Welcome to GW! While you won’t be here physically this Fall, this Welcome Guide will help you familiarize yourself with the Foggy Bottom Campus and Washington, D.C., area. We look forward to welcoming you to campus soon! 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
- Complete the New International Student Online Orientation
- Check out the The HUB videos 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)
- Wear your Face Mask, Wash your Hands, and Observe Social Distancing
- Don’t stress! You are in for a treat!

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
- 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)

Sign up for SMS alerts
Visit website for alerts

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

PHONE PLANS AND SERVICES

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<th>Phone Services</th>
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| Verizon        | $75 – $95   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • Apple music free for 6 months  
• Free calls/texts to Mexico and Canada |
| Sprint         | $60 – $80   | Unlimited Talk, Text, and Data | • Hulu included  
• Roaming in Mexico & Canada |
| T-Mobile       | $60 – $70   | 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. Family plans available without SSN  Student discount available Coverage

WELCOME TO GW
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FOOD: GLOBAL CUISINE

Asian
- Jinya Ramen ($$)
- Rakuya ($$)
- Rasa ($$)
- Spice 6 ($$)
- Thip Khao ($$)
- Tiger Fork ($$)

African
- Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant & Mart ($$)
- Keren Cafe and Restaurant ($)
- Nando’s PERi-PERi ($$)

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 ($)
- Poppa Box ($)
- The Pretzel Bakery ($)
- &Pizza ($) GW

All Vegetarian/Vegan
- Elife Restaurant ($$)
- Fare Well ($$)
- Fruitive ($$)
- HipCityVeg ($$)
- Shouk ($$)

Meal Delivery Services
- DoorDash
- Eat24
- GrubHub
- Postmates
- Uber Eats
- Yelp
- Ritual

Meal Deals and Discounts
For more details, visit go.gwu.edu/mealdeals

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

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BANKING OPTIONS

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<td>Bank of America (Core Checking)</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>Citibank (Basic Banking)</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>PNC Bank (Virtual Wallet Student)</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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CREDIT CARD OPTIONS: Discover Bank, Capital One, Bank of America

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.

- 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

Stay Healthy
- Avoid crowded areas and times.
- Observe social distancing.
- Do not hang out in large groups.
- Carry hand sanitizer at all times.
- Sneeze/cough into your elbow.
- Wear your face mask.
- Follow self-hygiene and self-protection guidelines

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>
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HOME ESSENTIALS

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

If you wish to shop in-person:
• Avoid shopping at peak hours
• Maintain social distancing
• Wear your mask
• Follow the pre-marked arrows and distancing protocols
• Do not touch items unnecessarily unless you wish to purchase

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Online Shopping Available

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 ($$)
Potomac Mills ($$)
T.J. Maxx Center ($$)

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

GROCERY

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

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

Time is of the essence
Plan your trip to the grocery store:
• Limit your exposure by making a shopping list to speed the shopping process
• Visit the store website and make a note of the items you wish to purchase and their location at the store

Online Shopping
Instacart

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 Education System, 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 ISO!
International services.gwu.edu
ISOGW
@gwiso
@GW_ISO
To learn more about ISO events and to register, visit go.gwu.edu/gwisoevents.

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 for all international students.

Meet with an ISCA virtually
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
To schedule an appointment with the ISCAs, visit go.gwu.edu/iscaadvising.
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MAP OF D.C. AND GW

Visit virtualtour.gwu.edu to experience our interactive campus map.
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/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 2020, please check individual websites for up-to-date information.