GW GOES BEYOND THE TYPICAL UNIVERSITY experience any student can expect. Our students benefit from our location, with enriched academic, social, and professional experiences for students in every major. We offer an urban campus community that reaches far beyond its host city and connects the GW family throughout the world. The hands-on learning that students obtain at GW is both unmatched and full of promise.

ONLY AT GW can you be deeply connected to the center of Washington, D.C., and be surrounded by people actively engaging in shaping global progress. If you’re looking to make history, your journey starts here.

I chose GW because it is a school of changemakers. You feel it every time you enter a classroom, student org event, or even when getting coffee with a friend. A GW student has a drive like no other, and it can be very contagious. The relationships that I’ve built over the last few years have already become a strong support system for me, and I know that my peers will continue to have my back post-graduation.

—Drew Amstutz, Political Communications, Class of 2022

My four years at GW have taught me one thing, I am the most resilient person I know. Being a first-generation American and first-gen college student at GW, I am SO proud of my success. While at GW I have worked 2 on-campus jobs, and babysat for GW alumni, all while being engaged on campus and taking a full course load. My hard work will pay off, I just know it will.

Throughout my journey I have formed some of the deepest connections not only with friends, but with professors as well. I am most proud of the offer to publish my senior thesis, which is focused on identifying the institutional and personal factors that impact the success of black students on college campuses. This just felt like the icing on the cake!

—Stefanie Peart, Sociology and Political Science, Class of 2020

It’s amazing to me how many amazing ‘Only at GW’ moments I have had even though I’m only a first-year. I still pinch myself when I think of how I saw James Comey interview special agent Josh Campbell and how I sat thirty feet away from Hillary and Chelsea Clinton as part of their book tour. GW’s prime location in D.C. has led to many afternoon picnics on the Mall and countless morning runs past the monuments. I’ve helped tourists with directions and snapped pictures of motorcades right outside of the Elliott School. I can truly say that I’ve found my home here at GW and I’m so excited for the many more experiences to come!

—Jessica Malobisky, International Affairs with a minor in Political Science and Religion, 2023

GW STATS AND FACTS

GW Student Stats

Our students represent different cultures, religions, lifestyles, countries, and political points of view, providing a diverse and engaging student body.

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: NEARLY 11,000

ADMIT RATE 41%

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS 27,000

ADMITTED STUDENT SAT MID-RANGE:* 1300-1440

ADMITTED STUDENT ACT MID-RANGE:* 29-32

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Facts and stats are from fall 2019. Some numbers and offerings may have shifted due to GW’s COVID-19 response.
When I officially decided to come to GW, it was hard for me to imagine what the next four years would look like. I was scared that I wouldn’t get along with my roommates, that my classes would be too challenging, and that overall city life just wasn’t for me. But in the past 2.5 years, I’ve made more memories and had more laughs than I ever thought possible.

My roommates to this day are still my best friends and my professors in the Milken Institute School of Public Health are beyond compare. From my #OnlyatGW experiences of running into Elizabeth Warren after dinner in Chinatown and giving a tour of GW to J.K. Simmons to my countless memories of going to the monuments at 2am with my friends and attending galas across the District, GW has given me more than I had ever imagined.

—Hope Kim, Public Health, Class of 2021
IN D.C., ANY MOMENT CAN BE MONUMENTAL

GW STUDENTS DON’T JUST PARTICIPATE IN D.C. LIFE, THEY STIMULATE IT.

Our location fuels and inspires students’ passions to champion civic causes and learn firsthand how to make an immediate difference. Students also watch performances at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, play cricket on the National Mall, witness presidential inaugurations, and enjoy street festivals all in the backyard of our campus.

ACCESS TO THE WORLD
The immediate access to a wealth of leading experts, agencies, businesses, museums, and institutions makes the academic experience at GW very unique. GW students can take a short walk or Metro ride to get to the National Institutes of Health, NASA Headquarters, CNN, the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Reserve, the U.S. Department of State, and much more.

ARTS AND CULTURE
Thanks to our location in the District, GW students have the chance to see concerts and productions at more than 25 theatres, clubs, and concert halls less than 15 minutes from campus. Plus, between GW’s Corcoran School of the Arts and Design and the many Smithsonian Institutions, our students have unparalleled access to art exhibitions from around the world.

