

*Exchange with*

# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

## FAST FACTS

- 4 blocks from the White House
- 25,000 total students
- 130+ countries represented by international students
- 1,174 total full time faculty
- 450+ student organizations
- 250,000+ alumni worldwide
- 6 undergraduate schools
- 3,000+ courses offered each semester
- Week-long orientation and semester events organized for exchange students
- Guaranteed on-campus housing

The George Washington University 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, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. In addition to engaging in rigorous academic programs, GW students value the energy and excitement of the university's social and service-oriented communities. Students take full advantage of the fact that the world intersects GW's campus and participate in a wide range of cultural, political, culinary, and social ventures off campus.

## WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

Washington, D.C., the U.S. capital and one of the most livable cities on the East Coast, is a welcoming and dynamic urban center filled with students and young professionals. With residents of every nationality and culture, D.C. truly brings the world together to do the nation's business.

Exchange students quickly discover the many amenities and activities that Washington, D.C., offers to enhance their time at GW, including museums, restaurants, shopping, walking and biking trails, as well as a full array of professional sports teams, festivals, and cultural celebrations.

Just steps from GW's Foggy Bottom Campus, D.C.'s safe and accessible Metro subway system and multiple other transportation options put the entire city at the students' fingertips.

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WASHINGTON, DC



## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

At GW, faculty and students not only study the world but also work to change it. GW provides a rare combination of academic resources in an engaging university setting in the heart of Washington, D.C. Offering a wide selection of learning experiences from lectures and seminars to hands-on labs, partnerships with organizations and museums, a world-class library, and state-of-the-art technology, GW's goal is to prepare students to become citizens of a global society ready to face the challenges of this still new century.

Incoming exchange students can choose from thousands of course offerings within *SIX* different undergraduate schools.

Course descriptions can be found on the GW bulletin (<http://www.gwu.edu/~bulletin/>).

Most courses at The George Washington University are open to exchange students who meet the prerequisite requirements. Graduate-level, law, medicine, and Semester in Washington Program courses are restricted.

## WHAT ARE THE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS?

Students must meet the following requirements to study at The George Washington University on exchange:

- You must be nominated by your home institution.
- You must have the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- You must meet GW's English language proficiency requirements.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Once you have been nominated by your home institution, the GW Office for Study Abroad will create an application for you in the online system.

You will then be expected to submit the following for the application deadline:

GW Exchange Program Application  
Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL iBT or IELTS only)  
Official Transcripts from all Universities Attended  
Financial Certificate  
Proof of Funding  
Passport Scan (must be valid 6 months after end of the program)

### POPULAR AREAS OF STUDY

American Studies  
Business Administration  
Communications  
Engineering  
History  
International Affairs  
Marketing  
Media and Public Affairs  
Political Science

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- TOEFL: 90 minimum  
100 standard
- IELTS: 6.5 minimum  
7.0 standard

Students who meet the university's minimum requirements but have not achieved the standard scores will be required to enroll in an English for Academic Purposes course.



### WHAT IS THE VISA PROCESS?

After you have submitted the documentation above, the Office for Study Abroad's Exchange Team will do a preliminary application scan for completeness. The Exchange Team will then forward your file on to the International Services Office which will process your documentation to create a DS-2019 (a Visa request document). You will be guided through the visa application with help from the ISO and the GW Exchange Team.

### CAN I INTERN ON MY STUDENT VISA?

Students are eligible to participate in Academic Training (an internship that directly relates to your field of study) after one semester as a full-time student at GW. Most students typically intern over the summer, but some who arrive in the fall are eligible in the spring semester.

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Campus housing is the most convenient place for students to reside while studying at GW. Over 7,000 students live on campus and enjoy the proximity to the academic buildings, library, dining hall, basketball stadium, and Office for Study Abroad.

Exchange students are guaranteed housing on campus and are housed in apartment style dorms (including a kitchen) with two or more suitemates. Students typically only share an immediate bedroom and bathroom with one other person. In the past, exchange students have lived in 1959 E Street, City Hall, Ivory Tower, and Amsterdam Hall.

The housing team works hard to try and ensure that exchange students are mixed in with American students and exchange students from countries other than your own.

### WHEN DOES THE SEMESTER START?

Fall Semester: August- December

Spring Semester: January- May

Academic Year: August- May





## IS THERE AN ORIENTATION?

Exchange Orientation (ExO) Week is a mandatory orientation program held the week before classes start and designed especially for exchange students! ExO Week combines social and academic activities to introduce you to Washington, DC and the GW community. Orientation is hosted by the Office for Study Abroad, volunteer orientation leaders (who are returned study abroad students or international students themselves), and staff from various offices across campus. Our program offers students the ability to familiarize themselves with campus & D.C., to meet people, and get prepared to study at one of the top universities in the country.

Orientation activities vary from semester to semester, but past events have included:

- Welcome Barbecue
- Cell Phone Fair
- Ice Skating
- Snow Tubing
- Tours of the Capitol
- Visits to the Air and Space Museum
- Monuments by Moonlight Tour



Here at GW we are committed to ensuring you have the semester (or year) of a lifetime! The Office for Study Abroad's Exchange Team will host at least 3-4 events per semester for exchange students. These events will often involve ExO leaders, returned GW study abroad students, exchange students from other nearby universities, and other guests. Events vary, but may include:

- Tour of Mount Vernon (George Washington's Homestead)
- White House Tour
- Volunteer Day at Capital Area Foodbank
- Nationals Baseball Games
- American Holiday Celebrations
- Host Family Dinners

*We hope to see you on campus soon!*



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