model (as shown below).
MEDICAL SERVICES
CHC’s medical providers are available to support students’ physical health and well-being. Staffed by a team of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, psychiatrists, and registered nurses, we offer primary care and urgent care visits.

• Primary Care visits are usually available within 48 hours. Students may schedule a telehealth or in-person appointment by calling 202-994-5300.

• Urgent Care visits, intended for medical or health issues that require immediate attention when a timely Primary Care appointment is not available, are available on a first-come, first-served basis during clinic hours. Students should notify the receptionist upon arrival. Medical clinicians can be reached at 202-994-8951 during clinic hours.

COLONIAL HEALTH CENTER LOCATIONS
Foggy Bottom Campus
University Student Center - Ground Floor
800 21st St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20052
Phone: 202-994-5300 (24/7)

Mount Vernon Campus
Merriweather Hall
2100 Foxhall Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007
Phone: 202-242-6120

ON-CALL SERVICES
We provide 24/7 counseling care and medical advice to students through an after-hours hotline. Students should call 202-994-5300. A mental health clinician and advice nurses are both available.
MANDATORY HEALTH INFORMATION

To ensure the safety and well-being of our community, we require specific public health measures. With limited approved exemptions, all students, faculty and staff in GW-owned or -operated facilities must be vaccinated and also receive the vaccination booster dose. Masks are required in GW-owned and -operated buildings. Testing is required biweekly for vaccinated individuals and weekly for those who are not vaccinated and have been granted an exemption by the university or who have not yet received their booster. For more info visit: coronavirus.gwu.edu/vaccine.

The following guidance will apply to this new requirement:

• Any vaccine authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO) will be accepted.
• Current students, faculty, and staff must upload their vaccination card to the medical portal. Instructions for this process are available here.
• We will grant limited exemptions, such as for medical or religious reasons.
• We will exercise discretion in enforcing the mandate for those who have extenuating circumstances that are beyond their control and that will cause delays in vaccination.

More detailed information about the new requirement is available in our FAQs.

HEALTH IMMUNIZATION FORM: DUE JANUARY 1

ALL new students under the age of 26 must submit proof of immunizations as required by DC Code. Details are available at healthcenter.gwu.edu/immunizations. Visit the Colonial Health Center (CHC) patient portal at mychc.gwu.edu and follow the instructions below:

1. Access the patient portal and sign in with your GW email address (NetID@gwu.edu) and password
2. Click on the “Medical Clearances” tab on the left side of the screen.
3. Under “Medical Clearances” click on the green “Update” button to upload a photo or scan of your immunization record. Please ensure that all documents are legible.
4. Click on each green “Update” button next to each type of immunization and enter in the dates of immunization. You must enter in all of your dates for the required immunizations in order for us to verify your record.
5. Once you have updated all of your immunization dates, a staff member at CHC will review your record. Please check back to see if your immunization clearance was satisfied or not.

For questions, please email immunreq@gwu.edu or call 202-994-5300 (option #3).

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN:

ALL enrolled undergraduate students, including F-1 and J-1 visa-holding international students, must have health insurance coverage. These students are automatically enrolled in the GW Student Health Insurance Plan provided by Aetna Student Health. Domestic students who plan on using their current health insurance plan, for example if you are still covered by a parent or guardian’s employer coverage, must waive-out of GW Student Health Insurance option each and every year. The waiver period begins Jan. 1 and ends Feb. 1, 2022. If you do not waive out of the mandatory health insurance plan, you will see a charge for SHIP coverage on your student account.

**If you intend to keep your current health insurance plan, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with how your insurance coverage works outside of your geographic area (i.e. copays, deductibles, networks).

For questions please email ship@gwu.edu and call 202-994-5300 (option #5).
**OVERVIEW**

The Center for Career Services offers a wide range of individualized and customized career education services, including a robust coaching program, convenient online resume and interview review programs and a wealth of diverse events and workshops targeted to the career needs of our students. Particularly for new students and transfer students, we provide resources and support to help you explore your professional interest and gain insights about your future career field. Check out our extensive bank of online resources, and connect with us by scheduling an appointment through your Handshake account!

**Student Employment at GW** is an option for you to work in a part-time position in which you earn an hourly wage. Positions include Federal Work-Study (FWS) positions with an on-campus department or approved off-campus organizations, as well as Non-FWS positions with an on-campus department. Working in a student employment position during your college years can help you gain a variety of experiences and learn skills to help you succeed in future professional endeavors.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FAST FACTS:**

- Students typically work between 8-10 hours per week, and are strongly recommended not to work more than 20 hours a week.

- Entry level student positions are paid at $15.00 - $15.50 an hour, but the wage per hour is based on the position type.

- The Student Employment office does not place you in a position. You must apply and interview for posted positions. We cannot guarantee positions for all students, regardless of FWS status.

- You can work at any of the 150+ employing on-campus departments. FWS students can also work at one of 35+ GW approved off-campus FWS organizations.

- Search for jobs by creating an account on the Student Employment Talent Management System, the source for ALL student employment positions.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREPARE TO WORK AS A STUDENT EMPLOYEE?**

- Check out the resources available on the Student Employment Website to enhance your work experience.

