

RESOURCE GUIDE

FOR NEW STUDENTS



Corcoran School
of the Arts & Design

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



This guide was developed by Corcoran Ambassador students to ease the transition for incoming students as they navigate life within Corcoran and at GW. We know coming to college is a big change that comes with many uncertainties.

We have included a broad range of topics, in alphabetical order, to make sure you know all the ABC's not only of being here as a student but of being a part of the greater Washington, D.C., area.

Welcome to the next few years of your life! We hope this guide can steer you to all the resources that are available as you get accustomed to this new stage in your life.

Welcome again, and most importantly, RAISE HIGH!

Corcoran Ambassadors

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES

The information here will help you locate any academic resources you may need from different offices around campus.

GW Bulletin

Use the GW Bulletin to find detailed information about academic policies as well as requirements for degrees, minors and GPAC (general education).

Gelman Library

Gelman is located at the corner of 22nd and H Streets, with the entrance through Kogan Plaza. The building serves as a campus hub for academic support and resources, including the Academic Commons, the GW Writing Center, the Instructional Technology Lab, the CREATE Digital Studio, the Special Collections Research Center, and other resources common to a top-tier academic research library.

Interlibrary Connections

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a service available to current GW students registered for credit and for current faculty members and staff. You can request material not available at any of the GW libraries or Washington Research Libraries Consortium (WRLC) libraries.

GW Writing Center

The GW Writing Center offers free, peer-based support to students and faculty from across the university. Clients participate in one-on-one sessions with student consultants on their projects at all stages of the writing process.

Academic Commons

- **Academic Software and Technology**
- **Fellowships**
- **Language Support**
- **Peer Tutoring and Review Sessions**
- **Research**
- **Schedules and Courses**
- **Skills for Virtual Learning**
- **Study Skills**
- **Syllabus Bank**
- **Textbooks**
- **Workshops and Academic Events**
- **Writing and Research Help**







ADVISING

Corcoran Undergraduate Advisors

Each degree program has a faculty advisor who will help you navigate the curriculum, make recommendations on program-specific electives, and work with you to plan your course load each semester. Be sure to check the link hub and your program's website for the most up to date information on your current advisor.

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Advising

In addition to faculty advisors within the program area, all Corcoran students are assigned CCAS POD advisors who will help with GPAC (general education) requirements and are a great resource for planning a double major or minor within CCAS programs. It is important to meet with both your faculty and POD advisors.

Pod 1 - For last names A-G

E-mail: POD1@gwu.edu

Pod 2 - For last names H-N

E-mail: POD2@gwu.edu

Pod 3 - For last names O-Z

E-mail: POD3@gwu.edu



Advising for GW Schools Outside CCAS

If you are pursuing a double major or a minor within another GW school, you will need to meet with program advisors from those schools as well to ensure you are meeting all the requirements.

- **GW School of Business**
- **School of Engineering and Applied Science**
- **Elliott School of International Affairs**
- **School of Media and Public Affairs**
- **School of Medicine and Health Sciences**
- **School of Nursing**
- **College of Professional Studies**
- **GW School of Public Health**

Additional Advising Resources

- **Academic Advising**
- **Advising for Athletes/Athletics**
- **University Honors Program**
- **Pass/No Pass FAQ**





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CAMPUS ADVISORIES

Maintained by Health & Emergency Management Safety, Campus Advisories is the university's primary website used for communicating incident-related and non-incident-related information to the GW community. We also provide real-time information on current GW alerts, weather and Metro status.



CAREER SERVICES

GW offers career services support for students through the Center for Career Services. Contact the Center for Career Services for personal career coaching, self-assessment, resume and portfolio building, and more.

Main E-mail: gwcareercenter@gwu.edu

Student Employment E-mail: gwse@gwu.edu

- **Career Coaching**
- **Center for Career Services**

Student Employment Opportunities

Many of our students secure part-time positions on campus while studying at GW. Employment opportunities on campus are posted through **Handshake**. Be sure to check each semester for the latest available positions. In addition, **Corcoran posts external job and internship opportunities** that may be of interest to Corcoran students.





THE CORCORAN

Our history dates back to 1869, when William Wilson Corcoran founded the Corcoran Gallery of Art with works from his own collection and formed one of the first major publicly accessible art collections in the nation's capital. The gallery was originally housed in a building, now known as the Renwick, on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street NW. It was a draw for D.C. residents, visitors and aspiring artists. By the 1870s, semi-formal lessons were being offered by artists in the gallery.