THE HOME TEAM
In addition to GW Athletics, Washington, D.C., is home to professional teams from the MLB, MLS, NBA, NFL, NHL, and WNBA - with most teams playing a short Metro ride away from campus.

#ONLYATGW MOMENTS

There’s the typical GW Capitol Hill intern, where he or she works for a congressional office and completes legislative work, which is an amazing opportunity, but I was able to see Capitol Hill from another perspective, from the view of a journalist and reporter, where I am able to work with the CBS News team.

No one knew how the President Trump impeachment would unfold, so I couldn’t have asked for a better time to have landed this internship on Capitol Hill just because of the historic nature of what I covered. I had no clue I would be able to help contribute to one of the most important stories in American history with CBS. It was really cool to be up there.

—Lauren Peller, Journalism & Mass Communications with a minor in Political Science, Class of 2021

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—Jeremy Marsh, Political Science, Journalism and Mass Communications, Class of 2019

OUR TOP 5 #ONLYATGW MOMENTS

A Macron Moment
The president of France, Emmanuel Macron encouraged GW students to challenge the traditional rules of politics.

Author Talks
Political authors, including James Comey, Sally Kohn (B.A. ’98), Bernie Sanders, and Jake Tapper, often stop at GW for conversations.

Wake-Up Call From the VP
The Veep’s motorcade greets students on their way to class.

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My GW education led me to develop a Google Chrome browser extension called “filterED,” which aids eating disorder patients on their path to recovery by avoiding damaging online content. I was also able to develop a web application called “explainED,” for clinicians that lets users analyze websites for triggering image content, which in turn helps clinicians assess and understand what kind of content their patients engage with. The work I’ve accomplished with the support of GW faculty experts and staff has given me the profound opportunity to showcase my vision for using artificial intelligence (AI) for social good.

Getting involved with undergraduate research during my first year of college is one of the best decisions I’ve made. Now as a proud GW graduate, I am beginning a research fellowship in Saarbrücken, Germany!

— Samsara Counts, Computer Science and Mathematics, 2019

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
GW students are constantly opening new doors to discovery. Their innovative research, conducted in partnership with GW professors and peer mentors, is celebrated during our annual Research Days. Recent topics include food waste in D.C. public schools, cholesterol transport in HIV and Tangier disease, Tunisia’s Islamists, and how personality affects purchasing. Learn more at undergraduate.research.gwu.edu.

INTERNSHIPS
A D.C. internship provides invaluable professional experience - and sometimes a security clearance! GW students intern at the White House and U.S. Department of State (both our neighbors), as well as at the American Red Cross, Boston Scientific, CBS News, Folger Shakespeare Library, Google, National Science Foundation, NIH, NPR, and Siemens Corp. Learn more at gwu.edu/internships.

STUDY ABROAD
As a leader in international education, GW embraces a culture of study abroad. These learning experiences impact how you view the world, helping you to analyze economic, political, and social issues with greater insight. About 40% of GW students study abroad in more than 60 countries. Learn more at studyabroad.gwu.edu.
LEARN FROM LEADERS

As a GW student, you’ll have plenty of chances to hear guest speakers on campus, whether during your classes or at evening events. Recent speakers have included Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Ken Burns, Stephen Colbert, Tim Cook, Laverne Cox, Secretary of Education Betsy Devos, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Ina Garten, Alicia Keys, Christine Lagarde, Emmanuel Macron, Seth Meyers, former President Barack Obama, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), Kerry Washington, and Ziauddin Yousafzai.

GW students come from all over the globe. With more than 130 countries represented, you’ll fine-tune your cross-cultural understanding by living and learning with students from other countries, building a network of friends, and preparing you to succeed in a global setting. Learn more at global.gwu.edu.

FACULTY RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Danmeng Shuai, an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, is using nanotechnology to address the global problem of water sustainability. His research team has created a novel, affordable material called graphitic carbon nitride that can purify water using solar energy. By using energy from sunlight, this material kills harmful germs, including bacteria and viruses. This water treatment process can also help destroy some chemicals that may contaminate groundwater, including agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals.

DANMENG SHUAI!