- Visit the Center for Career Services’ website for tips on resumes, cover letters, and interviewing skills.

- Watch for emails coming from Student Employment (gwse@gwu.edu) to your GW email account.

- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube!
Federal Work Study (FWS) is a type of financial aid award that gives you the option to work part-time with a pre-approved employer. You must work to earn the award incrementally - the earnings are not applied directly toward your tuition bill. This year’s FWS program runs from August 30, 2021 - April 29, 2022.

Start by creating your Student Employment Talent Management System account at go.gwu.edu/applytostudentpositions. Job postings will begin to be available for all FWS recipients in the Student Employment Talent Management System beginning July 12, 2021.

Note: be sure to use your @gwu.edu email when creating your account.

RECORDED WEBINARS

Federal Work Study Program Overview
Learn more about the FWS program, including what it means to have an award, how to find positions, and the requirements to work at GW through the program. Click here to view the recording.

Keys to Getting an On-Campus Job
Learn tips for writing your professional resume, using your volunteer, leadership, and work experience, and learn effective communication techniques for virtual interviews and other online employer interactions. Click here to view the recording.

Tips
• Be prepared to provide a professional resume, check out the Center for Career Services’ website for more information.

• Prepare and upload any required documents (this may require other forms of identification to be available - like a social security card or passport, so plan ahead)

• Carefully complete your application(s)

General questions can be directed via email to gwse@gwu.edu.

The Office of Financial Assistance disburses FWS awards. Questions about FWS award money can be directed to finaid@gwu.edu.
SPECIAL POPULATIONS

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

The George Washington University formally defines first-generation college students as those whose parents did not complete a four-year, baccalaureate degree. We also recognize that there are many definitions for what it means to be a first-gen college student.

You are a first-gen student if:

• You identify with the above definition.
• You feel as though you have a similar life experience to those who identify with this definition.
• You’re looking for a place to build community and support that will help you integrate into life here at GW.
• You would like to be an ally and support those who are the first to complete a four-year degree.
• 14% of GW undergraduate students identify as being a first gen college student.

First-Gen United (FGU) is GW’s student organization for first-generation college students. FGU believes being first-gen is something to celebrate! The organization focuses on assisting first-gen students on social support, advocacy, and academics. FGU also offers a mentorship program that pairs first-year students with upper-class students. Learn more about FGU and join on Engage.

MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

The Office of Military and Veteran Services provides support and services to GW’s student veterans, dependents, and military personnel through benefit processing, customer service, and community building activities. Over 1,800 students are military-affiliated at GW!

Get Involved

Consider joining GW Veterans (GW Vets), the official student organization for military-affiliated and veteran students. Get support, meet new people, and attend events!

The Office hosts a number of signature events throughout the year including a Veteran’s Day Flag planting during Veterans Awareness Week.

Learn More

Additional resources, such as tutoring services, scholarship information, career services, and how to use your benefits are all available on the Military and Veteran Services website.

Stay Connected

Want to stay up-to-date on activities and information in the military-affiliated community? Send an email to cmanning@gwu.edu to subscribe to the DogTags Newsletter.
STUDENT WELL-BEING

Holistic well-being is an important part of the college experience. Learn about resources and initiatives that exist to keep students holistically well.
At GW, we aim to create a community that cares for each other. The CARE Team fosters this goal by creating a pathway through which students who may need additional support can be identified and referred to the most appropriate services. Through the CARE Team, students are given the support they need to persist and succeed at GW and beyond.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Students, parents, faculty, and staff can identify students that may need additional support through the CARE Team’s [online form](#). The CARE Team is a cross-departmental support system that recognizes that student concerns are often multi-faceted. Students are connected to resources through inter-departmental collaboration to provide them with appropriate and personalized outreach.

Based on the type of support needed, a student is connected to a trained staff member who works with them one-on-one for as long as they may need the help.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SUBMIT A CARE REFERRAL?**

When a CARE Referral is submitted, a case manager reviews the information in the referral form, references any past referrals, and makes a determination about who is the most appropriate person to reach out to the student. The CARE Team works with partners in all academic advising offices, Campus Living & Residential Education, the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Disability Support Services; the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs; Counseling and Psychological Services; Student Health Service among others. The case manager often manages complex or multifaceted cases where multiple offices may need to be involved to most appropriately support the student of concern.

The student then receives outreach from an appropriate campus partner. If you feel that the behavior of the student has persisted following your referral submission, please submit a follow-up referral.

It is important to note that while every CARE Referral that is submitted receives the appropriate outreach and follow-up, we cannot make a student respond to the outreach provided, outside of a threat to self or others.

Access the [online form](#) and bookmark it!

For more information, visit [studentlife.gwu.edu/care-team](http://studentlife.gwu.edu/care-team)
Well-being Initiatives — Raise Up GW

Led by the Health Promotion and Education team, Raise Up GW is a campus-wide initiative dedicated to helping students engage in comprehensive well-being experiences that are supportive of holistic lifestyles. Through this initiative, students will gain an understanding of campus resources and learn how to help others in need.

