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Campus Life

Living at GW grants you the rare opportunity to encounter a variety of new cultural experiences while learning and interning at world-class institutions. Residence hall life is an essential aspect of your college experience, and some of your lifelong friends will first be your neighbors and roommates.

During your time at GW, you'll likely find fellow students who share your interests. Whether it's leadership, politics, arts and culture, athletics or service that moves you, GW students engage in more than 450 clubs and student organizations on campus. Pursuing your passions and sharing your diversity plays an integral role in building our community.

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“Getting involved at GW is a really great way to make a medium-sized university feel like a smaller community. I absolutely strive for more because of the fact that I’m surrounded by others that are willing to dive headfirst and commit to challenging things. Whether it’s joining a couple organizations or holding a leadership position, having a community that gets involved and stays involved is really motivating.”

ANDREW KENNEY

Majors: Business Economics and Public Policy

An Incredible Education Always Within Reach



Foggy Bottom Campus

GW's Foggy Bottom Campus sits just blocks from the White House, U.S. State Department, the National Mall and world-class research centers, providing students with one-of-a-kind learning and internship experiences. You won't have to walk far to find unparalleled educational opportunities: Dozens of the finest research and liberal arts learning facilities in the region can be found around every corner at GW. On campus, you'll study and live with peers from all over the world while learning from renowned faculty in our classrooms.

[Explore Foggy Bottom](#)



Mount Vernon Campus

If you're looking for open-air lawns and lush green spaces within D.C.'s metropolitan setting, you'll find it at our Mount Vernon Campus, affectionately known as "The Vern," which sits three miles northwest of Foggy Bottom. The Vern's 25-acre campus is composed of athletic facilities and residence halls and is never more than a short ride from Foggy Bottom on our Vern Express shuttle.

[Explore the Vern](#)



Virginia Campuses and Online Education

Our Virginia Science and Technology Campus (VSTC) houses facilities dedicated to nationally recognized STEM-H programs related to health sciences, big data and analytics, high-performance computing and more. Graduate education centers in Alexandria and Arlington provide educational opportunities to local working professionals, while a growing number of online programs make it possible for students around the world to attain a GW education.

[Explore VSTC](#)[Explore Distance Learning](#)

Living at GW

In your first two years, you'll live in one of 26 residence halls on the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses. You can choose your room based on costs, hall amenities, location and even select roommates through GW's housing application process. Room styles vary per hall and include multi-person units, singles, studios, suites and some apartment-style rooms with kitchens.

Through our [affinity housing](#) you can live in groups of like-minded students who share the same passion for sports, literature, film and more. Our [living-learning communities](#) — such as the Women's Leadership Program and the Politics and Values Community — integrate critical thinking into residential life.

All new buildings and major renovation projects at GW are constructed to meet current accessibility standards, and all shuttles serving GW routes are designed to meet ADA accessibility guidelines and requirements for safe and secure transportation.

GW Housing

Affinity Housing

Dining at GW

The city of D.C. is a big part of life at GW, including where and how our students eat. Our open dining plan provides flexibility and personalization, offering you the opportunity to use yours at more than 80 dining and grocery partners on or near the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses, and around the city. Grab a salad with some friends between classes at the [Eatery at Pelham Commons](#) or power up before a big exam with a coffee from one of the many on-campus coffee shops. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options are widely available for your dietary preferences. For any given meal, you could explore the city through a variety of restaurants, enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat at an on-campus dining hall, or savor a quiet evening at home by cooking up some food you bought at the grocery store. GW is also home to a student-run [food pantry](#).

No matter your dietary preferences or your busy schedule, your dining plan provides you with unique, healthy and convenient options to meet your needs and tastes.

GW Dining

Campus Safety

Student safety is a top priority at GW, and our [Division of Safety and Security](#) provides a secure campus environment at each of our locations with the partnership of all areas of our university. We also partner with local law enforcement and the community to keep our students safe. With more than 100 sworn officers, the [GW Police Department](#) protects the community by providing 24-hour patrol services to the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses and overseeing security at GW's Virginia Science and Technology Campus.

You can download [GW Guardian](#), a free personal safety app, that connects you directly with emergency services and enables users both on and off campus to receive emergency notifications. When you're looking for a safe ride around Foggy Bottom, schedule a [GW Safe Ride](#), a late-night service that transports you to and from buildings on campus. You can schedule your ride up to two hours in advance and can track the van's progress as it arrives to pick you up.

Emergency updates are available for students and their families on our [Campus Advisories](#) website.

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