GW is extending the frontiers of discovery in the nation’s capital by building new state-of-the-art-facilities for university research. Recent projects that enhance the student experience include our Science and Engineering Hall, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, and District House, an 800+ bed residence hall.

ENGLISH LEARN, ENGAGE, DISCOVER

ONLY AT GW will you find such a breadth of majors, minors, academic resources, well-connected faculty, and dynamic classroom experiences.

ENGAGE WITH FACULTY EXPERTS from all over the world. GW welcomes professors with international perspectives, including former U.S. Ambassador Edward “Skip” Gnehm, Jr. (B.A. ’66, M.A. ’68), internationally renowned chef José Andrés, former International Monetary Fund Executive Board member Hossein G. Askari, and Nobel Prize Laureate Ferid Murad.
### OUR COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

#### COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**MAJORS**
- Africana Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Arabic Studies
- Archaeology
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Biological Anthropology
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language and Literature
- Classical Studies
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- English and Creative Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- French Language and Literature
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- German Language and Literature
- History
- Human Services and Social Justice
- Japanese Language and Literature
- Judaic Studies
- Korean Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Neuroscience
- Organizational Sciences
- Peace Studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy (Public Affairs)
- Physics
- Political Science
- Political Science (Public Policy)
- Pre-law option
- Pre-medicine option
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian Language and Literature
- Sociology
- Spanish and Latin American Languages, Literature, and Culture
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

#### CORCORAN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND DESIGN

**MAJORS**
- Art History
- Dance
- Fine Art*
- Graphic Design*
- Interaction Design*
- Interior Architecture
- Music
- Photojournalism*
- Theatre

*A portfolio is required when applying to Bachelor of Fine Arts majors.

#### ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**MAJORS**
- Asian Studies
- Latin American and Hemispheric Studies
- Middle East Studies
- International Affairs

#### MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**MAJORS**
- Exercise Science
- Nutrition Science
- Public Health

#### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**MAJORS**
- Accountancy
- Business
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Pre-law option
- Pre-medicine option
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian Language and Literature
- Sociology
- Spanish and Latin American Languages, Literature, and Culture
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

#### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

**MAJORS**
- Applied Science and Technology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Systems Engineering

#### SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**MAJORS**
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Political Communication

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**GET READY TO APPLY TO GW**

Want to learn more about the admissions process and what’s required to apply? Visit [undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu](http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu).

**APPLYING TO SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS**

Students in any major can apply to join the following special interest programs:
- 7-year B.A./M.D.
- Civic House
- Corcoran Scholars
- Politics & Values
- Mount Vernon Campus Scholars
- University Honors
- Women’s Leadership Program

Learn more at [go.gwu.edu/specialinterest](http://go.gwu.edu/specialinterest).
Living at GW grants you the rare opportunity to encounter a variety of new cultural experiences while learning and interning at world-class institutions. Residence hall life, whether it be on our Foggy Bottom or Mount Vernon campus, is an essential aspect of your college experience as some of the neighbors and roommates you meet will become your lifelong friends.

FOGGY BOTTOM CAMPUS
Our Foggy Bottom campus combines the academic and residential amenities of a top-notch university with the excitement and convenience of living in the heart of the city. From lecture halls to high-tech labs, and small group meeting rooms to open study spaces, you’ll find a wide range of learning environments to fit your needs and aspirations.

You’ll also enjoy the culinary benefits of city life with a variety of dining and grocery partners on and near campus. Explore the world through your tastebuds with restaurant offerings from different ethnic traditions or go on a food excursion to check out restaurants in D.C.’s vibrant neighborhoods.

Walk to a variety of museums, parks, and attractions or hop on the Metro, a bus, or bike share for adventures all over the city. And your city experiences don’t need to be confined to daylight hours, as many students enjoy “midnight monumenting” after the tourists have turned in for the night.

Explore more of our Foggy Bottom campus at go.gwu.edu/foggybottomcampus.

MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS
If you love being close to everything the city has to offer, but also want a more traditional college campus experience, then Mount Vernon campus is the place to be in D.C. “The Vern,” as it’s affectionately known, provides open green spaces and access to athletic facilities including a gym, pool, tennis courts, and soccer/lacrosse and softball fields.

