

GW BUFF & BLUE BOOK



YOUR JOURNEY TO GW BEGINS NOW!

CONGRATULATIONS

on officially becoming a member of our GW family! Your journey to GW begins now. Over the summer you will learn more about what it means to be a GW student, interact with your future classmates and current students, and complete necessary tasks to prepare you for success here at GW. The Buff & Blue Book covers everything you need to know and accomplish before starting your first day of classes. We encourage you to begin taking steps toward completing the New Student Checklist with required tasks.

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WELCOME FROM THE VICE PROVOST & DEAN OF STUDENTS



DEAR STUDENTS,

Welcome to the George Washington University! We're so glad you're a part of our community and cannot wait to welcome you to campus! As your Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, I oversee a team of student affairs professionals dedicated to helping you find your place at GW. Our north star—our guiding principle—is “you belong here” and we support connection, growth and well-being for every student throughout their GW journey.

As Revolutionaries, we are scholars, leaders, creators and innovators who are dedicated to making a difference in the world. Our world-renowned faculty are experts in their fields and are committed to helping you achieve your academic and career goals. You'll have opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, internships and course projects that will allow you to apply what you learn in the classroom to real-world challenges.

Beyond the classroom, I encourage you to find your passion and develop your leadership skills as you get involved with student organizations that align with your interests. Give back in service, by participating in a civic engagement project or a community service event.

As you begin your journey at GW, please know that we are here to support you. We are committed to helping you achieve your goals because we know that Revolutionaries are stronger together.

ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME TO GW!

Colette Coleman
Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

YOU BELONG HERE

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**"MEMBERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY GRANTS
YOU ACCESS TO AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION
THAT COMBINES RIGOROUS ACADEMICS WITH
HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES."**

COLETTE COLEMAN, VICE PROVOST FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF STUDENTS



2024-2025 CALENDAR DATES



SUMMER INTO FALL 2024

*View the **Checklist & Action Items** by Month on page seven for deadlines and due dates

CLASS REGISTRATION DATES: mid-July

GW Engineering: July 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT and 4-6 p.m. EDT. Sessions assigned by UserID
CCAS, ESIA, GWSB and Milken: July 22, 23 and 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. EDT. Sessions assigned by UserID. Makeup session July 26 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. EDT.

VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP:

late July-early August

Meet once with your assigned Orientation Leader between July 29-Aug. 4. In-person small groups will take place multiple times throughout Orientation Week

RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS: Mid-August

Move-in date and time to be communicated to student participants by their respective pre-orientation program staff: Aug. 14 or Aug. 15

All other first-year students: Aug. 16-17

EARLY ARRIVAL NEW FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS ORIENTATION: August 15

Move-in date and time to be communicated to student participants by their respective program staff: Aug. 14 or Aug. 15

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:

Aug. 18-21

NEW FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS ORIENTATION:

Aug. 18

WEEKS OF WELCOME:

Aug. 23-Oct. 1

FIRST NIGHT:

Aug. 24

CONVOCATION AND WELCOME DAY OF SERVICE:

Aug. 24

ALUMNI & FAMILIES WEEKEND:

Oct. 18-20

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

* VIEW OFFICIAL CALENDAR AT GWU.EDU/ACADEMIC-CALENDAR

FALL 2024 SEMESTER

First Day of Classes:

Thursday, Aug. 22

Labor Day (no classes):

Monday, Sept. 2

Fall Break (no classes):

Thursday, Oct. 11-Friday, Oct. 12

Thanksgiving Break (no classes):

Monday, Nov. 25-Saturday, Nov. 30

Last Day of Classes:

Monday, Dec. 9

Make-up/Reading Day:

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Final Exams:

Wednesday, Dec. 11-Tuesday, Dec. 17

Residence halls close for winter break at 5 p.m. on the last day of finals

****Note:** Residence halls remain open during fall break, Thanksgiving break, spring break and summer break. Residence halls close only for winter break.

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER

First Day of Classes:

Monday, Jan. 13

Last Day of Classes:

Monday, April 28

Inauguration Day (no classes):

Monday, Jan. 20

Make-Up Day:

Tuesday, April 29

Martin Luther King Day (no classes):

Monday, Jan. 20

Designated Monday:

Wednesday, April 30

President's Day (no classes):

Monday, Feb. 17

Reading Days:

Thursday, May 1-
Friday, May 2

Spring Break (no classes):

Monday, March 10-
Saturday, March 15

Final Exams:

Saturday, May 3-
Friday, May 9

Commencement Weekend:

Thursday, May 15-
Sunday, May 18



ORIENTATION & WELCOME

WELCOME TO GW!



We are so excited to have you joining us this fall, and cannot wait for you to arrive on campus.

This year's New Student Orientation (NSO) theme is **Becoming a Revolutionary: Democracy is in our DNA**. This theme highlights and celebrates all of the people, traditions, support systems and opportunities that make the GW community an amazing place to learn, grow, and thrive. From the first day of orientation to graduation day on the National Mall, we empower students to craft their own GW story, while positively contributing to the collective GW legacy.

As the newest member of our community, you will explore what it means to be an active participant in shaping the community that is GW Strong through our NSO guiding principles: curiosity, critical thinking, exploration, empathy, and community. These principles will be discussed throughout the orientation experience to help center important attitudes and skills that will help you transition to college and GW. During Orientation Week, each session and event will be connected to at least one of these principles.

So, take a deep breath and get ready to dive in. The New Student Orientation team will be your guides this summer and into the first couple of weeks of school as you prepare for your college transition. Our roles are to help orient, connect, and support you, your families, and all of our undergraduate students who will be attending GW for the first time in fall 2024. We are excited to get to know you over the summer and answer any questions you may have.

Once again, welcome to GW! We are excited to see how you make it your new home.



RAISE HIGH!

Your 2024 New Student Orientation Team
Laci, Charlotte, Kraemer, Emilee, Steven, Dani and Ayomide



WAYS WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU THIS SUMMER

■ YOUR GW EMAIL!

After May 15, all email communications will be sent to your GW email. (See *New Student Checklist on page 7 for how to set-up your GW email.*)

■ NEXT STOP, GW!

An electronic newsletter that provides an introduction to important campus resources, campus living and learning, and student life. In addition, this communication tool provides timely and relevant information, dates, deadlines and reminders you are required to complete over the summer and upon arrival to GW.

■ UPDATES FROM THE ORIENTATION TEAM!

Between Next Stop, GW! Newsletters, our student team will communicate directly with you via email to provide check-in opportunities and ensure you are staying up-to-date with action items.

