

International Student Guide II:

University Services



**The George Washington University
Graduate School of Education and Human Development
Office of Student Life**

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<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/students>

Visa and Immigration

Knowing your visa and immigration regulations is extremely important to maintain your legal status in the U.S and complete your degree successfully.

International Services Office (ISO)

All international students are required to visit the International Services Office upon arrival to the U.S for Check-in.

Welcome Center

After arriving in the U.S., one of the first things you will need to do is visit the Welcome Center at the International Services Office (ISO). No appointment is needed. Please be sure to check-in as soon as possible (within 1-2 days) upon entering the United States.

• **Mandatory Check-in**

Please bring the following documents with you when you check in at the Welcome Center:

- * Your valid passport with visa.
- * Your I-94:
 - retrieve your I-94 after your arrival from the link here <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>
 - Make two copies and bring one to the Welcome Center for check-in.
- * F-1 Students - GW I-20 Form.
- * J-1 Students / Scholars - GW DS-2019 Form.
- * The address and phone number of where you are staying.
- * Transfer Students: Please bring all previous I-20s and immigration documents, as you may be asked for them during the check-in process.

• **Updating Your Address**

Updating your address in the GWeb system is extremely important to maintain your legal status. You are required by law to maintain a valid current address and a valid permanent address in GWeb at all times.

Get a direction of how to update your address here: <https://internationalservices.gwu.edu/updating-your-address>

Meet your advisor at the ISO!

Katerina Salas is the international student's advisor for GSEHD students.

She can help you regarding visa & immigration, employment and academic support

To make an appointment with her, please email her at ksalas@gwmail.gwu or visit the ISO during Walk-in Advising Hours (**Monday through Thursday: 1:30 to 3:30 PM**).

Location: ISO & Welcome Center

Marvin Center

800 21st St NW, Suite 505

Washington, DC 20052

Office Hours; Mon to Friday: from 9am to 5pm

Phone: 202-994-4477 | Fax: 202-994-4488

iso@gwu.edu

URL: <https://internationalservices.gwu.edu/>



ISO Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/isoGW?ref=br_tf

Health Services

International Students must have a health insurance to pay for any health care needs. Various health care services are available to GW students.

Student Health Service (SHS) URL: <http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/>

Student Health Service (SHS) provides various services to GW students. When you feel sick, you can make an appointment or walk-in to Student Health Service during regular business hours. You can explore more health services at GW from this link: <http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/services>

- Make an appointment
<http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/appointments>

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

To Schedule an appointment [online](#), or by calling
202-994-6827 press option # 1

Address

Student Health Service
Marvin Center Ground Floor
Washington, DC 20037
Fax: 202-973-1572

*GW Student Health Service is closed when the University is closed.

Health Insurance

GW offers a comprehensive health insurance plan through Aetna Student Health. All international students are automatically enrolled in the student health insurance and it should appear on your bill unless you waive it. You can access more details about insurance through the links below. Waiver form and information are also available online.

- Student Health Insurance
<http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance>
- Athena student health (George Washington University)
<https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/students/student-connection.aspx?GroupID=474952>

Immunization

All incoming students under the age 26 are required to submit a Mandatory Health Form to Student Health Service

- Immunization
<http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/immunizations>
- Download Mandatory Health Form
<https://studenthealth.gwu.edu/sites/studenthealth.gwu.edu/files/downloads/shs-mandatory-health-form.pdf>

University Counseling Center (UCC) <http://counselingcenter.gwu.edu/>

The George Washington University Counseling Center provides clinical services and consultation to support students' mental health and personal development. UCC offers individual and group consultation and more services for all GW students.

- Graduate Students
Are you looking for support adjusting to losses within your support system or help balancing the rigors of graduate-level work with other life responsibilities?
- International Students
Are you looking for support adjusting to the new culture, getting advice on how to make friends, and dealing with the separation from family and friends?

*Source: UCC website <http://counselingcenter.gwu.edu/clinical-services>

To speak to a counselor, please do not hesitate to call at **(202) 994-5300** or visit during the walk in hours.

University Counseling Center

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Walk In Hours:

Monday through Friday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

LGBTQ Students: Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Students of Color: Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address

Marvin Center Ground Floor

Washington, DC 20052

Phone: (202) 994-5300 (24/7 Hotline)

Fax: (202) 994-5267

counsel@gwu.edu

To Make An Appointment:

CALL: (202) 994-5300

After Hours Emergencies:

CALL : (202) 994-5300 (Option #3 connects you with the Counselor-on-Call

24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year)

Lerner Health and Wellness Center

URL: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/gwellness>

Lerner Health and Wellness Center has two gymnasias. The Office of Campus Recreation offers numerous fitness, wellness programs and sports clubs. You automatically have membership as a GW student.

Hours of Operation

Changes every semester

Please check at their web-site

Address

2301 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20052

Academic Support

GW offers various academic support services for international students to succeed in your academic life!

Writing and Language services

- **EAP Writing Center**

The EAP Writing support program offers free one-on-one tutoring for international students. The tutors can help you work on brainstorming, citation, drafting, evidence, grammar, organization and flow, outlining, paragraphing, revision, thesis, and tone.

To make an appointment: http://gwulceapwriting.checkappointments.com/#GWTigerScreen_1

Address

Language Center

801 22nd Street, NW, Phillips Hall 210B

Washington, DC 20052

Phone: (202) 994-6333

language@gwu.edu

URL:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~language/eap/eapwspresoures.htm>

- **Mt Vernon Foreign language Café**

Free foreign language conversation hours on the Mt. Vernon Campus are led by GW faculty. The languages covered include Arabic, ASL, EFL, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.

