

GW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' WELCOME GUIDE

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Get your **GWID** (log on to go.gwu.edu/myGWid for more information)
- Register for **Classes** (banweb.gwu.edu)
- Get your **U.S. Phone Number**
- Open a **Bank Account**
- Complete your **eCheck-in** on **ISOGateway** (go.gwu.edu/GWISO)
- Update your **Contact Information** (*Address and Phone Number*) on **GWeb**
- Attend the **New International Student Orientation**
- Join the ISO for **Orientation Week Events** to explore D.C. and meet new friends
- Meet the ISCA's at **The HUB** to learn important first year tips to get you settled into GW
- Get connected and join a **Student Organization**
- Don't stress! You are in for a treat!

WELCOME TO GW

SAFETY TIPS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

CALL 911 or GWPD/EmeRG (**202-994-6111**)
D.C. FIRE SERVICES (**202-462-1762**)

Stay Informed

-  GW PAL
-  Campus Advisories
-  GW Alert
-  Alert DC
-  GW Information Line (**202-994-5050**)

Crisis Hotlines

-  GW CHC Suicide Help (**202-994-5300** and press option 2)
-  GW Sexual Assault Response & Consultation Team (**202-994-7222**)

-  Download mobile app for alerts
-  Sign up for SMS alerts
-  Visit website for alerts

Take self-defense classes offered by the GW Police Department for free!

PHONE PLANS AND SERVICES

Phone Services	Price/Month	Plan	International/Additional Services
Verizon   	\$75 - \$95	Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple music free for 6 months • Free calls/texts to Mexico and Canada
Sprint    	\$60 - \$80	Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hulu included • Roaming in Mexico & Canada
T-Mobile    	\$60 - \$70	Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2G data in Mexico & Canada • Free roaming in 210+ countries
AT&T    	\$70 - \$80	Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited talk, text, & data in Mexico & Canada
CT Excel Internet 	\$20 - \$50	Unlimited Talk, Text, and 7GB Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free calls/texts to Asia

Note: Prices may vary based on your specific plan. Please contact individual service providers for more information.

 Family plans available without SSN  Student discount available  Coverage



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WASHINGTON, DC

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FOOD: GLOBAL CUISINE

Asian

Jinya Ramen (\$\$) 🍴
 Rakuya (\$\$) 🍴
 Rasa (\$\$) 🍴
 Spice 6 (\$\$) 🍴
 Thip Khao (\$\$) 🍴
 Tiger Fork (\$\$) 🍴

European

Alta Strada (\$\$) 🍴
 Ambar (\$\$) 🍴
 Bistrot du Coin (\$\$) 🍴
 Duke's Grocery (\$\$) 🍴
 Il Canale (\$\$) 🍴

African

Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart (\$\$) 🍴
 Keren Café and Restaurant (\$) 🍴
 Nando's PERI-PERi (\$\$) 🍴

Middle-Eastern

Amsterdam Falafel Shop (\$) 🍴
 Cava (\$) 🍴
 George's King of Falafel and Cheesesteak (\$) 🍴
 Yafa Grille (\$\$) 🍴

American

Busboys and Poets (\$\$) 🍴
 Founding Farmers (\$\$) 🍴
 Los Hermanos (\$) 🍴
 Mission (\$\$) 🍴
 Unconventional Diner (\$\$) 🍴

FOOD: AFFORDABLE OPTIONS

A. Litteri (\$\$) 🍴
 Bullfrog Bagels (\$) 🍴
 CopyCat Co. (\$\$) 🍴
 KoChix Chicken (\$) 🍴
 Pho 75 (\$) 🍴
 Poppa Box (\$) 🍴
 The Pretzel Bakery (\$) 🍴
 &Pizza (\$) 🍴

All Vegetarian/Vegan

Beefsteak (\$) 🍴
 Evolve Vegan Restaurant (\$\$) 🍴
 Fare Well (\$\$) 🍴
 Fruitive (\$\$) 🍴
 HipCityVeg (\$\$) 🍴
 Shouk (\$\$) 🍴

Meal Delivery Services

DoorDash
 Eat24
 GrubHub
 Postmates
 Uber Eats
 Yelp
 Ritual

Meal Deals on GWID

Log on to go.gwu.edu/mealdeals for more details

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 🍴 GWWorld accepted

BANKING OPTIONS

Bank	Benefits
Bank of America (Core Checking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$12 monthly fee can be waived for college students under age 24. Students are protected by \$0 liability guarantee.
Citibank (Basic Banking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No minimum checking deposit and no overdraft or ATM fees. \$10 - \$30 monthly fee. Monthly fee can be waived if balance is above \$1500.
PNC Bank (Virtual Wallet Student)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No monthly service charge (up to 6 years). One incoming domestic or international wire transfer per statement period at no charge.

CREDIT CARD OPTIONS: Discover Bank, Capital One, Bank of America

Caution! Please contact individual banks for more information.
 For information on **international payment options**, please visit studentaccounts.gwu.edu/international-payments.



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COLLEGE TEXTBOOK RESOURCES

Step 1:

Check your **class syllabus** on GW Blackboard

Step 2:

You can choose to **rent** or **buy** books

Step 3:

Check out these useful resources:

- Gelman Library, Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, Jacob Burns Law Library and Eckles Library (Mount Vernon Campus)
- Amazon Prime Student
- GW Campus Store
- Chegg.com
- Abebooks.com
- GetTextbooks.com

FUN THINGS TO DO IN D.C.

Go visit **10+ Smithsonian Museums and Galleries. Most of them are free!**

- go.gwu.edu/smuseums

Spend the day exploring Georgetown!