■ OUR CAMPUS PARTNERS

 will also share the following between May and August:

- **How to register** for on-campus housing and select your meal plan.
- **How to submit** materials to process and create your GWorld Card and have it ready for pickup during move-in.
- **How to submit** your health records including general immunizations verification, Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and more.
- **A guide to understanding your eBill**—your invoice for tuition, housing, dining and other fees.
- **How to complete** mandatory online trainings for Title IX, Diversity, and Health Promotion before arriving on campus.
- **Introduction** to academic schools, undergraduate advising teams and the class registration process.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST & ACTION ITEMS BY MONTH



SUMMER 2024: YOUR JOURNEY TO GW

Placing your deposit is the first step on your journey to GW. As you prepare for your first day of class on Aug. 22, these are your must-do action items to complete by month to help you have a smooth transition to college. Visit your [Admitted Student Portal](#) to help you complete these tasks.

MAY

→ BY MAY 15

- Claim your GW Identity** (i.e., UserID/GW email)
You will need your UserID/GW email to search for a roommate, apply for housing, register for classes and much more. Your UserID starts with the letter G followed by an eight-digit number. After May 15, we will no longer email your personal email address. Check your GW email often (*we suggest daily*). Your GW email is the primary means by which GW offices and units will communicate with you while you are enrolled at GW.

Note: You will need your UserID and GW email to complete the following action items.

- Register for New Student Orientation**
You must register for New Student Orientation by June 15 so we can reserve your space and assign you a small group. Reminder: In-person orientation is Aug. 18-21.
- Submit Mandatory Health Immunizations**
The District of Columbia Immunization Law requires that all enrolled students under the age of 26 provide proof of certain immunizations prior to registration. Deadline to submit immunizations via the Student Health Center medical portal is June 15.

Review GW's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Coverage

All undergraduate students, including international students, must have medical health insurance coverage while enrolled at GW. Students are automatically enrolled each academic year in the GW Student Health Insurance Plan provided by Aetna Student Health.

If you are still covered by a parent's or guardian's employer coverage and want to continue using their health insurance plan, you must waive out of the GW Student Health Insurance option each year you are enrolled.

Before you waive out of GW's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), we recommend that you familiarize yourself with how your insurance coverage works outside of your geographic area (e.g., *copays, deductibles, networks*). This is especially important for international students as health care insurance from other countries may not be compatible with the U.S. healthcare system. **The waiver period is Aug. 1-Sept. 12.**

Review and Update Your Personal Information

In GWeb choose "My Profile" under the personal information menu. Here you can add or update your preferred name (which will be your display name across university systems, including class rosters), pronouns and gender identity, and contact information. To update your legal name or sex, please use the [Registrar's Biographical Update form](#). **Note: you can review and update your personal information on GWeb at any time while enrolled.**

MAY (CONTINUED)

→ THROUGHOUT MAY

Start Working on Part I of your Pre-Orientation Module: Academic Advising and Class Registration

This module must be completed by June 15 as you will need the information learned in this module during a mandatory first-year group advising webinar. **Note: While this module will be available starting May 3, you are not able access the module until after you have created your GW email.**

Register for a Co-Curricular Program (if applicable)

GW co-curricular programs are offered prior to orientation from Aug. 15-17 to provide interested first-year students the opportunity to connect with peers around a shared identity, specialized topic or common area of interest. Program size varies. Some first-year students are automatically assigned to a co-curricular program based on academic or learning community affiliation.

→ STARTING MAY 15

Register with Disability Support Services (if applicable)

If you are a student with a documented disability and require academic adjustments or housing accommodations, you can register with [Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#). Should your situation change, you may register with DSS at any point while enrolled at GW.

→ STARTING WEEK OF MAY 13

Register for First-Year On-Campus Housing

All first- and second-year students are required to live on campus with a few exceptions for local commuters, etc. Students will receive instructions directly from Campus Living & Residential Education. The registration and room assignment process takes about a month. The registration process starts the week of May 13. Students will receive their housing assignment mid-June.

Find Your Time Slot to Register for Fall Classes Online

Information about class registration is outlined in Part 1 of the Pre-Orientation Online Module.

Your registration session is determined by the last digit of your UserID. You have two hours to register at any time during your assigned slot. Professional academic advisors will be available during your session to assist with class selection. Mark your session time in your calendar and make every effort to attend, as switching sessions is not possible. However, if a student has an unavoidable conflict with their assigned time, a general makeup session is scheduled for Friday, July 26, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. EDT.

Note: There is an equal distribution of courses and class seating availability among all registration times. No one session has an advantage over others.

Students in:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS)
Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA)
GW School of Business (GWSB)
Milken Institute School of Public Health (MISPH)
School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA)
Corcoran School of the Arts and Design (Corcoran)

will register on:

Last digit of UserID:

0 or 1: Monday, July 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT

2 or 3: Tuesday, July 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT

4 or 5: Tuesday, July 23, 4-6 p.m. EDT

6 or 7: Wednesday, July 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT

8 or 9: Wednesday, July 24, 4-6 p.m. EDT

Students in:

School of Engineering and Applied Science (GW Engineering):
Monday, July 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT or 4-6 p.m. EDT
All incoming GW Engineering first-year students will register for classes on July 15 during the time block assigned to them. Assignment will be based on UserID. For more information please review [Part 1](#) of the Pre-Orientation Online Module. For additional questions contact the GW Engineering advising team at seasadvising@gwu.edu.

→ BY MAY 20

Complete the First-Year Academic Interest Survey

Results from this quick five-minute survey, available starting on May 6, 2024, will be used to assist your adviser during virtual advising sessions and will allow them to connect you to various academic resources.

JUNE

→ CONTINUE IN JUNE

If you have not completed these action items, please do so this month:

- Register for New Student Orientation.
- Register for a co-curricular program (if applicable). See page 8 for more details.
- Register with Disability Support Services (if applicable). See page 8 for more details.
- Submit your health immunizations. See page 7 for more details.
- Upload your photo to process and create your GWorld card.

→ STARTING JUNE 1

Take Placement Exams

Language, math, economics and chemistry classes may require placement exams to determine your class level. **Note: You must complete all required placement exams a minimum of one week before class registration begins to help your academic adviser determine which 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](#).

→ STARTING WEEK OF MAY 20

Upload Your Photo to Create Your GWorld Card (your student ID)

Your [GWorld Card](#) is your official GW identification card. It grants you access to campus including all academic buildings, the library and your residence hall. You will also use your card to enter the dining halls to eat, unlock your residence hall door, and print your term papers at printing kiosks. An email will be sent to you from the GWorld Card Office with instructions on how to upload a photo by July 1.

Math and Economics: The ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) Math Placement Test 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 Department of [Economics' ALEKS webpage](#) and the Department of [Mathematics' ALEKS webpage](#) for more information on how to take the test.