In 1897, the Corcoran Gallery moved into the historic Flagg Building, where many of our classes are taught today. One year later, in 1898, Corcoran founded an official art school associated with the gallery. Since integrating into the George Washington University in 2014, the Corcoran School has undergone a multi-dimensional transformation while still maintaining our founder's vision of a place "dedicated to the art and used solely for the purpose of encouraging the *American Genius*."

The Corcoran School of the Arts & Design prepares its graduates to be the next generation of global leaders. As part of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, the school functions as an incubator for artists, designers, performers and scholars who learn from internationally renowned faculty at the intersection of creativity and social innovation. We are a community of civically engaged artists and practitioners aiming to impact the world through social change. Instead of teaching art in a singular way, we pride ourselves on the diversity of our practice and view ourselves as a place of possibility for students. Our students are poised not just to join the creative field of their choice, but also to define it for themselves as they become well versed in practice, research and collaboration.



CORCORAN-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Our website contains a lot of information about Corcoran performing and visual arts spaces, design studios, classrooms and more. Visit these pages to learn more about the spaces you will use to create your work, find external arts and design internships and jobs, and support your peers by attending performances/exhibitions throughout the year!

- **Corcoran Spaces**
- **Appointments for Open Studio Space**
- **Calendar of Exhibitions & Performances**
- **Past Event Recordings**



Program Contacts & Office Locations

Art History

Location: Smith Hall of Art, Room 101

E-mail: cahist@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-6085

Interior Architecture

Location: Flagg Building, Room 120

E-mail: ciarc@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-242-6706

Studio Arts

Location: Flagg Building, Room B132

E-mail: csarts@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-0312

Design

Location: Flagg Building, Room 120

E-mail: cdes@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-0242

Music

Location: Phillips Building, Room B144

E-mail: cmus@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-0100

Theatre & Dance

Location: Building XX, 3rd Floor

E-mail: ctad@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-8072

Corcoran Administrative Offices

Location: Flagg Building, Room 120



DINING AT GW

Here's all the information you need about dining at GW. Even though we do not have a traditional dining hall, there are plenty of yummy options! Use the "CampusCard" search engine to see 105+ dining partners, including kosher, vegan, halal, gluten-free, breakfast and more!

GW Dining Apps

Use these apps to make your dining experience even easier!

- **GET App** to check your balance (iOS)
- **SAGE App** for Vern Dining (iOS)
- **The Budgeting App**



The Store

The Store is a student-run food pantry at the George Washington University that is managed by The Store student organization and the Division for Student Affairs. The Store provides resources and support for students living with food insecurity. Over the past couple of years, the awareness of this need has increased on college campuses as students make hard choices about how to spend their limited resources. The Store was founded on the principles of faith, trust and respect, and these values guide our work every day. Our mission is to address student need at GW by offering food and other resources to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

The CSA program connects students with local farmers and producers to purchase CSA farm shares of fresh, local produce and other food items using GWorld.

E-mail: gwgardenmanager@gmail.com

DISABILITY SERVICES

These websites have detailed information about the disability support services offered by GW for students. Learn about policies and procedures, classroom services, digital accessibility and accessibility on campus.

- **Accessibility**
- **Disability Support Services (DSS)**
- **Register with DSS**
- **DSS Registration Portal**



DISCOUNTS FOR STUDENTS

Many businesses offer discounts for current students. Be sure to verify specifics with each business, as they are subject to change.

- **Amazon**
- **Apple**
- **Spotify**
- **UNiDAYS**
- **Capital Bikeshare University Membership Program**
- **The Phillips Collection**
- **The Kennedy Center**



EMERGENCIES

Keep the GW Police Department (GWPD) number and e-mail handy in case of an emergency!

GWPD and EMERG Phone: 202-994-6111

Non-emergencies E-mail: gwpd@gwu.edu

GW Guardian App

This app offers an additional layer of security to the university's emergency mass notification services. Free to the GW community, this personal safety app gives users on and off campus access to various resources all in one place.





FINANCIAL AID

Here is a list of financial aid support you may need:

- **Financial Aid Office**
- **FAFSA**
- **Financial Aid Document List**
- **Submission Guidelines**



DID YOU KNOW?

Many local businesses offer discounts to GW students. Here are some stores that Corcoran students use for art supplies:

Blick

Plaza Art

Pro Photo DC

GWORLD CARD

The **GWorld Card** is the official ID card at GW. Your card serves as your university identification, holds your meal plan and colonial cash accounts, and allows you to access facilities on campus.