URL: <http://programs.columbian.gwu.edu/languagecenter/resources/vern>

- **Foreign Language Tutoring**

GW foreign language tutors provide free tutoring in the majority of the foreign languages taught at the university (September through May) on a walk-in basis. These services are only offered during the academic year (Aug-May).

The weekly schedule: <http://programs.columbian.gwu.edu/languagecenter/resources/schedule>

URL: <http://programs.columbian.gwu.edu/languagecenter/resources/schedule>

- **Language exchange**

This service offers GW students an opportunity to connect with the GW community for language practice and cultural discovery

URL: <https://programs.columbian.gwu.edu/languagecenter/resources/exchange>

Gelman Library

Gelman Librarians assist you in finding references through numerous databases, consortium loans, and interlibrary loans. You can also online chat with librarians.

URL: <http://library.gwu.edu/>

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269459356531829/#!/gelmanlibrary>

- **Contact with librarians**

<http://library.gwu.edu/help/reference/ask-a-librarian>

- **Librarians for the GSEHD students**

GW has librarians specifically dedicated to GSEHD students. They have created research guides where you can access databases, statistics, website and more for your research and projects.

Deborah Gaspar

Email: dgaspar@email.gwu.edu

Phone: (202)994-1333

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/profile.php?uid=2533>

Dorinne Banks

Email: dbanks@gwu.edu

Phone: (202)994-2250

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/profile/ban>

- **Research Guide for Education**

Education

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/education?hs=a>

Counseling

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/counseling?hs=a>

Education Administration

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/edadmin?hs=a>

Human& Organization Learning

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/HOL?hs=a>

International Education

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/content.php?pid=8447>

Special Education

<http://libguides.gwu.edu/sped>

- **The Global Resources Center (GRC)**

The GRC offers English and foreign language articles, journals, newspapers, magazines, statistics, and government documents. The GRC collection includes five specialized collections, the China Documentation Center (CDC); Japan Resource Center (JRC); Taiwan Resource Center (TRC); Resource Center for Russia, Eurasia, Eastern and Central Europe (REECE); and Middle East and North Africa Resource Center (MENA). Take advantage of your language skills and get more resources offered by the GRC!

Gelman Library, Suite #708

Global Resources Center

2130 H St., NW

Washington, DC 20052

Phone: (202) 994-7105

Fax: (202) 994-7845

Email Address: grc@gwu.edu

URL: <http://library.gwu.edu/collections/GRC>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/269459356531829/#!/grcgwu>

Professional Development and Career Services

The **GSEHD Office of Career Services** provides career support and useful resources for the GSEHD students!

- [GSEHD Career Management Plan](#) (PDF)
- [Find Your Counselor](#)
- [Career Services Pledge](#) (PDF)
- [Join our LinkedIn Group](#)
- [Utilize Virtual Career Resources](#) (Improve your résumé, develop your professional brand, join professional networks, and more)
- [Post-Graduation Employment Statistics](#) (PDF)



Resources

- Find your consultants
<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services/about-us>
- Learn about career options
<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services/resources#learn-about-career-options>
- Search for a job or internship opportunities
<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services/resources#research-employers>
- Improve your resume and cover letter
<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services/resources#improve-resumes>
- Prepare for an interview
<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services/resources#prepare-for-an-interview>

US Immigration regulation states that nonimmigrants, like people who have F-1 and J-1 visas, are permitted to engage in employment only in situations which are authorized for their visa type. The F-1 and J-1 visa are work-restrictive. In order to maintain valid F-1 and J-1 status, a student must not work in the United States, unless the employment is specifically authorized under the regulations.

For F-1 students, On-campus employment, Curricular Practical Training (CPT), and Optional Practical Training (OPT) are available employment opportunities.

More information is available at the International Service Office (ISO) website:

F-1 student: <http://internationalservices.gwu.edu/employment-f-1>

J-1 student: <http://internationalservices.gwu.edu/employment-j-1>

***Please see your international student advisor, Katerina Salas about any employment.**

Office of Career Services

2136 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20052

Phone: 202-994-5860

E-mail: gsehdcareer@gwu.edu

<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/career-services>

GW International Alumni networks

The GW international alumni network comprises more than 8,400 graduates living in 150 countries!
You can find GW alumni network in your home countries from here

Asia

- GW Alumni in China (mainland) <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/299>
- GW Alumni in Hong Kong <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/300>
- GW Alumni in India <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/301>
- GW Alumni in Japan <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/302>
- GW Alumni in the Republic of Korea <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/303>
- GW Alumni in Singapore <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/304>
- GW Alumni in Taiwan <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/305>

Europe

- GW Alumni in France <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/371>
- GW Alumni in Germany <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/306>
- GW Alumni in Greece <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/307>
- GW Alumni in Italy <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/308>
- GW Alumni in the United Kingdom <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/309>


The Americas


- GW Alumni in Argentina <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/310>
- GW Alumni in Brazil <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/311>
- GW Alumni in Canada <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/312>
- GW Alumni in Mexico <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/314>
- GW Alumni in Peru <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/313>

Middle East

- GW Alumni in Egypt <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/315>
- GW Alumni in Lebanon <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/316>
- GW Alumni in Saudi Arabia <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/318>
- GW Alumni in UAE <http://alumni.gwu.edu/node/317>

URL: <http://alumni.gwu.edu/international>

 **GW Asia Alumni Network**
https://www.facebook.com/isoGW?ref=br_tf#!/GWAlumniAsia

 **GW International video**
http://www.youtube.com/v/qgdNNakFC1o&hl=en_US&fs=1&

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