Chemistry: General Chemistry (CHEM 1111) requires completion of the ALEKS Chemistry Preparatory Course (CPC). This applies to all incoming students who intend on pursuing coursework in the following fields: applied sciences, biological sciences, chemical sciences, engineering (most majors), physical science (B.S. only), pre-health sciences (e.g., dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine and nursing). For more information and to take the test, visit the Department of [Chemistry's ALEKS website](#).

Review and Submit Your FERPA Waiver (if applicable)

GW abides by the federal government's FERPA policy ([Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974](#)), which requires the university to protect the privacy of your student educational record. This means staff and faculty can only talk to you, and not your parent, guardian or other family member about your classes, grades, financial aid, etc. If at any time, you would like to give consent to allow a staff or faculty member to talk to a family member about your educational records, you will need to fill out a [FERPA/Student Consent Release Form](#). **Note: this form can be completed at any time while enrolled at GW.**

JUNE (CONTINUED)

→ JUNE 15

Deadline to Submit Mandatory Health Immunizations

The District of Columbia Immunization Law requires that all enrolled students under the age of 26 provide proof of certain immunizations prior to registration.

→ MID-TO-LATE JUNE

Review Your Student eBill (tuition invoice) and Grant an Authorized User Access to Your Student Account

To help with your financial planning, the Office of Student Accounts will email first-year students a preliminary eBill, i.e., invoice for tuition, housing and dining and fees (*as applicable*) in mid-to-late June. A follow-up eBill will be issued in July after class registration. You (the student) can grant another authorized user access to your Student Account who can make online payments on your behalf such as a parent, guardian or another family member. Add a new authorized user by [logging into the eBill system](#) and clicking authorized users on the right menu bar. Next enter the other individual's

email address and that new authorized user will be sent a unique encrypted password and link to your eBill. **Note: registering another individual as an authorized user does not sign them up for any emails/lists from GW. They will only receive information from Student Accounts about the eBill.**

→ JUNE 15

Deadline to Register for New Student Orientation

We hope by now you have completed your registration. We can't wait to meet you in August.

Deadline to Complete **Part I** of the Pre-Orientation Online Module: Academic Advising and Class Registration (see details from May)

→ JUNE 17

Start Working on **Part II** of your Pre-Orientation Module: Academic and Support Services

This module must be completed by July 19.

→ WEEK OF JULY 15

Begin Mandatory Online Training Programs

- Alcohol Education Online Program
- Title IX Sexual Harassment Prevention Training
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Education Program

All new students are required to complete all three online training programs. In addition, there is an in-person component to the Title IX training that will take place during New Student Orientation. Students will receive an email notification this week with instructions on how to access and complete each program. **Failure to complete these online programs by Aug. 23 at 11:59 p.m. EDT will result in a hold placed on your student account, and you may be delayed in being able to register for spring 2025 classes.**

→ BY JULY 19

Part II of the Pre-Orientation Online Module: Student and Academic Support

Part II of the Pre-Orientation Online Module will provide you with information about many of the support resources available to you at GW. Part II will be available by June 17 and must be completed by July 19.

→ JULY 22-24

Class Registration (morning and evening time slots)

Class Registration, times as assigned (see June for details). Participate in one of the online sessions to register for your fall classes. Note: GW Engineering has a different date, July 15.

→ LATE JULY

Pay Your Student eBill (tuition invoice) and Grant an Authorized User Access to Your Student Account

After you register for classes, you will receive a second, follow-up eBill/invoice. Payment must be made by the first day of class unless you sign up for the [monthly payment plan](#). (See June for more details.)

→ JULY 29-AUG. 4

New Student Orientation Virtual Small Group

Your Orientation Leader will reach out to your GW email and invite you to connect and join a virtual group session. These will be the same small groups you will be with in-person during New Student Orientation, so we highly recommend attending and meeting your group!

JULY

→ CONTINUE IN JULY

If you have not completed these action items, please do so this month:

- Register for a co-curricular program (*if applicable*). See page 8 for more details.
- Register with Disability Support Services (*if applicable*). See page 8 for more details.

→ IN JULY

Register for Transfer Student On-Campus Housing

Housing registration for new transfer students will begin via a student's Campus Living eServices Portal in July.

Housing for incoming transfer students is based on a student's class year or anticipated graduation year. For transfer students, this accounts for the academic credits that a student has accrued prior to enrollment at GW.

→ JULY 1

Deadline to Upload Your Photo for Your GWorld Card

Students who submit their photo by the deadline will have their card waiting for them during residence hall check-in or, if a commuting student, at the GWorld Office. Students who do not complete this action in time will have to go to the GWorld Office when they arrive on campus to obtain their card. Save time in August, submit your photo now. (See May for details.)

→ JULY 15

GW Engineering Class Registration 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT or 4-6 p.m. EDT

All incoming GW Engineering first-year students will register for classes on July 15 during the time block assigned to them. Assignment will be based on the last digit of your UserID. For more information please review the Advising and Registration section of the Pre-Orientation Online Module. For additional questions contact the GW Engineering advising team at seasadvising@gwu.edu.

AUGUST

→ CONTINUE IN AUGUST

If you have not completed these action items, please do so this month:

- Register with Disability Support Services (*if applicable*). See page 8 for more details.
- Complete the Mandatory Online Training Programs for Alcohol Education, Title IX and Diversity. See page 11 for more details.

→ AUGUST 1-SEPTEMBER 12

Waiver Period Open for GW's Student Health Insurance Plan

Mandatory Eligibility: All undergraduate, graduate, law, medical and doctoral students who are matriculated in a degree-granting, on-campus program (this includes students on the Foggy Bottom, Mount Vernon, VSTC and Corcoran campuses), and all international students on a J1 or F1 Visa are required to have health insurance while they study at GW. These students will be automatically charged and enrolled in the GW Student Health Insurance Plan (GW SHIP) every year. Students who choose to use their own health insurance or are covered by their parent's or guardian's health coverage must meet the [required waiver criteria](#) in order to opt out of GW SHIP.

→ BY AUGUST 13

Complete Part III of the Pre-Orientation Online Module: Arriving at GW

Part III of the Pre-Orientation Online Module will provide you with information about what you need to know about GW's campus, navigating GW and D.C., and more! Part III will be available by July 22 and must be completed by August 13.

→ BY AUGUST 14-15

Co-Curricular and Pre-Orientation Programs Residence Hall Move-In

Students who are participating in a co-curricular or pre-orientation program will receive information on moving in prior to their programs starting

→ BY AUGUST 15

Create a Profile and Log in to GW Engage

[GW Engage](#) is GW's student events portal. Make a habit to browse weekly for upcoming events sponsored by 500-plus student organizations and university offices. *Hint: most are free, and all are fun!*

→ AUGUST 16-17

First-Year Student Residence Hall Move-in

In June, after receiving your on-campus room assignment, you will select a move-in date and time slot. Your move-in date and times will be based on any co-curricular and pre-orientation activities you will participate in. We recommend not booking any travel until you have received notification of your confirmed move-in date.