Peer Health Educators
The Capital Peers work directly with the Division for Student Affairs to provide health promotion and education to the GW student body through events, workshops, marketing campaigns, and more. Capital Peers serve as educators and role models for GW students related to all things well-being and become nationally certified peer educators through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) affiliate, BACCHUS Network. Visit go.gwu.edu/GWCapitalPeers for more information.

Well-being Certificate Program
The Raise Up GW Co-curricular Certificate program allows students to engage each of the eight dimensions of well-being. Participants will expand their knowledge of well-being, identify ways in which well-being plays an integral role in their success at GW, gain knowledge of on-campus well-being services, and apply what they learn to design a well-being event or initiative. Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for this two-semester program when applications open in the fall. For more information, email wellbeing@gwu.edu or visit go.gwu.edu/RaiseUpCert.

Substance Education and Programming
AlcoholEdu for College - required training
In an effort to reduce negative alcohol-related consequences among GW students, all incoming students are required to complete an online alcohol education course, AlcoholEdu for College. This online module covers alcohol and motivation, standard drink size, blood alcohol concentration, and key strategies for those that choose to drink along with those that choose not to drink. The module also outlines real-life scenarios, university policies, and on and off-campus resources that are geared to assist you during your time as a GW student. The training course will be made available in early December; a link will be emailed to students providing access to each course. Failure to complete the course will result in a transcript hold. For more information, please visit HPE’s AlcoholEdu website (studentlife.gwu.edu/alcoholedu).

GW Late Night
GW Late Night is a series of evening and weekend events that provide a space for students to have fun and socialize, explore new interests, and take a break from academics without the temptation or risks involved with drinking alcohol or being in an environment where alcohol is present. Visit Engage to find upcoming events. Email wellbeing@gwu.edu for more information.
Visit studentlife.gwu.edu/well-beinginitiatives and click each well-being dimension for more information about campus and self-help resources.

### OFFICE OF ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

The Office of Advocacy & Support (OAS) is committed to ending power-based oppression and violence and to building a culture of care. OAS values healthy relationships and empathetically believes, empowers, and supports the autonomy of GW community members. OAS partners with the community to cultivate a safer, healthier, and more informed campus and society.

OAS provides prevention programming and confidential services to GW community members designed to raise awareness and address the needs of those impacted by any form of trauma or violence.

**ADVOCATES PROVIDE:**

- Emotional support around any type of harm, trauma, or violence
- Academic support, including assistance communicating needs to professors or supervisors.
- Psychoeducation on the impact of trauma and cycle of violence.
- Space to discuss and process feelings and reactions in confidence.
- Referrals and resources both on and off campus.

- Assistance navigating reporting processes and accompaniment to interviews, appointments, or hearings.

Contact information: **202-994-0443, oas@gwu.edu**

520 22nd St NWWashington, DC 20052

Advocates can be reached Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM. For more information, visit [safety.gwu.edu/oas](http://safety.gwu.edu/oas).

**Note:** OAS does not provide mental health counseling or legal advice.
The Office for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (ODECE) provides leadership, resources, and support to advance and sustain inclusive environments for faculty, staff, and students across the university. ODECE supports the GW community’s diversity and inclusion efforts in a number of ways:

• Campus climate
• Compliance
• Faculty and staff diversity
• Diversity planning
• Campus partnerships

ODECE HOUSES THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

• Disability Support Services (DSS) (disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/)
• Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service (Nashman Center) (serve.gwu.edu/)
• Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) (mssc.gwu.edu/)
• Title IX Office (titleix.gwu.edu/)

For more information, visit diversity.gwu.edu.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ONLINE EDUCATIONAL MODULE

GW is committed to providing educational opportunities to students, staff, and faculty that challenge us to learn more about ourselves and others. As new students at GW, you have an amazing journey ahead of you filled with curiosity and exploration. While you will grow each semester as GW students, we want to provide you with a foundation in your first year that offers you language, tools, and resources to engage in thoughtful conversations about diversity, identity, equity, justice, and inclusion.

You will receive an email invitation from the Office for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement in December to complete the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Online Educational Module. Every new student at GW is invited to participate in this experience, and we encourage you to connect your learning with your experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

We are eager for you to engage in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Online Educational Module, and welcome you to share any questions with the Office for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (diverse@gwu.edu or 202-994-7297).
TITLE IX OFFICE
The Title IX Office responds to reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking, provides supportive measures to individuals affected by these issues, and provides prevention education university-wide to promote an inclusive educational atmosphere free from discrimination, harassment, and violence.

The Title IX Office is a private, but not confidential resource. Community members are entitled to support from the university regardless of whether they choose to file a formal complaint or pursue a formal resolution of their case. The Title IX Office can be reached at titleix@gwu.edu or at (202) 994-7434.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS
The Title IX Office provides resources, training, and reporting options to students, faculty, and staff to address concerns related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking, and retaliation. Each semester, all incoming undergraduate students are required to participate in an online and a live sexual harassment prevention program to be able to register for fall semester classes.

