

Information for Students

<b>A. University</b>	<b>The George Washington University</b> (sometimes referred to as GW)  <a href="https://www.gwu.edu/">https://www.gwu.edu/</a>  <a href="https://studyabroad.gwu.edu/inbound-exchange-programs">https://studyabroad.gwu.edu/inbound-exchange-programs</a>
<b>B. Location</b>	Washington, DC, USA
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</p>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1 (Fall):</b> August to December  <b>Semester 2 (Spring):</b> January to May</p> <p><a href="http://www.gwu.edu/academic-calendar">http://www.gwu.edu/academic-calendar</a></p> <p>Please note, GW hosts a compulsory Exchange Orientation Week which is typically held the week before classes start and designed especially for exchange students!</p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	One semester
<b>iv) Examination</b>	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	<a href="https://financialaid.gwu.edu/policy-enrollment-status">https://financialaid.gwu.edu/policy-enrollment-status</a>
<b>vi) Entry Requirements</b>	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA), with no grade below C
<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	English
<b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b>	At GW, faculty and students not only study the world but also work to change it. GW provides a rare combination of academic resources in an engaging university setting in the heart of Washington, D.C. Offering a wide selection of learning experiences from lectures and seminars to hands-on labs, partnerships with organizations and museums, a world-class library, and state-of-the-art technology, GW's goal is to prepare students to

	<p>become citizens of a global society ready to face the challenges of this still new century.</p> <p>Incoming exchange students can choose course offerings from the following five undergraduate schools, making GW a suitable SEP destination for <b>FASS</b>, <b>FoS</b>, <b>FoE</b> and <b>SoC</b> students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Columbian College of Arts and Sciences:</b> The <a href="#">Columbian College of Arts and Sciences</a> (CCAS), the original foundation of the George Washington University, incorporates a number of academic interests: humanities and foreign language, social sciences, math and sciences, arts, and pre-professional studies.</li> <li>• <b>Milken Institute School of Public Health:</b> The <a href="#">Milken Institute School of Public Health</a> is the only public health school in the nation's capital, and one of only 49 accredited schools in the United States.</li> <li>• <b>School of Media and Public Affairs:</b> The <a href="#">School of Media and Public Affairs</a> (SMPA), a division of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, takes a dynamic, interdisciplinary approach combining elements of strategic communication, journalism, and political communication with contemporary issues in domestic and international politics.</li> <li>• <b>Elliott School of International Affairs:</b> The <a href="#">Elliott School of International Affairs</a> (ESIA) is one of only nine American professional schools that focus on international affairs education at the undergraduate level. The school offers students a comprehensive and innovative education that provides the knowledge and skills required to succeed in an increasingly interdependent world.</li> <li>• <b>School of Engineering and Applied Science:</b> As one of the oldest engineering schools in the country, the <a href="#">School of Engineering and Applied Science</a> (SEAS) continues its long tradition of cutting edge scientific endeavor and exploration. Given the multitude of resources available, SEAS is at the forefront in educating future engineers with an international and public sector focus.</li> </ul> <p>Students are encouraged to consult the <a href="#">GW Bulletin</a> and <a href="#">Schedule of Classes</a> when preparing for their course registration.</p>
<b>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</b>	<p>Most courses at GW are open to exchange students who meet the prerequisite requirements. Law, nursing, medicine, interior design, architecture and Semester in Washington Program (denoted as PGMT) courses are restricted. In addition, exchange students may not enrol in graduate level courses (labelled 4999 and above).</p>
<b>D. Application</b>	
<b>i) Procedures</b>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university. The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in</p>

	<p>the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p> <p>Once you have been nominated by NUS, the GW Office for Study Abroad will create an application for you in the online system.</p> <p>You will then be expected to submit the following support documents for the application by the deadline advised by GW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW Exchange Program Application</li> <li>• Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL iBT or IELTS only)*</li> <li>• Official Transcripts from all Universities Attended</li> <li>• Financial Certificate</li> <li>• Proof of Funding</li> <li>• Passport Scan (must be valid 6 months after end of the program)</li> </ul> <p>* NUS students are exempt from submitting TOEFL or IELTS score reports</p>
<p><b>ii) Deadlines</b></p>	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p><b>E. Accommodation</b></p>	
<p><b>i) University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Campus housing is the most convenient place for students to reside while studying at GW. Over 7,000 students live on campus and enjoy the proximity to the academic buildings, library, dining hall, basketball stadium, and Office for Study Abroad. Exchange students are guaranteed housing on campus and are housed in apartment style dorms (including a kitchen) with two or more suitemates. Students typically only share an immediate bedroom and bathroom with one other person. In the past, exchange students have lived in 1959 E Street, City Hall, Ivory Tower, and Amsterdam Hall.</p> <p>The housing team works hard to try and ensure that exchange students are mixed in with American students and exchange students from countries other than your own.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the following link:  <a href="https://living.gwu.edu/">https://living.gwu.edu/</a></p>
<p><b>F. Visa</b></p>	
<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p>After you have submitted the documentation mentioned in the application section above, the GW Office for Study Abroad’s Exchange Team will do a preliminary application scan for completeness. The Exchange Team will</p>

	<p>then forward your file on to the International Services Office which will process your documentation to create a DS-2019 (a Visa request document). You will be guided through the visa application with help from the ISO and the GW Exchange Team.</p> <p>As part of the exchange application process, students will be asked to submit a Financial Certificate Form as well as proof of funds in order to receive a DS-2019. Please note that applications from prospective students requiring a DS-2019 from GW are not considered complete without these materials.</p> <p>Please note that a DS-2019 can only be issued once sufficient funding is documented for you and any accompanying dependents, whether that funding comes from you, a third party, GW, or a combination of these. Funds must be certified in U.S. currency and, if your documents are in a language other than English, an original, certified English translation must be provided. Financial documents should be as current as possible and may not be more than 12 months old at the time your GW studies will begin. Unless you are offered a University assistantship at the time of admission, you should not plan to work in the U.S. to support your studies.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the following link:  <a href="https://internationalservices.gwu.edu/">https://internationalservices.gwu.edu/</a></p>
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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

<p><b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b></p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link:  <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a></p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</p> <p>In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.</p> <p><b><i>George Washington University offers health insurance for students. Students are required to purchase health insurance in order to comply with their U.S. visa (J-1 Visa). GW will automatically enroll exchange students into the health insurance prior to arrival. They have the option of purchasing their own insurance and will be required to opt out of GW's plan by a given deadline. Specifics regarding the health insurance requirement are provided in the exchange student's online application with GW.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Beyond this, students are required to submit immunization documentation to the Student Health Services website upon acceptance.</i></b></p>
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	<a href="https://healthcenter.gwu.edu/insurance">https://healthcenter.gwu.edu/insurance</a>
<b>ii) Emergency Number at host university</b>	<a href="https://safety.gwu.edu/">https://safety.gwu.edu/</a>
<b>H. Cost of Living</b>	
<b>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</b>	(Tuition is waived for exchange students)  GW's <a href="#">Cost of Attendance</a> is published annually by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Please refer to the GWU links for the most up-to-date information.