→ AUGUST 18-21

New Student Orientation

We can't wait to meet you in person! *Note: New Families Orientation will be held on Aug. 18*

→ AUGUST 22

Student Account/eBills Due

Payment for tuition, housing and dining and other fees are due by the first day of classes unless you sign up for the [monthly payment plans](#).



CAMPUS RESOURCES:

YOUR ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

...TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR VAST ACCESS TO **WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTIONS** AND PARTNERSHIPS, POLICY-RESEARCH INITIATIVES AND ONE-OF-A-KIND LEARNING. GET READY TO **UNLOCK COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES!**





YOUR MANDATORY SUMMER TASKS TO PREPARE FOR ACADEMIC LIFE AT GW INCLUDE:

- Completing your five-minute **Academic Interest Survey** by May 20
- Completing **Part I** of your Pre-Orientation Online Module
- Attending a mandatory group advising session (June and July)
- Registering for Fall 2024 Classes during your assigned registration day and time slot

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OVERVIEW

- **COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (CCAS)** – The broad study of the liberal arts is matched with ground-breaking research that advances discovery and influences policy at GW’s oldest and largest college.
 - **Corcoran School of the Arts and Design** –The Corcoran School, part of Columbian College, is an incubator for the fine arts and offers performing arts and art exhibitions open to the greater university community.
 - **School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA)** – Part of Columbian College, prepares the next generation of journalists and political communicators as students and faculty uncover the most effective ways to connect and inform in today’s complex media world.
- **ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (ESIA)** – While every school of international affairs bridges theory and practice, the Elliott School offers more than bridges: It provides sidewalks. Our location in the heart of Washington, D.C., enables the fresh exchange of ideas and information between policy shapers and academic experts.
- **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (GWSB)** – With established relationships within the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the U.S. State Department (all located just blocks away), students in GWSB learn firsthand how to see beyond the bottom line and consider the big picture of international affairs, finance, sustainability, ethics and corporate responsibility—often all at once.

- **SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE (GW ENGINEERING)** – In the heart of the nation’s capital, GW Engineering isn’t just about engineering – we’re about “engineering and...”. GW Engineering provides a world-class education and research enterprise, talented faculty, modern facilities, and engineering solutions to grand challenges in society.

- **MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH** – The only school of public health in Washington, D.C., Milken Institute SPH spearheads initiatives and programs that fight obesity, improve community health policy and assess the quality of care provided nationally and around the world.



WHAT IS ACADEMIC ADVISING AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Academic advising helps students explore academic interests, review degree requirements and curriculum, and discuss 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.

TO SET YOU UP ON THIS PATH FOR SUCCESS, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- Learn the basics through the Pre-Orientation Online Module.
- Complete the academic interest survey.
- Attend your school’s mandatory advising webinar.
- Utilize the Plan Ahead feature to prepare for class registration.

By establishing a solid foundation of courses in your first semester, you will be primed for success. The academic advising focus over the summer is preparing you for your first class registration.

While we know you may have specific questions about your academic plans, advisers are unable to discuss these broader goals until after you attend your school’s advising webinar. Additionally, students will attend a First-Year Experience course in the fall. These First-Year Experience courses in conjunction with ongoing conversations with your adviser are the opportune time for you to address your plans and specific questions as your college journey begins.



CLASS REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES

- **GW Engineering**
Monday, July 15
from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT or
4-6 p.m. EDT, based on UserID
- **CCAS, ESIA, GWSB, Milken, SMPA and Corcoran**
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6 or 7: Wednesday, July 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT
8 or 9: Wednesday, July 24, 4-6 p.m. EDT

How Class Registration Works

- As you prepare for fall 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 “Register for Classes”.
- Prior to the date and time of your registration, you are encouraged to login to GWeb to ensure you can login successfully.
- On your fall registration date and start time login to GWeb. Even though you have a two-hour window, login at the start of the time frame.
- Once you are logged in, click on the Registration Menu. More details, including screenshots and instructions about the registration process is available in Part 1 of the Pre-Orientation Online Module.



LIBRARIES AND ACADEMIC INNOVATION

■ **GW LIBRARIES** - Provides many of the services and resources students need to be successful in their learning and research endeavors.

Highlights of GW Libraries

- Quiet and group study available with a variety of spaces to meet your preferences. Gelman also has reservable rooms for small group meetings and study groups.
library.gwu.edu/study-room-reservations
- Research materials and assistance available in person and online. Distance students can have print materials mailed to them at no charge.
library.gwu.edu
- CREATE digital studio offers professional-level AV equipment and computers for editing as well as workshops and individual advice in multimedia software.
library.gwu.edu/create
- The Center for Undergraduate Fellowships and Research provides inclusive support and mentorship for undergraduates pursuing national scholarships and research opportunities.
go.gwu.edu/cufr
- Libraries available to all GW students:
 - Gelman Library (Foggy Bottom campus)
 - Eckles Library (Mount Vernon campus)
 - Virginia Science and Technology Campus Library
- Hours of Operation
library.gwu.edu/hours

■ **ACADEMIC COMMONS** - A one-stop shop for all academic services and resources available at GW. Visit the Ask Us desk on the ground floor of Gelman Library.

Services Offered

- Tutoring and Review Sessions: Course-specific peer tutoring and review sessions are free.
go.gwu.edu/tutoring
- Writing Help: Dedicated attention to writing and research projects at all stages of the writing process.
writingcenter.gwu.edu
- Research Assistance: Personalized help in strategizing and finding resources for any project or paper is available by appointment.
go.gwu.edu/consultations
- Study Skills for Virtual and 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.
academiccommons.gwu.edu/study-skills
- Workshops and Consultations: Free workshops and consultations are available in programming, coding, data organization, statistical analysis, Adobe Creative Suite, Geographic Information System and more.
go.gwu.edu/libworkshops
- Undergraduate Research: Get hands-on experience in your field of interest by participating in the undergraduate research opportunities available.
researchcommons.gwu.edu



STUDENT SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM

The Student Success Coaching Program is an academic support service uniquely designed to assist undergraduate students with building the foundation needed to successfully navigate their GW experience.

Success Coaches are graduate students, trained to provide support in the following areas: establishing attainable goals, developing effective learning and study habits, cultivating self-advocacy, navigating campus resources, and building a sound support system.

Students can sign up for a coach for the fall 2024 semester beginning in mid-August. Follow the instructions on the Penji App to be paired with a coach.

Contact Information

To find out more, email studentsuccess@gwu.edu or call 202-994-6710

<https://studentsuccess.gwu.edu/student-success-coaching>



76% of undergraduate students, with a GPA below 2.0, **improved their GPA** by the end of fall 2023, after one full semester of coaching.