Steps to Complete:

1. Part 1 – Online training provided by Everfi.
2. Part 2 – A live workshop that takes place in January.
3. Part 3 – A course evaluation will be emailed to you (complete after the workshop).

For more information, please visit the Title IX Office’s website (titleix.gwu.edu).

These modules and training are a requirement for all incoming students to complete in order to register for fall 2022 courses.
Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation is committed to providing sound programming for the university’s diverse community in the areas of intramural and club sports, fitness and wellness instruction, and information recreational opportunities.

Lerner Health and Wellness Center, also known as HelWell, is located on the corner of 23rd and G Street and is free for all GW students to use. HelWell has two gymnasiums with two basketball courts each, three-lane lap pool, two racquetball suites, squash suites, fitness center, and multipurpose rooms. There are also locker rooms, lounge areas, a lobby, parking, and administrative areas.

Please be aware that adjustments may need to be made to the schedule and capacity limits as we adhere to the latest public health guidelines.

To learn more, visit campusrecreation.gwu.edu/lerner-health-and-wellness-center.

Intramural and Club Sports

GW offers 14 different intramural sports for students looking to benefit from some athletic competition (not to mention the fun), while remaining focused on academics and other aspects of life as a college student.

To learn more, visit campusrecreation.gwu.edu/intramural-sports.

GW offers 35 club sports, which are registered student organizations and established and managed by current students. Teams range from basketball to ultimate frisbee with many co-ed options.

To learn more, visit campusrecreation.gwu.edu/club-sports.

You can also find more information about each club sport on Engage, the platform used to manage GW’s student organizations and a great resource for finding out about upcoming events (go.gwu.edu/gwengage).
Living On-Campus

We are excited to welcome you into our halls and on to our campus! Please be aware that adjustments may need to be made to the schedule and capacity limits as we adhere to the latest public health guidelines. Learn more about who’s who in the residence halls to support you, policies and procedures to keep you safe, and more.

Explore Residence Hall Options on the Campus Living and Residential Education Website: Living.Gwu.Edu

Campus Living & Residential Education

Campus Living & Residential Education (CLRE) is composed of student leaders, professional staff, and faculty members who work in collaboration to support all aspects of residential living; creating safe, supportive, and inclusive communities where students can thrive.

Student Staff: More than 200 students across nine unique student-staff positions support our students living on campus through community building, programming, peer mediation, and more.

Community Coordinators (CC): full-time professional staff who live in a residence hall, provide student support and mentorship, plan programs and experiences, respond to crises and after-hours student needs, advise hall councils, and supervise student staff.

Faculty in Residence (FiR): GW faculty who live in a residence hall, provide student support and mentorship, and facilitate social and intellectual experiences for residents.

Hall Council: Student-led hall governments that advocate on behalf of a configuration of buildings and provide social experiences. All Hall Councils together form GW’s Residence Hall Association (RHA).

RHA: GW’s Residence Hall Association, an organization created to support and enhance the residence hall experience through advocacy and community building. RHA works with student leaders from each residence hall to better our community while creating opportunities for members to build connections and grow in their leadership.

NRHH: GW’s National Residence Hall Honorary chapter, a leadership-based organization of exemplary residential students who value recognition and service. NRHH works with students across campus to promote service and recognition in the residence halls.

Mail & Packages

You may use a vendor of your choosing to ship belongings directly to campus. Items must be clearly labeled and sent to the appropriate mailing address for your residence hall.

Belongings may be shipped to campus prior to move-in. Packages should be shipped to arrive to campus no earlier than December 27.
As you prepare to join our community for Spring 2022, we urge you to take into account all COVID-19 health and safety protocols from GW, the District, and the federal government.

In fall 2021, we offered a comprehensive, in-person living and learning experience for our students, faculty, and staff. We plan to continue an in-person on-campus experience, including in our classrooms, residence halls, laboratories, libraries and studios.

GW requires students, faculty, and staff in GW-owned or -operated facilities to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. There are some limited exemptions for religious or medical reasons to the vaccine policy.

All students who plan to take at least one on-campus, in-person class on any of GW’s campuses in Spring 2022 must demonstrate compliance with GW’s vaccine requirement through the medical portal before they are permitted to register for these classes.

Once on campus, as a member of our campus community you will be required to participate in GW’s testing protocols. The testing frequency for vaccinated individuals is twice monthly or every 15 days. Those individuals with an exemption to GW’s vaccine requirement and who are unvaccinated will continue with weekly testing. The Campus COVID Support Team and the GW COVID Testing Center will send you reminders to schedule your test. You should schedule your first COVID test via the medical portal for the first day that you are physically on-campus.

GW Guardian App
GW has a custom personal safety app through the Rave Guardian platform. GW Guardian has a number of features including Safety Timers, links to call and message the GW Emergency line, and a directory of important resources. Download on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

GW Safe Ride
Provides a free and safe ride to/from Foggy Bottom Campus residence halls and academic buildings during late night hours for students, faculty and staff who prefer to not walk alone. Download the GW Rider app in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

EMERG (GW EMS)
EMeRG (GW Emergency Medical Response Group) is a student run and operated volunteer EMS agency serving the greater Foggy Bottom community and the GW Mount Vernon campus. As nationally certified EMTs, EMeRG and its members are committed to providing free pre-hospital care and transport to the GW community. If you are sick or injured on or around campus call the GW Emergency Line (202) 994-6111.