The campus is home to other amenities including Eckles Library, a black-box theater, and classroom and laboratory spaces. It’s also just a 15-minute shuttle ride to our Foggy Bottom campus on the Vern Express.

The tight-knit community atmosphere among the six residence halls also helps residents to forge bonds that last throughout their time at GW and beyond.

Explore our Mount Vernon campus at go.gwu.edu/mountvernoncampus.

Choosing to live on the Mount Vernon campus was the right choice for me. Coming from a small town in New York, I was nervous about rushing into living in the heart of a city, but living on the Vern was a way to balance the bustle of city life with some peace and quiet. For students, like myself, who wanted to live closely with their peers, “The Vern” was the perfect place to make meaningful connections with my fellow freshman!

— Andrew Sugrue, Political Science, Class of 2022
FINDING THE RIGHT HOUSING FIT

At GW, we strive to foster an inclusive residential environment where students have opportunities to grow and develop into leaders, value civility and respect, and thrive as members of the GW community. No matter what you’re looking for, you’ll find it here.

AFFINITY HOUSING

Affinity housing presents the opportunity for registered GW student organizations, athletic groups, and academic organizations to create their own living community around their particular needs and interests. Learn more at living.gwu.edu/affinity-housing.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Our living and learning communities allow students to expand their academic interests and passions with the opportunity to join a community centered around an area of interest. Programs explore topics such as sustainability, global connections, politics and values, and community service. The Mount Vernon Campus Scholars Program provides students with an in-depth and enriching first-year learning experience that merges their social lives with their academic pursuits as they live in a close-knit community on GW’s Mount Vernon campus. Students can expect to combine academically robust conversation, both inside and outside of the classroom, with other engaging and fun activities.

EXPERIENCE DINING LIKE NO OTHER PLACE

GW does not offer your typical college dining plan, because GW is far from a typical college experience. We take full advantage of all that our city has to offer, including D.C.’s vibrant food scene. Our open dining plan gives students access to food and groceries from more than 105 dining partners on our campuses and in our surrounding neighborhoods.

For any given meal, you can explore the city through a variety of restaurants! Whether you’re grabbing an on-the-go lunch between class and your internship, exploring a new cuisine with friends, perfecting a recipe in your residence hall kitchen, or grabbing coffee before a study session at Gelman, you can find an option you want using your Dining Cash.

Potomac Square on the Foggy Bottom campus hosts an array of food trucks that accept GW Dining Cash and include affordable options every day. The Mount Vernon campus is host to Pelham Commons at West Hall, an “all-you-care-to-eat” dining venue, and Higher Grounds Cafe at Ames Hall for grab-and-go food options. In addition, many GW dining partners offer “meal deals” with budget-friendly options for students at every meal.

Learn more at dining.gwu.edu.

AT GW

Whether you’re looking for like-minded students who share the same passion for sports, literature, film, and more or you’re looking for a residential community of academics and leaders, you can find the right living arrangement here at GW!

In your first three years, you’ll live in one of 26 residence halls on our Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses. You can choose your room based on costs, hall amenities, or location and even select roommates. Room styles vary per hall and include multi-person units, singles, studios, suites and apartment-style rooms with kitchens.

Learn more about our residence halls and housing options at living.gwu.edu/residence-halls.

A CLOSER LOOK: COME LIVE YOUR STORY

Excited about GW and can’t wait to visit? Take our virtual tour to learn more about our campuses and the surrounding D.C. area. See how close we are to landmarks like the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Memorial, State Department, Tidal Basin, Washington Monument, and White House.

Explore now at virtualtour.gwu.edu.
HOW I GOT THE JOB

My career path was never clear cut. Coming from Phoenixville, PA, I chose GW to pursue journalism with plans to use the creative skills my mother taught me to educate people. Having the opportunity to do some arts reporting in Washington, D.C., I found a real interest in telling stories about artists and innovators. It was through this experience I realized I wanted to speak on behalf of these people, to share their ideas with the world, and after talking to my professors in the School of Media and Public Affairs, I made a switch to public relations.