GW JARGON

YOUR INSIDER'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ACRONYMS AND PHRASES YOU'LL ENCOUNTER WHILE AT GW

- **#OnlyatGW** - A phrase used by GW students, faculty and staff to describe events that one can only experience at GW, such as attending an on-campus event with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.
- **Buff & Blue** - GW's official school colors.
- **CC | Community Coordinator** - A professional staff member who lives in your residence hall. CCs are a resource for students living in the halls.
- **CEAs/CEAd | Community Engagement Assistants and Advisors** - CEAs and CEAd provide essential programming and community-building support in the residence halls.
- **CLRE** - Short for Campus Living & Residential Education. This is the team that manages the residence halls and helps students create community there.
- **Gelbucks** - This is what you get when you combine Gelman Library with Starbucks. Why? The Starbucks is located on the ground floor of Gelman Library.
- **GWorld | GWorld Card** - Your official student ID. It is used to tap into residence halls, swipe into the dining halls, and pay for laundry, printing and other items.
- **GARMY** - George's Army, a.k.a. the student section at our sporting events (mainly basketball).
- **HelWell** - Home base for campus recreation and fitness is the Lerner Health and Wellness Center, known colloquially as HelWell.
- **Hilltern** - A student with an internship on Capitol Hill.
- **Kogan** - Kogan Plaza is often shortened to just Kogan, as in "meet me in Kogan." It's the area outside of the Gelman Library, and our center of Foggy Bottom campus.
- **MSSC | Multicultural Student Services Center** - Provides multicultural programming, community, cultural education, and a safe and supportive environment for underrepresented and historically underserved students.
- **Raise High!** - GW's rally cry that unites and encourages all students, alumni, faculty and staff to strive for excellence.
- **SGA | Student Government Association** - GW's student government.
- **Safe Ride** - Provides a free and safe ride to/ from Foggy Bottom campus residence halls and academic buildings during late-night hours for students who prefer not to walk alone.
- **Square 80** - Green space area located between G and H streets and 21st and 22nd streets respectively.
- **TA | Teaching Assistant** - Graduate or undergraduate students who help professors with grading and teaching and hold their own office hours to help answer student questions.
- **The Vern | MVC** - The Mount Vernon campus is located in D.C.'s Foxhall neighborhood. The Vern, as it is affectionately known, houses about a third of the first-year population.
- **USC | University Student Center** - The student-centric building that houses student organization meeting space, the Student Health Center, GWorld Office, Student Services Hub, the MSSC, Division for Student Affairs, student rooms and dining options.
- **UserID** - Your UserID starts with the letter G followed by an eight-digit number. It is the ID that you'll use to log into most GW resources.
- **U-Yard | University Yard** - GW's grassy quad on the Foggy Bottom campus.
- **The Vex | Mount Vernon Express** - The shuttle that transports the GW community between the Mount Vernon and Foggy Bottom campuses.
- **Vool** - The pool located on the Mount Vernon campus.



DEMOCRACY IS IN OUR DNA

Democracy is in Our DNA is a university initiative that seeks to strengthen our community through civic engagement and dynamic experiences that inspire curiosity and exploration. Our commitment is to cultivate a campus environment where each member can engage with opportunities and programs that foster student development, wellbeing and belonging at GW and beyond.

- **Civic House Academic Residential Community** is a highly-selective first-year program for students interested in developing themselves as active citizens who are engaged in their communities.
- GW has one of the most politically active student bodies in the nation. **GW Votes** is a nonpartisan coalition of students, faculty and staff that promotes voter registration and participation among our students.
- In celebration of Constitution Day 2022, the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) organized "**Reinvigorating Democracy**," an event consisting of scholar and practitioner panels on the constitutional origins and modern evolutions of U.S. democracy.
- Watch the 2024 interview "**Democracy's Shifting Attitude**" with CCAS Dean Paul Wahlbeck in discussion with Political Science Professor Andrew Thompson.
- Student Revolutionaries are involved in groups like **Bridge GW**, **College Dems**, **College Republicans**, **Democracy Matters**, **Hamilton Society** and **ACLU**. Meet them at a Student Org Fair or find them, and many more, online at **GW Engage**.
- GW is home to the **Institute for Data, Democracy & Politics**, the **Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom and Democracy** and other multidisciplinary research institutes that aim to contribute both knowledge and practical applications on topics of great relevance to all of humanity.
- Watch **Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Amy Coney Barrett** in conversation with Eric Liu, CEO of Citizen University, as part of GW's sponsorship of **Civic Learning Week 2024**.

CAMPUS RESOURCES:

YOUR LIFE ON-CAMPUS,
OUTSIDE OF THE
CLASSROOM

**GW'S ACADEMIC LIFE GOES
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM...**





CAMPUS LIVING & RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

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 [@homeatgw](https://www.instagram.com/homeatgw)

Purpose

Campus Living & Residential Education (CLRE) supports all aspects of residential living, creating safe, supportive and inclusive communities where all residents can feel at home. On-campus living is a premier residential experience that sparks vibrant communities, cultivates lifelong connections, promotes self-discovery, develops global leaders and fosters an affinity for GW.

Services

First-Year Housing Registration: All first-year students are required to live on campus unless approved for an exemption. Housing at GW is based on a student's class year at GW, not on the academic credits that a student has.

Transfer Student Housing Registration: If you have graduated from high school and completed at least one college course since high school graduation you will register for housing as a transfer student.

Move In and Out Logistics: After you receive your room assignment, you will sign-up for a move-in time slot.

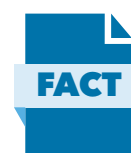
Gender-Inclusive Housing: Students who wish to live in a space with others who identify differently from them across the gender spectrum can opt into Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH). Interested students will need a mutual roommate request and can create a roommate group with other individuals who wish to live in GIH.

24/7 Administrator On-Call: Staff are on duty 24/7 to address urgent student concerns and provide after-hours support for situations that cannot wait until the next business day.

Faculty-in-Residence: Faculty live in the residential halls to facilitate learning beyond the classroom and serve as role models.

Living-Learning Communities: Communities where students live together based on shared interest or academic program.

Residential Student Leadership: Join your hall council to help program events and provide your voice and input in residence hall governance.



You will engage with **Community Coordinators** who are professional staff members living in the residence halls. They are there to assist with issues related to living with a roommate, personal difficulties adjusting to college life, and building issues or concerns.



TO BUILD CONNECTIONS

We encourage you to attend the events hosted in your residence hall by your Community Coordinators. These programs will help you meet your hallmates, and they create opportunities to build connections.