GW Police Department (GWPD)
The George Washington Police Department (GWPD) provides residential hall security and patrol services for both the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses and provides crime prevention education to the GW community. If you are in need of GWPD’s services call the GW emergency line (202) 994-6111 or non-emergency line (202) 994-6110. Students: be sure to add both the emergency and non-emergency phone numbers to your phone. GWPD also encourages you to make a plan in case of emergencies.

GW Text and Email Alerts
GW uses a number of tools to notify students, staff, faculty, and community members of emergency situations and safety-related information. All students will automatically receive GW email alerts. If you listed your mobile number during the admissions process, your mobile number will also automatically receive text alerts. If you would like to add a parent or family member to also receive text alerts, you can customize your GW alert settings.

We encourage you to have a plan when you go out:
• Know how you will get home that night, and
• Let someone know where you are going, who you are with, and what time you plan to return

For more information, visit safety.gwu.edu.
TRANSPORTATION

PARKING ON-CAMPUS

First- and second-year students are prohibited from bringing vehicles to the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses, other than in exceptional circumstances. For more information, download GW's policy regarding on-campus student parking.

Visitors and guests of the Foggy Bottom campus can be accommodated at the Science and Engineering Hall Garage, Marvin Center Garage, and G Street Garage. Visitors and guests of the Mount Vernon campus can be accommodated in the Mount Vernon campus garage. Daily rates and hours vary by garage.

GETTING AROUND

GW has joined the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) U-Pass program, providing students with unlimited use of Metrorail and Metrobus for a discounted, flat fee.

Among the benefits of the program are:
- Unlimited WMATA rides on Metrorail and Metrobus for a highly discounted, flat fee.
- Access to the region served by Metrorail and Metrobus, including within the District, Maryland, and Virginia.
- Affordable and environmentally friendly transportation.
- A personal SmarTrip card.

This program is available to students enrolled full-time. Eligible students will be notified how to pick-up their new U-Pass card the week of Jan. 10.

Washington, D.C. is a great city to explore, with many attractions and neighborhoods to visit. The proximity to all of the culture and resources this city has to offer is likely one of the reasons why you chose to come to GW.

The Metro transit system is a great way to get around D.C. Here are some tips when utilizing services:

- Make sure you have money loaded onto your SmarTrip card before you ride.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never run after/next to a bus or metro car.
- Regional commuters are serious about escalator etiquette. Stand to the right, walk on the left.
- Become familiar with the system’s COVID-19 response and their latest requirements for riding their Metrobus and Metrorail services.

Rideshares (such as Uber and Lyft) are generally very common in D.C., especially in our urban downtown area. Currently, rideshare services are operating in limited capacity, as it gets closer to fall, you may want to research and review a company’s safety guidelines, especially as it relates to COVID-19 safety measures. If you do request a rideshare:

- Ask the driver his or her name before entering the vehicle instead of asking if they are here for you.
- Compare the photo provided by the rideshare company with the driver.
- Ensure the car you are entering matches the car and the license plate number indicated by the rideshare app.
Capital Bikeshare is a bike sharing program in the district that allows customers to rent bikes throughout the city and surrounding areas. GW is proud to partner with Capital Bikeshare to provide all currently enrolled students a $25 annual membership.

To enroll in the program, visit transportation.gwu.edu/capital-bikeshare-partnership and follow the steps provided.

To locate docking stations on and around campus, check out the Capital Bikeshare System Map.

Interested in bringing your bike with you? GW offers bike racks in most Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campus residence halls. If you do bring your bike, be sure to register it online through D.C.’s bike registration program. (mpdc.dc.gov/page/bicycle-registration-district-columbia)

VERN EXPRESS

The Vern Express, also known as VEX, is a free shuttle service that runs between the Foggy Bottom and the Mount Vernon campuses. Download and use the GW Rider app to check the status of the VEX shuttle. You can pick up the VEX on G Street, in front of Funger Hall on Foggy Bottom or in front of Somers Hall on the Mount Vernon campus.
GW TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS

A NEW SCHOOL MEANS NEW TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEMS. LEARN ABOUT TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE, WEB PLATFORMS, AND MORE!
**Internet Access:** Wireless internet access is available through your GW NetID and password. Networks are also available for certain guests. Find out more at [it.gwu.edu/internet-access](http://it.gwu.edu/internet-access).

Equipment is available for wired internet in residence halls. Sign out the equipment through the IT Support Center at [it.gwu.edu/support](http://it.gwu.edu/support). Streaming devices (Apple TV, Playstation 4s, Roku devices, Nintendo Switches, and Xbox Ones) may connect to GW’s wireless entertainment network. You may learn more about connecting your entertainment devices at [it.gwu.edu/gwconnect-formerly-gwplay](http://it.gwu.edu/gwconnect-formerly-gwplay).