Last summer, I was a grant recipient for the Knowledge in Action Career Internship Fund (KACIF) and landed an internship with the Federal Communications Commission as well as a KACIF travel grant last fall with the National Endowment for the Arts. Both these experiences further developed my passion for art and tech innovation, which made the path to working at a public relations agency much clearer.

I found a posting for a public relations internship with Edelman, a global communications firm, and reached out to the poster (a GW alumna) to request an informational interview, which lead to me applying for an internship. It was only two months after landing the internship that I received a full-time offer to be an assistant account executive.

What I’ve learned at GW is that no opportunity is going to come your way unless you pursue it and you don’t come to a place like GW to take your next steps lightly. I wanted to make sure whatever I did next lived up to my amazing education!

—Isabel Pellegrino, Public Relations, Class of 2019

To land that first job or spot in graduate school, you have to study how the world runs before you run the world. It starts in the classroom, with a research project, or through an internship before you graduate. Our students receive invaluable experiences that open doors for full-time employment or advanced professional studies.
GW is looking to enroll a bright, talented, and diverse body of students who have the academic preparation, personal qualities, and motivation to thrive in GW’s dynamic environment. If you come to GW, you won’t just learn and live in D.C. — you’ll become a part of the nation’s capital and make a difference in it every day!

APPLICATION CHECKLIST & DEADLINES

1. Submit Your Common Application to GW
2. Submit Your Writing Supplement via the Common Application (Optional)
3. Request Official Transcripts be sent to GW
4. Send Test Scores to GW (We’re test optional; you’ll indicate whether you intend to submit standardized test scores on your application.)
5. Submit a Letter of Recommendation/Teacher Evaluation
6. Submit a Portfolio (Corcoran only)
7. Submit College-Level Coursework (if any)
8. Check Your Application Status
9. Breathe a sigh of relief that you’ve completed your application and await your decision!

For detailed instructions on how to apply and what to submit, visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu.

TEST-OPTIONAL SINCE 2015

To us, an applicant is much more than a test score. We want to get to know our students. Our test-optional policy makes it possible for us to get the full story, as you are not required to submit standardized test scores, except in certain situations. You can submit yours if you choose and they will be considered with your other materials. You make the choice on your application!

DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO TELL YOUR STORY

My favorite GW moment is actually just being at the Multicultural Student Services Center. Since I was a freshman, I have been coming to this building since I’ve always participated in events here. So, my freshman year, I was actually living on the Mount Vernon campus, and I took naps here in between classes. Since I arrived to GW, I have been part of the Organization of Latino American Students and all of the meetings have taken place here. It’s just like a family vibe that I come here, and I feel welcomed.

—Carolina Fuentes, International Affairs, Class of 2020
INVESTING IN YOUR EDUCATION

As the cost of education continues to rise, many families feel that college is out of reach. We strongly believe that GW is a realistic option for every admitted student and is worth the investment.

$58,550 Tuition for students entering fall 2020

$14,711 Estimated room and board for students entering fall 2020

$172+ million awarded for undergraduate financial aid

SCHOLARSHIPS & AID

PAYING FOR YOUR GW EDUCATION

GW is committed to attracting and retaining academically talented students who want to be at a comprehensive global research university in Washington, D.C.

We aim to make GW affordable for every admitted student through scholarships and aid. Scholarships are awarded at the time of admission, and need-based awards are made shortly after admission decisions are released.

RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

We are committed to attracting academically qualified students who want to attend GW and 94% of applicants with financial need receive financial aid. GW’s Office of Student Financial Assistance reviews financial details for all admitted students. Your financial need will be determined based on the information you supply through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile. Learn more at financialaid.gwu.edu.

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

GW rewards exceptionally qualified students with academic scholarships. Applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships as part of the admissions process and no application is required (unless noted).

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg (SJT) Scholarship

Outstanding graduates of District of Columbia high schools who have been nominated by their school counselors are considered for SJT Scholarships. These awards cover full tuition and fees (beyond the D.C. Tag Program allowance) plus room and board - and it includes a book allowance.

Scottish Rite Scholarship

A limited number of merit scholarships, up to a maximum of half of tuition costs, are awarded annually to full-time undergraduates at GW.

To learn about additional scholarships and eligibility requirements visit go.gwu.edu/scholarships.

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Plan your journey: go.gwu.edu/journey

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