GW DINING

Contact Information

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Purpose

Dining meal plans are designed to fit your unique needs. With flexibility, convenience and affordability in mind, the aim of the on-campus dining experience is to provide students with access to food that is culturally diverse and allergen-friendly in state-of-the-art dining spaces inside our residence halls and through our on- and off-campus dining partners. All first-year students living on campus participate in the base meal plan, which allows students to transition to life away from home without the concern of budgeting for each meal.

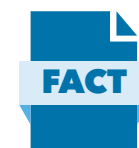
Services

On-Campus Dining:

- Three all-you-care-to-eat dining spaces in Thurston, Shenkman and West residence halls.
- Over 10 quick-service locations and markets where you can order a “meal deal” in exchange for a swipe.
- GW Zingers, housed at GW Hillel, serves kosher food with seating for 150 people.

GWWorld’s Dining Partners: A set amount of dining dollars are included with your meal plan. Use your dining dollars like a debit card to “eat out” at one of nearly 70 GW Dining Partners across campus and in D.C.

GW’s “GET” mobile app: Add dining dollars to your GWorld card at any time during the semester.



Once per hour you can dine at any of the all-you-care-to-eat dining halls and quick-service locations. You can first swipe in at Thurston for lunch and then one hour later also swipe into Shenkman if you realize you are still hungry and want dessert or a sandwich to-go on the way to your next class.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Contact Information

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Purpose

GW Information Technology (GW IT) is the chief provider of technology infrastructure, services and applications. We equip students, staff and faculty with the technology know-how and tools necessary to achieve academic excellence.

Services

Get Started with GW IT

- **Activate Your GW Identity:** Set up your password and two-step authentication for your GW email. You will need your GW email to complete class registration, housing selection and other requirements.
- **Subscribe to GW Status:** Receive information and updates about technology services at GW that community members use regularly.
- **Visit IT Help:** Access useful How-to guides on how to access IT services.

Access Free Services

- **Activate your free Print Credit:** to help offset your printing costs
- **Sign in to Xfinity TV:** to watch your favorite shows, including MAX
- **Access software:** like MS Office, LinkedIn Learning and Adobe Express

One-stop shop to GW resources

- Go to the myGW [webpage](#) or mobile app (available on [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)) to access academic resources to track grades, browse courses and check your account balance



GW IT handles more than 75,000 support tickets annually. To learn all the ways you can request support visit it.gwu.edu/support.



CAMPUS RECREATION

Contact Information

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Purpose

GW Campus Recreation strives to create a space and environment for students to move joyfully, explore different types of physical activity, enjoy constructive competition opportunities for individuals of all abilities, and connect with others in meaningful ways. Workout in the state-of-the-art Lerner Health and Wellness Center. Most importantly, have fun and build sustainable and positive health habits that will stay with you for a lifetime!

Services

Club Sports: Registered student organizations established by students who are motivated by a common interest to participate in a specific sport.

Group Fitness: Each class is first-come, first-served for the first 30 pass holders. Class types, days and times will vary.

Intramural Sports: Offers opportunities to meet new people with similar interests as well as compete against each other in a fun, safe environment.

Lerner Health and Wellness Center: This 189,000-square-foot fitness center is located at 23rd and G streets and features a variety of cardio and strength training equipment, a pool, a track, several courts and multipurpose rooms.

Personal Training: Personalized, one-on-one coaching is available in package options of 1, 3, 6 and 12 sessions. Session times will be dependent on client and trainer availability.



More than 100 group fitness classes, workshops and fitness tutorials are on the [GW Campus Rec YouTube channel!](#) If you can't make it to Lerner for a fitness class, use your mobile device and work out in your residence hall room.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Contact Information

 healthcenter.gwu.edu

 202-994-5300

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Purpose

The Student Health Center (SHC) is a multidisciplinary, integrated student healthcare service that provides confidential, student centered care in an accessible, safe, culturally sensitive and supportive environment. The health center promotes healthy lifestyle choices in support of students' physical and emotional well-being to help them achieve academic success.

Services

Medical Services: Physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses provide primary and preventive medical care services and monitor and respond to public health issues on campus.

Counseling and Psychological Services: Counselors provide a safe, non-judgmental and confidential environment for students to discuss concerns through a personalized stepped-care approach.

Psychiatric Services: Assessment, diagnostic and treatment recommendations are provided by staff psychiatrists with short-term treatment and referrals for ongoing psychiatric management.

TimelyCare: Access to expanded telehealth services including additional counseling services, urgent medical care, therapy and psychiatry appointments at no cost to full-time GW students.

Student Health Insurance Plan: GW offers a comprehensive plan through Aetna Student Health.







BE FAMILIAR WITH MYHEALTH.GWU.EDU

Familiarize yourself with the SHC's patient portal- [myhealth.gwu.edu](#). The portal is used to upload your immunization records (mandatory for students under the age of 26). The portal is also where you receive messages from your health provider.



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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- fsl@gwu.edu
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- [@gwfsl](https://www.instagram.com/gwfsl)

Purpose


The Student Involvement team focuses on the student experience through student organizations, leadership programs, and fraternity and sorority life. The team facilitates involvement and engagement in the campus community so that students can find belonging and connectedness at GW.

Services

Fraternity and Sorority Life: With more than 1,200 students and 34 chapters across four councils, FSL offers students the opportunity to build lifelong friendships, develop leadership skills and give back to the community. FSL is one of GW's longest-standing traditions with over 155 years of history on campus.

GW Engage: Your hub to getting involved at GW! Packed full of organizations of all kinds and tons of events throughout the year, there's something for everyone. Most events are free, and all are fun!

Student Organizations: Dedicated to an array of causes, identities and interests, student organizations put on some of the most highly anticipated campus events and offer endless opportunities for involvement and leadership.

 There are **more than 500 student organizations** at GW, so there's something for everyone! Need help finding orgs that align with your interests? Stop by the Org Help Desk in USC 433A Monday through Friday from 12-5 p.m. for an involvement consultation.






TRY NEW THINGS

Don't be afraid to try new things, attend org meetings and talk to student org leaders! Everyone is excited for you to find your passion and get involved.

CONFLICT EDUCATION & STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY*

*Formerly known as Student Rights & Responsibilities

Contact Information

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Purpose

Conflict Education & Student Accountability promotes conflict management pathways and fosters equitable and restorative accountability to community standards. This is accomplished by promoting individual rights and communal responsibilities, supporting community members to identify and repair harm, and growing community capacity for conflict management.

Services

Code of Academic Integrity: The primary document that sets minimum standards for academic student conduct, the code defines the rights of students charged with an academic integrity violation, lists the procedures for resolving academic disciplinary matters and provides guidance for academic disciplinary sanctions.

Code of Student Conduct: The primary document governing non-academic student behavior, it defines prohibited conduct for students and student organizations and sets up a conduct system to address reported violations and preserve student rights.