Phone: 202-994-1795

E-mail: gworld@gwu.edu



HEALTH SERVICES

The Colonial Health Center (CHC) at GW is a multidisciplinary, integrated, student health care service that provides confidential, student-centered care in an accessible, safe, culturally sensitive and supportive environment.

- **Colonial Health Center**
- **Medical and Psychiatric Services**
- **Counseling and Psychological Services**



HOUSING

Residence Halls

- **First-Year Halls**
- **Arts and Design LLC**
- **Upperclassmen Halls**
- **Specialized/Community Housing**
- **Greek Housing**

Moving In

- **What to Bring**
- **Items Prohibited on Campus List**

Locked Out?

Lockout Resources

Download the **Mobile ID App**, which is very helpful in this scenario.

You've Got Mail!

- **Mail and Package Services**
- **Mailing Address Help**
- **Shipping and Storage**

Laundry

Laundry Tracker

Something Broken?

FIXIT Requests





REGISTRAR

Find resources below from the Registrar's Office to help you plan your coursework and complete your degree at GW.

- [Schedule of Classes](#)
- [Registration Dates](#)
- [Final Exam Schedule](#)
- [Coursicle](#)

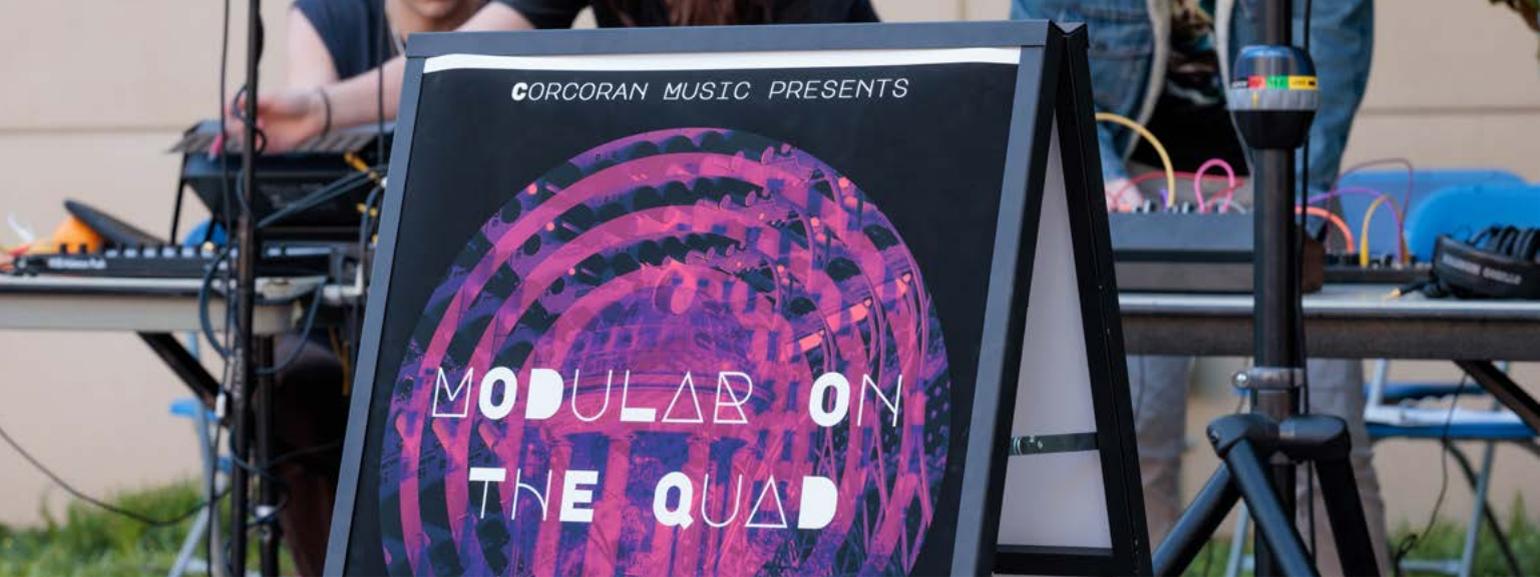
DegreeMap

This website is here to help you plan your classes for each semester and track your progress in order to help you graduate on time.

DegreeMap is accessible through GWeb.

1. Sign in
2. Click Student Records and Registration Menu
3. Click Student Records Information Menu
4. Scroll down to see that DegreeMap is the second to last item on the list
5. Click on DegreeMap, then Launch DegreeMap





STUDENT LIFE

There are many opportunities for you to stay involved on and off campus!

