Welcome to GW! This Welcome Guide will help you familiarize yourself with GW, the Foggy Bottom Campus, and Washington, D.C. area. Raise High!

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
- Check out the The HUB videos (go.gwu.edu/gwisoevents) to learn important first year tips that will help you get settled into GW
- Get connected and join a Student Organization (gwu.campuslabs.com/engage)
- Don’t stress! You are in for a treat!

PHONE PLANS AND SERVICES

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| Verizon          | $75 – $95   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • $10 off/month on Unlimited plans for students  
• Free calls/texts to Mexico and Canada  
• Free Disney+, Discovery+, Apple Arcade, Google Play Pass, and Apple Music for 6 months |
| Mint Mobile      | $15 – $30   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • Prepaid  
• Free unlimited calls to Mexico and Canada |
| T-Mobile         | $60 – $85   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • 2G data in Mexico & Canada  
• Free roaming in 210+ countries |
| AT&T             | $70 – $80   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • Unlimited talk, text, & data in Mexico & Canada |
| CT Excel Internet| $20 – $50   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and 7GB Data | • Free calls/texts to Asia |

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

SAFETY TIPS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
CALL 911 or GWPD/EMeRG (202-994-6111)
D.C. FIRE SERVICES (202-462-1762)

Stay Informed
- go.gwu.edu/covid19
- Campus Advisories (campusadvisories.gwu.edu)
- GW Alert (safety.gwu.edu)
- Alert DC (hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc)
- 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)

- Sign up for SMS alerts
- Visit website for alerts

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

WELCOME TO GW
FOOD: AFFORDABLE OPTIONS

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<td><strong>Bank of America (Core Checking)</strong></td>
<td>• $12 monthly fee can be waived for college students under age 24.</td>
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<td>• Students are protected by $0 liability guarantee.</td>
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<td><strong>Citibank (Basic Banking)</strong></td>
<td>• No minimum checking deposit and no overdraft or ATM fees.</td>
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<td>• $10 - $30 monthly fee.</td>
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<td>• Monthly fee can be waived if balance is above $1500.</td>
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<td><strong>PNC Bank (Virtual Wallet Student)</strong></td>
<td>• No monthly service charge (up to 6 years).</td>
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<td>• One incoming domestic or international wire transfer per statement period at no charge.</td>
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<td><strong>SunTrust (Essential Checking for Students)</strong></td>
<td>• No monthly fee for students for 5 years.</td>
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<td>• Can transfer money using Zelle.</td>
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**Meal Delivery Services**
- DoorDash
- Postmates
- GrubHub
- Uber Eats

**Meal Deals and Discounts**
For more details, visit go.gwu.edu/mealdeals
For a full list of GW Dining Partners who accept GWorld, visit: dining.gwu.edu/where-eat

* Limit eating out at restaurants | Call and check-in with restaurants regarding dining options | Opt for contactless delivery

Less than 2 miles from GW
More than 2 miles from GW
GWorld accepted

For information on international payment options, please visit studentaccounts.gwu.edu/international-payments.
ISCA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS (ISCA) PRESENT:

GW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ WELCOME GUIDE

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.

- Smithsonian Museums and Galleries. Check go.gwu.edu/smuseums for opening dates & plans.
- Spend the day exploring Georgetown! We recommend a 20 minute walk while you admire the scenic waterfront, the beautiful architecture, and the mesmerizing cobbled pathways of Georgetown.
- Need a relaxing escape from the city? Great Falls, Rock Creek Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, National Harbor
- Explore the different memorials in the course of your daily walk or run! Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
- Take a bus tour of the city and stop at different tourist attractions. Check bigbustours.com/en/washington-dc/washington-dc-bus-tours/

SELECT SERVICES

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<td>Immigration, adjustment, and advocacy support for all international students</td>
<td>internationalservices.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Career Services</td>
<td>Career and professional development support and resources</td>
<td>careerservices.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Multicultural Student Services Center</td>
<td>Hosts international events, cross-cultural communication, and community building for all ethnicities and backgrounds</td>
<td>mssc.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Colonial Health Center</td>
<td>Primary health care services, vaccinations, counseling, mental health support, and student health insurance.</td>
<td>healthcenter.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Disability Support Services</td>
<td>Assistance and support to students with disabilities</td>
<td>disabilitysupport.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Title IX - Haven</td>
<td>Resources related to sexual or gender-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence and stalking</td>
<td>haven.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Student Services Hub</td>
<td>Offices of Student Financial Assistance, Student Accounts and Registrar</td>
<td>studentserviceshub.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Tax Department</td>
<td>Resource for tax issues</td>
<td>taxdepartment.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>IT Support Center</td>
<td>In-person technology assistance</td>
<td>it.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Academic Commons</td>
<td>One-stop shop for academic services and support across campus</td>
<td>academiccommons.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>University Writing Center</td>
<td>Free tutoring and support to help you become a better writer</td>
<td>writingcenter.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Language Center</td>
<td>Facilitates and promotes foreign language studies</td>
<td>languagecenter.columbian.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>Lost and Found</td>
<td>2145 G Street, NW</td>
<td>safety.gwu.edu/services-we-offer</td>
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<td>Campus Recreation</td>
<td>Campus recreation center</td>
<td>campusrecreation.gwu.edu</td>
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<td>GW Police Department</td>
<td>Provides residential hall security and patrol services to the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses and oversees security at the VSTC campus</td>
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CLOTHING

**Downtown D.C. (City Center)**

- Gap ($$)
- Macy’s ($$)
- Nordstrom Rack ($$)
- Zara ($$)

**Georgetown**

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

**Outlet Malls**

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

GROCERY

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WHAT DO WE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU?

**The HUB:**

Watch The HUB videos on our website to get important tips that will help you navigate your first-year at GW! Topics include: GW Academic Life, U.S. Culture, 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 ISCAs**

The International Student Community Ambassadors (ISCAs) 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 designed 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 on Handshake! We are here to help you! You can also send in urgent concerns or queries via email and an ISCA will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Connect with US!**

- gwiscas@gwu.edu
- @gw_isca
- @GW_ISCA

To schedule an appointment with the ISCAs, visit go.gwu.edu/iscaadvising.
TRANSPORTATION

Cab Services
- Uber
- Lyft
- Via

Metro and Bus
- WMATA
- Transit
- Moovit
- DC Circulator

Other Options
- Capital Bikeshare ($25 annual membership for students)
- *Electric Scooter (Lime, Bird, Lyft, Spin)

Car Rental Services
- *Zipcar
- *Free2Move
- *U-Haul (trucks for moving)

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

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

All information is accurate as of July 2021, please check individual websites for up-to-date information.