**Email:** GW uses GWMail for student email accounts. GWMail features enhanced storage capabilities and access to GWCalendar. Visit [it.gwu.edu/email-calendar](http://it.gwu.edu/email-calendar) to learn more.

**Printing:** GW’s wireless printing service enables you to print from anywhere on or off campus, and even from your smartphone or tablet. A print credit is allocated to each enrolled GW student at the beginning of the academic year to make printing affordable. Learn more at [printing.gwu.edu](http://printing.gwu.edu).

**Support:** GW Information Technology (GW IT) offers several options for technology support, making it easy to get the help you need when you need it most. Visit [it.gwu.edu/support](http://it.gwu.edu/support) for walk-in hours, phone number, and email contact. Submit an online ticket at [go.gwu.edu/itrequest](http://go.gwu.edu/itrequest).

**Academic Software and Technology:** Software packages like Microsoft Office 365, SAS (Statistical Analysis System), Adobe Creative Cloud applications, and communications apps are available to all GW students through GW IT. Learn more at [it.gwu.edu/software](http://it.gwu.edu/software). Some software is made available by your school. Learn where to access these applications at [go.gwu.edu/academicsoftware](http://go.gwu.edu/academicsoftware).

**All GW students have access to Zoom, Webex and MS Teams for collaborating over the web. Learn more at:**

- [it.gwu.edu/zoom](http://it.gwu.edu/zoom)
- [it.gwu.edu/microsoft-365-training](http://it.gwu.edu/microsoft-365-training)
- [it.gwu.edu/webex-students](http://it.gwu.edu/webex-students)

A video production studio, powerful specialized computers, and the knowledge of how to create professional multimedia projects is available in the CREATE Digital Studio. Cameras, digital recorders, VR headsets, and more are available to check out. Learn more at: [library.gwu.edu/create](http://library.gwu.edu/create).

**Computer Labs:** Computer labs, often with specialized software and higher computing power are available to all GW students in Gelman Library, Eckles Library, and some academic buildings. Learn more at [go.gwu.edu/academicsoftware](http://go.gwu.edu/academicsoftware).

Any student with a NetID has access to virtual computer lab resources. Learn more at [academiccommons.gwu.edu/virtualcomputerlab](http://academiccommons.gwu.edu/virtualcomputerlab).

The laptop loaner service is now available through GWCares at [studentlife.gwu.edu/care-team](http://studentlife.gwu.edu/care-team).

**Streaming IPTV and HBO Max:** GW students living in on-campus housing can watch and record live high-definition TV. You can access streaming services from a variety of devices. Learn more at [it.gwu.edu/tv](http://it.gwu.edu/tv).

**Technology Purchase Recommendations:** GW provides minimum hardware specifications as suggestions when you are considering purchasing a device for your time at the university. Learn more at [go.gwu.edu/GWtech](http://go.gwu.edu/GWtech).
WEB COLLABORATION AND ONLINE CLASSES

GW provides a variety of web and collaboration tools for GW students, faculty, and staff. These services can be used to manage documents and online content, host virtual meetings and events, and communication with other GW community members. You might find yourself using Webex and Zoom for student organization meetings and for attending virtual events and Blackboard Collaborate when attending class online.

WEBEX

Webex is a collaborative meeting tool that allows for real-time video meetings and sharing of computer content over the web. Features include multi-point video conferencing and desktop share to meet for a group project, catch up with friends or make a video call home.

To begin using your Webex account, login to gwstudent.webex.com with your GW email address (NetID@gwu.edu) and corresponding password.

ZOOM

Zoom is a reliable cloud platform for video, voice, content sharing, and chat and runs across mobile devices, desktops, telephones, and room systems.

To begin using your Zoom account, login to gwu-edu.zoom.us with your GW email address (NetID@gwu.edu) and corresponding password.
**BLACKBOARD (BLACKBOARD.GWU.EDU)**

Blackboard is a learning management system that faculty and staff use to share information and post class materials. As a student, you will use Blackboard for classes throughout your time at GW. Log in with your NetID (**NetID@gwu.edu**) and password.

**BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE**

Blackboard Collaborate is a real-time video conferencing tool. Collaborate with the Ultra experience opens right in your browser, so you do not need any additional software to join a session.

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When joining a session, use the Google Chrome or Firefox browsers for the best experience.

1. Open your Blackboard course, click **Tools** on the course menu, and then **Blackboard Collaborate Ultra**.

2. On the Collaborate page, click the name of the session you want to join and then click **Join Session** in the session details panel. The session will then launch in a new browser tab.
As a GW student, you will be using a variety of different platforms to do business, like checking your email, paying your bill online, and completing assignments for class. We want to introduce you to these commonly used systems so you’ll be familiar with them.

**GW EMAIL AND CALENDAR (www.gwu.edu/email)**
Access your GW email and calendar by logging in with your GW email address (NetID@gwu.edu).

**GWEB INFORMATION SYSTEM (it.gwu.edu/gweb)**
GWeb Information System (also referred to as BanWeb or GWeb) allows access to important processes such as student accounts management, financial aid communication, and course registration. Log in using your GW email address (NetID@gwu.edu) and email password. GWeb is accessed via it.gwu.edu/gweb.