- **Engage**
- **General Student Life Info**
- **Student Life Events Calendar**
- **Greek Life**
- **Student Organizations**
- **Student Arts Organizations**
- **Student Association**
- **GW Trails**
- **District Connections** has free events around D.C. for first-year students!



STUDY ABROAD

GW offers many study abroad opportunities for GW students. Learn more about the various programs using the resources below!

E-mail: studyabr@gwu.edu

Phone: 202-994-1649

- **Study Abroad Office**
- **Program Types**
- **Global Bachelor's Program**
- **Focus on Fall Abroad Community**

Study Abroad Advising

Academic advising is an important part of making study abroad possible. You should work closely with your faculty and POD advisor to plan your coursework and the timing of your semester abroad.





SUSTAINABILITY

Learn about sustainability efforts at GW and how you can get involved!

- [Sustainability Homepage](#)
- [Sustainability Student Groups](#)

Trash, Recycling and Composting at GW

GW has adopted a zero waste approach—reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills while increasing recycling, reuse and composting. Although GW faces many significant challenges as an open campus situated in an urban environment, it is working diligently to accomplish the aims laid out in the [GW Roadmap to Zero Waste](#), which was published in fall 2016. In 2021, GW announced its commitment to eliminating single-use plastics from its campuses.



GroW Garden

The GroW Community Garden is a block-length plot of land (located on H Street between 23rd and 24th Streets). It is supported by the George Washington University and maintained by two student managers (employed by the university) as well as a strong volunteer base. All of the produce is grown to support the work of Miriam's Kitchen, a nonprofit organization that aims to end chronic homelessness in Washington, D.C. Miriam's incorporates fresh, local produce into the meals they serve to their guests Monday through Friday, every week of the year. GroW produce goes right into the kitchens of folks who are housed through Miriam's Permanent Supportive Housing program, which transitions around 135 individuals experiencing homelessness into housing while continuing to provide supportive services.

The GroW Community offers students and community members a space to engage with sustainable agricultural practices, consider issues of food access and food sovereignty in Washington, D.C., and cultivate community around food.

The GroW Community also facilitates a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that connects students with local farmers and producers to purchase CSA farm shares of fresh, local produce and other food items using GWorld.

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TRANSPORTATION IN D.C. AND GW

Learn your way around the city with a variety of transportation options! GW's Foggy Bottom campus is conveniently located by the Foggy Bottom

Local Transportation

- [D.C. Metrorail](#)
- [Circulator Bus](#)
- [MetroBus](#)
- [Capital Bikeshare](#)
- [Scooters](#)
- [Water Taxi](#)
- Ridesharing: Uber, Lyft, etc.

GW Shuttles: Vern Express (VEX)

GW Shuttles provide free service between the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon Campuses. Riders may be asked to prove their affiliation with the university by either showing their GWorld to the shuttle driver or on-site supervisor or confirming their affiliation with the university.

- [VEX Map](#)
- [VEX Info](#)

If you are headed to the **Corcoran Flagg Building** from outside Foggy Bottom, the **Farragut West Metro Station** is a short walk



Campus SafeRide and GW Rider App

SafeRide provides a free and safe ride to and from Foggy Bottom Campus residence halls and academic buildings during late night hours for students, faculty and staff who prefer to not walk alone. This SafeRide service operates seven days a week during the academic year (except on designated university holidays) from 8 p.m until 4 a.m.

Access this service in three ways:

1. Download the GW Rider App, which is available in the Apple or Google Play stores. Log into the app using GW's Single Sign-On (SSO) and request a ride similar to how you request an Uber or Lyft.
2. Log in to the **website** using GW's SSO and request a ride.
3. Call 202-994-RIDE (7433) between 8 p.m and 4 a.m.





WHAT TO DO AND WHERE

There are so many different and exciting things to do in Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas. Here are a few ideas!

Concert and Performance Venues

- **Anthem**
- **Arena Stage**
- **Capital One Arena**
- **Ford's Theater**
- **Kennedy Center**
 - The REACH**
 - Millennium Stage**
 - Free performances!
- **Landmark's E Street Cinema**
 - \$10 tickets with student ID!
- **Merriweather Post Pavilion**
- **Shakespeare Theater**
- **Washington Ballet**
- **9:30 Club**

Professional Sports

- **Capitals** –Hockey
- **DC United** –Soccer
- **Washington Nationals** –Baseball
- **Washington Commanders** –Football





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