THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Exchange Fact Sheet

Quick Facts

- Located in Washington, DC
- 25,000 Total Students
- 130+ Countries Represented by Students
- 1,174 Full-Time Faculty
- 450+ Student Organizations
- 6 Undergrad. Schools
- On-Campus Housing
- Exchange Student Programming

About GW

The George Washington University (GWU) was created in 1821 through an Act of Congress, fulfilling George Washington's vision of an institution in the capital of the United States dedicated to education and the preparation of future leaders.

Today, GWU is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. In addition to engaging in rigorous academic program, GW students take full advantage of the fact that the world intersects GW's campus and they participate in a wide range of cultural, political, culinary, and social ventures off campus.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Minimum GPA:

3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Proof of English Proficiency

Minimum Scores for Admission:

- TOEFL iBT: 4.5
- IELTS: overall band score 6.5, individual band score 5.5
- Duolingo English Test: 115
- PTE Academic: 61

Minimum Scores for English for Academic Purposes Course Requirement Waiver:

- TOEFL iBT: 5
- IELTS: overall band score 7.5
- Duolingo English Test: 125

APPLICATION PROCESS

Required application documents:

- Official transcript(s)
- Proof of English proficiency*
- Official transcript from all universities attended
- Copy of biological page of passport
- Copy of past US visas, if applicable
- Visa Request Financial Certificate (VRFC)
- Proof of funding

*some partner institutions are exempt

After students are nominated by their home institution, they will fill out an online application. For more information, visit our website: studyabroad.gwu.edu/inbound-exchange-programs.

Semester Dates

Fall: Aug. - Dec.

Spring: Jan. - May

VISA PROCESS

Exchange students will be issued a Form DS-2019 from the International Services Office. The Form DS-2019 is used to apply for a J-1 visa. The GW Exchange Team provides a Visa Guide with instructions on how to obtain a J-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy.

ACADEMICS AT GW

Exchange students at GW can enroll in courses from our 6 undergraduate schools. GW provides a rare combination of academic resources in an engaging university setting. Most courses at GW are open to exchange students who meet prerequisite requirements. Please refer to our website for a list of restricted courses.
Below are a few popular subjects of study:

International Affairs

Business Administration

Political Science

Engineering

HOUSING

Campus housing is the most convenient place for students to reside while studying at GW. Over 7,200 students live on campus and enjoy the proximity to the academic buildings, library, dining hall, basketball stadium, and the International Services Office. Exchange students are guaranteed campus housing and typically live with two or more suitemates in various buildings and room types, ranging from apartment style to a single bedroom with a common bathroom. Students usually only share an immediate bedroom and bathroom with one other person. The Campus Living & Residential Education Team works hard to try to ensure that exchange students are mixed in with American students and exchange students from countries other than your own.

LOCATION

Washington, D.C., the U.S. capital is a welcoming and dynamic urban center filled with students and young professionals. Exchange students quickly discover the many amenities and activities in D.C., including museums, restaurants shopping, biking trails and cultural celebrations.

ORIENTATION

GW hosts a mandatory orientation specifically for exchange students. This orientation introduces students to academics at GW, immigration regulations, and resources for support at GW.

CONTACT US!

The GW Exchange Team is part of the International Services Office & the Office for Study Abroad. We are here to support exchange students and partners!

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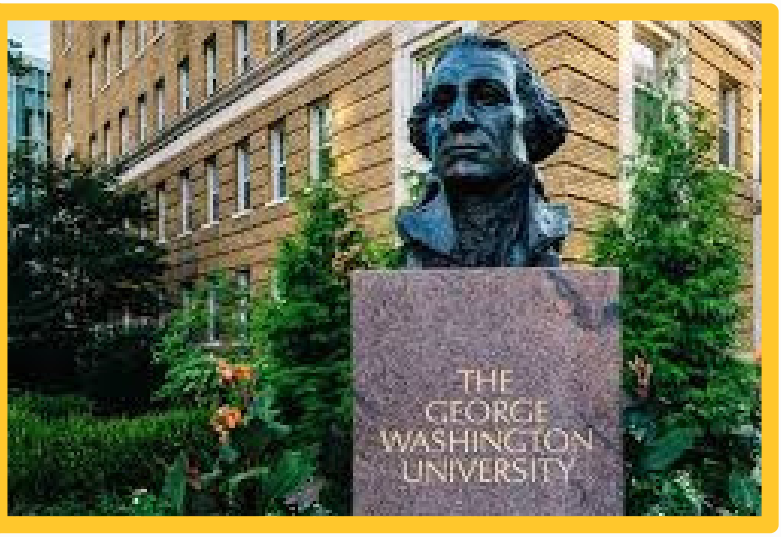
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