Once you are logged in, you will see tabs for the following information:
- **Registration Menu** brings you to the registration portal and your schedule
- **Student Records Information Menu** brings you to transcripts, grades, and DegreeMAP
- **Student Accounts Menu** brings you to the eBill Portal where you can view your account, set up a refund profile, and make payments or grant access to others to make payments for you
- **Financial Aid Menu** brings you to your financial aid package, cost of attendance, and Federal Work Study information
Note: If someone other than the student will be making payments to the university, the student should add them as an authorized user on the account. The student is the only one with the ability to grant access to the eBill system (studentaccounts.gwu.edu/how-access-ebill-system)

Please note: Completing a FERPA form does not give online access to the eBill; the student grants access through the eBill system.

**ENGAGE (GO.GWU.EDU/GWENGAGE)**

GW’s gateway to all student organizations is Engage, an online platform that allows students to connect with opportunities for involvement. It’s where you can access information about any student organization at GW and find out about events and activities happening on campus. To begin using GW Engage, login to go.gwu.edu/gwengage using your GW email (NetID@gwu.edu) and corresponding password. Use the search bar to search by organization name, event name, keyword, or category.
FixIt is GW’s facilities request portal, which you can use to submit facilities issues in your residence hall. A facilities issue can be anything from an overflowing sink to a large pile of trash in a common space. You’ll be prompted to provide your GW NetID and password. Check the webpage icons and choose the service area that best fits your need. If you have questions or need to update your request, use the Comment Stream and a GW Facilities representative will get back to you.
STUDENT LIFE

Student Life brings learning out of the classroom and our innovative programs are personalized to ensure you achieve academic success. From first-year students to first-generation students and transfer students, Student Life tailors services and events to reach all populations.

District Connections or GWxDC links you with the cultural and intellectual diversity that Washington, D.C. has to offer. This program offers access to activities designed to connect new students to each other and this vibrant city.

GW offers over 500+ student organizations ranging in array of causes, identities, and interests. Explore more on Engage.

Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) is home to more than 2,000 students, 33 chapters, and four councils. GW FSL has over 155 years of history and is one of GW’s longest-standing traditions.

Comprising the Marvin Center, District House, and outdoor spaces, the Student Activities Center, offers a variety of spaces where students can host events, study, and hang out with friends.
Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service works to integrate civic engagement into GW’s educational work. During Orientation you will spend some time completing service projects while learning more about the communities and people you’re serving. There are endless opportunities to explore through the Nashman Center!

The Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) is dedicated to building a welcoming, enriching, and inclusive environment at GW. The MSSC provides students space and resources to explore their various identities and events to celebrate and learn about different cultures and communities.