Before you become a GW community member, you'll want to know what GW expects of you and what you can expect from GW.

- Your right to **speech and expression**
- Your right to be free from **prohibited discrimination**
- What is permitted and prohibited for everything from marijuana use to academic citations - **know the codes.**



CONSIDER DECISIONS FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

Make decisions deliberately and thoughtfully, considering both what you are seeking immediately as well as the impact your actions will have on others and your future self



STUDENT SUPPORT

Contact Information

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 202-994-1489

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Purpose

The Student Support team helps students succeed by connecting them to resources and helping to develop plans of action to meet their goals. In addition to supporting **first-generation, transfer, off-campus and military and veteran-affiliated students**, the team helps students navigate long-term illness, family emergencies or other issues.

Services

CARE Referrals: This team manages an online **form** that allows for any individual to submit a concern on behalf of a GW student. The team will assess the concerns reported and connect students to appropriate resources.

First-Gen Support: There are many definitions for what it means to be a first-gen college student, the Student Support team helps these students navigate the complexities of college life.

Health Promotion and Education: Offers peer-health education through Raise Up GW, an initiative focused on comprehensive well-being experiences across campus through programming such as GW Late Night, Final Lap, Chalk-In, etc.

Military and Veteran Services: Assists student veterans, dependents and military personnel with timely and accurate benefit processing and supportive community-building activities.

The Store: A student-run food pantry, The Store provides free food, lightly used business attire, household items, toiletries and menstrual hygiene products.



ALCOHOL EDUCATION ONLINE PROGRAM

By the first day of classes all incoming first-year students must complete an online training designed to prevent risky drinking and other drug use. If you do not complete your training, a hold will be placed on your student account.


OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Contact Information

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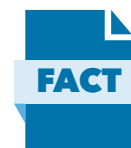
 [@InclusionatGW](https://www.instagram.com/InclusionatGW)

Purpose

The Office for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (ODECE) supports GW's strategic priorities and aspirations for academic excellence by providing diversity expertise, tools, data and programming that inform and shape curricular, research, administrative and outreach activities to improve teaching and learning outcomes; facilitate mentoring and leadership development; increase the dissemination and application of knowledge; and build and sustain vital community partnerships.

Services

- Supports students from historically marginalized populations.
- Educational opportunities for students, faculty and staff.
- Oversees the university's **bias incident reporting**.
- Creates avenues for students to receive support, feel seen and affirmed, and show up as their most authentic selves.
- Advocates for students to receive equitable experiences.
- Eliminates barriers and obstacles impacting student success.




ODECE hosts an **annual three-day diversity summit each spring** (typically March). Past keynote speakers have included activist Angela Davis and actress MJ Rodriguez!



MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

Contact Information

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 202-994-MSSC (6772)

 mssc@gwu.edu

Purpose

MSSC facilitates student leadership development and provides programming in a space that invites and welcomes students to explore, embrace and share their diverse identities and experiences. The MSSC encourages students to join others at a variety of events and activities and take advantage of resources to access the support they may need.

In the MSSC, we believe home is wherever we come together. We invite students to visit the MSSC and bring their full, most authentic selves.

Services

MSSC signature programs include:

- MSSC Block Party
- Community Dinners
- King Week
- MSSC Gratitude Dinner
- National Coming Out Day
- Cultural Heritage Celebrations
- Queer & Conversation Series
- Pride Month
- Spoken Word Events
- Pride Prom



EVERYONE BELONGS

As you embark on this new journey, remember to take a deep breath, set a manageable pace and find a supportive community to help you along the way. We believe in creating a safe and inclusive space where everyone belongs. Please reach out and connect with others. You are not alone.

HONEY W. NASHMAN CENTER FOR CIVIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Contact Information

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 gwserves@gwu.edu

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Purpose

The Nashman Center integrates civic engagement into GW's educational work. We promote equity and active citizenship in a diverse democracy, focus GW's resources to address community needs through reciprocal partnerships beyond the campus, and enhance teaching, learning, and scholarship at GW. The Nashman Center offers opportunities for students to explore their interests in community and civic engagement, as part of coursework and outside the classroom.

Services

Annual Service Events: From the Welcome Day of Service to the MLK Day of Service, students can engage in service on a one-time basis.

Get Engaged in D.C.: The Nashman Center helps you earn your Federal Work Study (FWS) award or volunteer in: Jumpstart, engageDC, SMART DC and Math Matters.

Register to Vote: Through GW Votes, every first-year student can learn how to register to vote and submit their absentee or mail-in ballot.

Community Engaged Courses: When registering for classes, look for CES, which incorporate service opportunities.



To use your FWS award to serve in the community, apply through the Student Employment Talent Management portal. Be sure to bring identification documents like your license, social security card and passport with you to campus!



TITLE IX OFFICE

Contact Information

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Purpose

The Title IX Office supports the university's commitment to maintaining a positive climate for study and work by fairly and equitably responding to reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence, and stalking. If you have experience sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence and/or dating violence or stalking, there are people at GW and in the community who want to help you. You don't have to go through this by yourself.

Services

GW Title IX Policies: GW policies explicitly prohibit sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. They also explain the resolution process when a formal complaint is filed with the Title IX coordinator.

Title IX Office's Prevention Training Calendar: Prevention education training is offered including topics such as healthy relationships, bystander intervention, how to respond to disclosures and designated reporter responsibilities.

Mandatory Title IX Training: All new, first-time students are required to complete an online and in-person training.

How to Get Help: If you have been affected by sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic and/or dating violence, or stalking there are campus resources to help you.

Title IX Online Reporting Form: Report sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, and stalking even if you were not directly involved in an incident and even if you would prefer to remain anonymous.



IT'S OK TO SEEK HELP

The GW Title IX Office wants all students to know that it is OK and encouraged that you seek help, particularly in the aftermath of a traumatic incident. We offer supportive resources, care about your well-being and are here to support you.

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Contact Information

 advocacy.gwu.edu

 202-994-0443

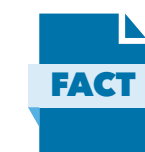
 oas@gwu.edu

Purpose

The Office of Advocacy and Support provides trauma-informed and healing-centered confidential support to GW students impacted by sexual violence, relationship violence and/or stalking. The office works to foster a community that values and promotes healthy relationships through support and prevention programming.

Services

- Safety planning
- Confidential, trauma-informed processing space
- Resource navigation and referrals
- Prevention education programming



OAS is the only confidential support resource for student survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and intimate partner stalking.




BUSINESS SERVICES

Contact Information

 business-services.gwu.edu

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 [@StyleGW](https://www.instagram.com/StyleGW)

Purpose

Business Services works to enhance the campus-life experience by providing industry-leading, accessible, sustainable and affordable services to the GW community including Dining, the Campus Store, Parking, Mail Operations, Licensing and Trademarks, Laundry, Vending, Summer Storage and the U•Pass program.