- Kayaking, Restaurants, Shopping, Cinema, Cafés, Escape Room, Ice skating, and more

Need a relaxing escape from the city?

- The Great Fall, Rock Creek Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, National Harbor

Take a walk and enjoy the beautiful city view with your friends

- The Wharf D.C., City Center D.C.

Seasonal events in D.C.

- go.gwu.edu/dcfestivals
- go.gwu.edu/dcholidayevents

For more fun things to do in D.C., checkout

- washington.org

SELECT SERVICES

Office	Services	Website
International Services Office (ISO)	Immigration, adjustment, and advocacy support for all international students	internationalservices.gwu.edu
Career Services	Career and professional development support and resources	careerservices.gwu.edu
Multicultural Student Services Center	Hosts international events, cross-cultural communication, and community building for all ethnicities and backgrounds	mssc.gwu.edu
Colonial Health Center	Primary health care services, vaccinations, counseling, and mental health support, student health insurance, self-help library and international Student Support Group	healthcenter.gwu.edu
Disability Support Services	Assistance and support to students with disabilities	disabilitysupport.gwu.edu
Title IX- Haven	Resources related to sexual or gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence and stalking	haven.gwu.edu
Pro Bono Legal Advice	Free law service	law.gwu.edu/pro-bono-program
Student Services Hub	Offices of Student Financial Assistance, Student Accounts and Registrar	colonialcentral.gwu.edu
Tax Department	Resource for tax issues	taxdepartment.gwu.edu
IT Support Center	In-person technology assistance	it.gwu.edu
Academic Commons	One-stop shop for academic services and support across campus	academiccommons.gwu.edu
University Writing Center	Free tutoring and support to help you become a better writer	writingcenter.gwu.edu
Language Center	Facilitates and promotes foreign language studies	languagecenter.columbian.gwu.edu
Lost and Found	ROME HALL 101 between 8:30am-4:30pm on weekdays	safety.gwu.edu/services-we-offer
Campus Recreation	Campus recreation center	campusrecreation.gwu.edu



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HOME ESSENTIALS

Amazon (\$)
Bed, Bath & Beyond (\$\$)
Best Buy (\$\$)
CVS Pharmacy (\$) GW
Ikea (\$)
Target (\$\$)
Walmart Supercenter (\$)

Furniture Rentals

Brook Furniture Rental (\$\$)
CORT Furniture Rental (\$\$)

CLOTHING

Downtown D.C. (City Center)

Gap (\$\$)
Macy's (\$\$)
Nordstrom Rack (\$\$)
Zara (\$\$)

Georgetown

Banana Republic (\$\$\$)
H&M (\$)
Loft (\$\$)
The North Face (\$\$\$)
TJ-Maxx (\$)

Malls

Fashion Centre at Pentagon City (\$\$)
Mall in Columbia (\$\$)
Potomac Mills (\$\$)
Tysons Corner Center (\$\$)

Outlet Malls

Arundel Mills (\$\$)
Clarksburg Premium Outlet (\$\$)
Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets (\$\$)
Tanger Outlets National Harbor (\$\$)

GROCERY

ALDI (\$)
Giant Food (\$\$)
Safeway (\$\$)
Trader Joe's (\$\$)
Whole Foods (\$\$\$) GW
7-Eleven (\$) GW

International Market

Euro Foods International (\$\$)
Good Fortune Supermarket (\$\$)
H Mart (\$\$)
India A1 Grocery (\$)
Lotte Plaza Market (\$)
Patel Brothers (\$\$)

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WHAT DO WE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU?

Orientation Week:

A week of fun activities planned just for you! Get familiar with GW, explore D.C., and make new friends along the way.

The HUB:

Join the ISCA's at The HUB to learn important first year tips to get you settled into GW. Topics include: U.S. Culture, GW Education System, and Community and Support at GW!

Career & Immigration Workshops:

Designed to help you in your job/internship search and work authorization process.

Social and Cultural Events:

Explore diverse cultures and socialize with international students from all over the world.
Hint: there is always FOOD!

Connect with the ISO!

Internationalservices.gwu.edu
 /isoGW
 @gwuiso
 @GW_ISO

To learn more about ISO events and to register, visit go.gwu.edu/gwisoevents.

CONNECT WITH THE ISCA's

The International Student Community Ambassadors (ISCA's) are international students (just like you!) who are committed to helping you make the most of your time here at GW! We serve as peer mentors to newly admitted students and are here to answer any questions you have about GW, living in D.C., and many more. You can ask us anything! We also provide advising (on career and general issues) and host events (professional, cultural, and social) specifically for all international students.

Meet with an ISCA

Want to review your résumé or practice for an interview? Interested in learning about how to get involved at GW? Just need someone to talk to about anything? Schedule an appointment to meet with an ISCA! We are here to help you!

Connect with US!

gwisca@gwu.edu
 /GWUISCA
 @gw_isca
 @GW_ISCA

To schedule an appointment with the ISCA's, visit go.gwu.edu/iscaadvising.



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MAP OF D.C. AND GW



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TRANSPORTATION

Cab Services

Uber
Lyft
Via

Metro and Bus

WMATA
Transit
Moovit
DC Circulator

Other Options

Capital Bikeshare
*Electric Scooter

Car Rental Services

*Zipcar
*Car2go
*Enterprise Car Share

GW Services

Safe Ride (free rides around campus from 8pm - 4am. For more information, visit transportation.gwu.edu/4ride)

Shuttle (to Ashburn and Mount Vernon campuses)

*Driver's license required

For more details about how to get your license, look out for handouts at *The HUB* sessions, hosted by the ISCA's.



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