One of the ways the Office of Student Life supports the community of engaged students is by creating meaningful traditions and cornerstone events such as Weeks of Welcome, Midnight Breakfast, Vern Harvest, and more!
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• Peer tutoring and course reviews  
• Writing and research help  
• Workshops  
• Guide to GW study spaces |
| The CARE Team                    | studentlife.gwu.edu/care-team         | Are you or someone you know in need of some support? The CARE Network is an online form that you can submit to get connected to support resources on campus. Students are connected through inter-departmental collaboration to provide them with appropriate and personalized outreach. |
| Campus Advisories                | campusadvisories.gwu.edu              | • Incident-related and non-incident-related information to the GW community  
• Real-time information on current GW alerts, weather, and Metro status |
| Campus Bookstore                 | gwshops.com                           | • Books  
• Apparel and accessories  
• Gifts and collectibles  
• Supplies  
• Technology |
| Campus Living and Residential Education | living.gwu.edu                  | • Residence halls  
• Move-in and out  
• Housing on- and off-campus (fall, spring, and summer)  
• Policies (such as housing exemptions or housing accommodations)  
• Residential engagement opportunities |
| Center for Career Services       | careerservices.gwu.edu               | • Finding Federal Work Study (FWS) and non-FWS student positions  
• Student employee hiring, on-the-job requirements & assistance, and pay information  
• Major and career exploration  
• Self-assessment and career coaching |
| Charles E. Smith Center          | gwsports.com/index.aspx 202-994-1000  | • Home of the George Washington University Department of Athletics and Recreation  
• Houses the majority of GW’s 20 intercollegiate varsity sports.  
• Practice space for club sports, classroom space for Exercise Science classes, and office space for the Department of Athletics and Recreation. |
| Colonial Health Center           | healthcenter.gwu.edu Phone: 202-994-5300 (24/7) | • Medical, psychiatry, counseling, and psychological services  
• 24/7 Counselor On Call  
• Student health insurance  
• Required immunizations  
• Self-help resource library |
| Dining                           | dining.gwu.edu dining@gwu.edu         | • Locations to eat on or around campus with a GWorld card  
• Special events or discounts  
• Contact for assistance if you have special dietary restrictions or needs |
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<td>202-994-1626</td>
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<td>mssc.gwu.edu</td>
<td>• Learn more about communities and identities</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:mssc@gwu.edu">mssc@gwu.edu</a></td>
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<td>safety.gwu.edu/oas</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:oas@gwu.edu">oas@gwu.edu</a></td>
<td>• Space to discuss and process feelings and reactions in confidence</td>
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<td>• Support to individuals who have been victimized</td>
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<td>Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community</td>
<td>diversity.gwu.edu</td>
<td>• Education and learning opportunities</td>
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<td>Engagement</td>
<td><a href="mailto:diverse@gwu.edu">diverse@gwu.edu</a></td>
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<td>registrar.gwu.edu</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:registrar@gwu.edu">registrar@gwu.edu</a></td>
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<td>Office of Student Financial Assistance</td>
<td>financialaid.gwu.edu</td>
<td>• Financial aid packaging</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:finaid@gwu.edu">finaid@gwu.edu</a></td>
<td>• Information about types of financial assistance available</td>
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<td>Office of Student Rights &amp; Responsibilities</td>
<td>studentconduct.gwu.edu</td>
<td>• Understand your rights and options in the Codes of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:rights@gwu.edu">rights@gwu.edu</a></td>
<td>• Seek conflict management resources and support</td>
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<td>• Report a policy violation, including discriminatory misconduct</td>
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<td>• Become a member of the University Hearing Panel</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:success@gwu.edu">success@gwu.edu</a></td>
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<td>studentsuccess.gwu.edu</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:sao@gwu.edu">sao@gwu.edu</a></td>
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<td>studentaccounts.gwu.edu/authorized-user-access</td>
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<td>studentserviceshub.gwu.edu</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:serviceshub@gwu.edu">serviceshub@gwu.edu</a></td>
<td>• Questions about financial aid, registration, and billing</td>
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<td>202-994-9000</td>
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<td>Title IX</td>
<td>titleix.gwu.edu</td>
<td>• GW policies and Title IX</td>
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<td>24/7 Sexual Assault Response and Consultation (SARC):</td>
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<td>202-994-7222</td>
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<td>• Main hub of the GW’s Foggy Bottom campus offering study rooms and meeting spaces, large ballrooms and theaters.</td>
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<td>Mon - Sun 7am - midnight</td>
<td>• Variety of spaces for students to study, work, and socialize.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:studentcenter@gwu.edu">studentcenter@gwu.edu</a></td>
<td>• Services include Health Center, Campus Stores, Parking, Student Services Hub, GWorld Card Office, Undergrad Admissions</td>
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**GW JARGON**

| #OnlyatGW | A phrase used by GW students, faculty, and staff to describe events that one can only experience at GW, such as attending an event with Joe Biden or Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor |
| Buff & Blue | GW’s official school colors |
| EMeRG | GW Emergency Medical Response Group is a student run and operated volunteer EMS agency providing quality, professional care when you need it most around the greater Foggy Bottom community and GW Mount Vernon campus |
| Gelbucks | Starbucks located underneath Gelman Library |
| George | Our official mascot is George as in Washington and on this campus he goes by first name only. |
| GWID | 8-digit student ID number |
| GWorld | GWorld Card; student ID that is used to tap into residence halls and pay for meals, laundry, printing, and other items |
| HelWell | The nickname for Lerner Health and Wellness Center |
| Hilltern | A student with an internship on Capitol Hill |
| Kogan Plaza | GW’s center of campus |
| Learning Assistant | A Learning Assistant (LA) is an undergraduate student who works closely with the instructor of a course to run small group sessions in class and review sessions outside of class. They differ from TAs in that they don’t share grading responsibility |
| NetID | First part of your GW email (NetID@gwu.edu) |
| Provost | The senior academic officer of a university who oversees all academic policies and curriculum-related matters |
| Raise High! | GW’s rally cry that unites and encourages all students, alumni, faculty, and staff to strive for excellence |
| SA | Student Association; GW’s student government |
| Safe Ride | Provides a free and safe ride to/from locations on/near the Foggy Bottom campus during late night hours for students who prefer to not walk alone |
| TA/ULA | Teaching Assistant or Undergraduate Learning Assistant; Graduate or undergraduate students who help professors with grading and teaching and hold their own office hours to help answer student questions |
| U-Yard | University Yard; GW’s quad on Foggy Bottom |
| The Vern | The Mount Vernon campus; GW’s second campus located in D.C.’s Foxhall neighborhood. The Vern houses about 1/3 of the first-year population. |
| The Vex | The Mount Vernon Express; the shuttle that goes between the Mount Vernon and Foggy Bottom campuses |

**MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE**

Make your voice heard by creating a plan for voting during your time at GW. If you are an out-of-state student, decide if you plan to register in your home state or in the District of Columbia. GW students can sign up to receive election reminders, register to vote, and apply for their absentee ballot at [gwu.turbovote.org](http://gwu.turbovote.org). TurboVote makes sure students always know when elections are happening and have the information they need to vote with confidence.

For more voting resources visit GW Votes at [serve.gwu.edu/gw-votes](http://serve.gwu.edu/gw-votes).
to experience our interactive campus map.