Services

Campus Store: If you forgot to get your GW gear during your campus visit, order online this summer so you can sport the buff and blue when you get to campus.

Parking: First-year students are prohibited from bringing vehicles to campus except in extenuating circumstances.

Mail Operations: Check out how to ship packages to campus.

Laundry: Residential students receive 34 free laundry cycles per semester pre-loaded on their GWorld card.

U•Pass Student Transit program: Unlimited use of Metrorail and Metrobus for \$100 per semester.




U•PASS CARD

Don't forget to pick up your U•Pass card when you check-in to Orientation. Commuters, go to the GWorld Office for yours.

STUDENT SERVICES HUB

STUDENT FINANCIAL & REGISTRATION SERVICES

Contact Information

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 202-994-9000

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Purpose

Student Financial and Registration Services is a centralized hub located on the ground floor of the University Student Center that brings together the offices of Student Financial Assistance, Student Accounts and the Registrar into one space. Staff are cross-trained to assist you with your financial aid, registration and billing questions.

Services

Apply for Financial Aid: Don't forget to re-submit your FAFSA yearly. March 1 is the priority deadline for continuing students.

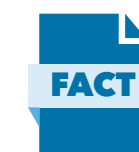
Discuss your Bill and Charges: Students receive an eBill invoice for each semester enrolled. Payments must be made by the first day of class each semester.

Register for Classes: Use the Plan Ahead tool to help you create up to five draft schedules to reference when it is time to register.

Secure Transcripts: You may be asked to supply a copy of your academic record if you are applying for a loan, scholarship or grant.

Online Help: Use the online chatbot to help with general questions about deadlines, how to complete required tasks and general navigational guidance.

The chatbot can be found on the [Student Financial Assistance](#), [Student Accounts](#) and [Registrar](#) websites.



In 2023, the Hub responded to over **15,400 phone calls, emails and walk-ins!**



CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES


Contact Information

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Purpose

The Center for Career Services supports students through all stages of their career development, from exploring career options, interests and skills to gaining internship experience, building a professional network and transitioning into their chosen field after graduation. The center offers individual career coaching, professional development workshops, industry panels, career fairs and professional networking events.

Services

Career Coaching Appointments: Sign up for career coaching appointments through [Handshake](#).

Workshops and Panels: Workshops include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing and job search strategies.

Career Events: In-person and virtual career fairs and industry-focused networking events are held every semester, giving students the opportunity to connect directly with hiring employers.

Industry Newsletters: Sign up for online newsletters produced by the industry career coaches and stay informed of the latest events, resources, internships and jobs in your field of interest.

Networking: Network with alumni willing to offer career advice or mentorship.

Affinity Communities: Resources to assist the career and personal development of diverse students.



More than \$100,000 in student grants is awarded annually to students to offset unpaid, high-quality internships related to academic and career goals.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Contact Information

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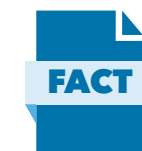
 [@gwstudentemploy](https://twitter.com/gwstudentemploy)

Purpose

Student Employment is an option for students to work in an hourly wage part-time position. 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 experiences and develop skills for your future career.

Services

The **Student Employment** and the **Center for Career Services Career Learning and Experience** teams can help students through applying, interviewing and getting hired into a position.



Each year **approximately 4,200 student employees work in 200 departments** in FWS and non-FWS positions



APPLY EARLY, APPLY A LOT

*Apply to positions early, apply to multiple positions and **use the resources available** to be successful in your position search. Most positions are filled in the first month of the fall semester. First-year students often wait and then have a challenging time finding a position.*



GW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact Information

 safety.gwu.edu/police

 202-994-6110 (Non-Emergency) | 202-994-6111 (On-Campus Emergency)

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Purpose

The George Washington Police Department (GWPD) provides patrol services to the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses and coordinates safety and security for a variety of on-campus special events. In addition to those roles and responsibilities, GWPD provides crime prevention education to the GW community.

Services

Around-the-Clock Patrol Services: Officers take reports and engage with students while on patrol and engage with students during campus events.

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Class: A basic physical defense course for women focuses on techniques in self-defense, highlights awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance.

Coffee with the Chief: Students have the opportunity to interact with the chief and the department's officers in a non-law enforcement capacity.



GWPD's motto is "Pride in Protection and Service." The department believes in trust, transparency and accountability




TAKE YOUR TIME, ASK QUESTIONS

Transitioning to a city campus that is open to the public can be challenging and overwhelming. Take your time to become familiar with the campus, if you are unsure of things or something does not feel right, don't hesitate to ask questions and know that GWPD is always here to assist in any way that we can.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Purpose

The Office of Emergency Management works with the GW community to lead GW in mitigating, preparing for, responding to and recovering from all hazards.

Services

EMeRG (GW EMS): A student-run EMS group that serves the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses.

GW Alert: Email alerts are sent to all students to provide updates on emergency situations. To receive text alerts, add your mobile number to the portal.

Guardian App: An additional layer of security to GW Alert. This mobile app provides emergency notifications and allows you to message GW's emergency service

Campus Advisories: Provides incident-related and non incident-related updates to situations happening on and sometimes near campus.

Emergency Response Handbook: Actions to take if you find yourself in an emergency situation when on campus.

GW Emergency Operations Plan: The plan describes how the university responds to emergencies.



BEING PERSONALLY PREPARED IS THE BEST WAY TO BE READY


Personal preparedness is the best way to be ready in case of an emergency. Have an emergency kit, know what numbers to call and have a plan.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE

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Purpose

The International Services Office (ISO) facilitates international educational exchange through its services and programs. It serves as the primary administrative, programming and advising office for the GW international community. The ISO is the first stop for the GW international community and will help eliminate administrative challenges when studying in the US.

Services

Advising: Expert advisors are here to answer students' questions related to their immigration status and to address any other concerns related to academic, personal or cultural adjustment as an international student. Advising services include one-on-one appointments with a student's dedicated advisor, weekly drop-in advising hours or support via email.

Events & Programming: The ISO is committed to enriching the student life experience and hosts a wide variety of events each academic year. Programming is intentionally built around four support areas: orientation and adjustment, career and professional support, immigration support, and social and cultural exchange.

Peer Support: The International Student Community Ambassadors (ISCAs) supplement the acculturation, engagement and professional/career services provided by the ISO and GW Center for Career Services. The ISCAs serve as peer mentors, review resumes and cover letters, and organize professional workshops and social events for all GW international students.



Our diversity is our strength, and GW is proud to host **over 4,000 students, faculty and staff from over 130 countries.**



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