Welcome to GW!

We are pleased that you are visiting our Foggy Bottom Campus. Located in the heart of northwest Washington, DC, this residential campus offers GW students myriad academic programs and student life opportunities. The Foggy Bottom Campus has 23 residence halls, six of which are highlighted on this tour.

Surrounding the campus are numerous shops, restaurants, and businesses as well as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, White House, Kennedy Center, and State Department. In addition, three embassies are located just a few blocks from campus.

This tour will take approximately one hour and highlights a few of the buildings and student opportunities available at GW. Please feel free to stop and talk with students to get a first-hand impression of the campus. If you have any additional questions during normal business hours, please call or stop by the Admissions Visitor Center (202-994-6602).

In addition to visiting the Foggy Bottom Campus, we recommend that you visit our Mount Vernon Campus. Information on our Mount Vernon Campus walking tour is available at the Visitor Center and on our web site.

Academic Center

The tour begins at the Admissions Visitor Center located in the Academic Center (near the corner of 22nd and H Streets). Consisting of three buildings, the Academic Center is home to the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, GW’s largest undergraduate school, which offers more than half of the University’s undergraduate programs. In addition to a number of classrooms, this complex includes the University Computer Center, a state-of-the-art language laboratory, practice facilities for instrumental and vocal music, and the Smith Hall of Art.

Gelman Library

From the Visitor Center, proceed towards H Street. Across H Street is Gelman Library, the University’s main library with a collection of over 2 million volumes. Gelman Library is a member of the Washington Research Library Consortium, which gives GW students access to over 12 million volumes available through universities in the area. Gelman is also home to the University Writing Center which offers one-on-one sessions to assist students with course writing assignments, research papers, theses, and personal statements. (Visitor access to Gelman is restricted to those on Admissions guided tours.)

Turn left and begin walking down H Street. Next to Gelman is Kogan Plaza, our mid-campus quad. Home to events ranging from the GW Farmer’s Market to pep rallies to student organization barbecues, Kogan is a center of student activity.
CLOYD HECK MARVIN CENTER

As you approach 21st Street, the Marvin Center, our student union, is located on your left. Enter the building by taking the stairs up to the first floor where J Street, the University’s largest dining facility, is located. Students can find an array of both all-you-care-to-eat and à la carte food options ranging from sandwiches and salads to pasta and fruit smoothies. All of the University’s dining facilities operate on Colonial Cash; a dollar based point system, which is also accepted by nearly 100 establishments on or near campus.

The Marvin Center also houses the GW Bookstore, WRGW (our student operated radio station), Ticketmaster, a 24-hour computer lab, and the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre. In addition, the GW Student Association and the Student Activities Center are located here as well as offices for many of our 350+ student organizations, which range from community service to performing arts and from politically inclined to religious in nature. On the fifth floor is the Hippodrome, which has a bowling alley, billiards, a plush lounge, big screen televisions, and the WOW Café and Wingery.

SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Proceed through J Street, turn right into the Great Hall and exit on the 21st Street side of the Marvin Center. Immediately across the street from the Marvin Center are the 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue Shops and Restaurants, which include multiple food venues, including a five-star seafood restaurant, a newsstand, and retail shops. Colonial Cash is accepted at most restaurants and outlets in this building.

The brick building to the right of 2000 Penn is our School of Media and Public Affairs, which provides state-of-the-art classroom and broadcasting facilities. GW is able to host numerous National Press events on campus, exemplifying the benefit of our location and the role that the University plays in domestic and international affairs.

LISNER AUDITORIUM

Turn right as you leave the Marvin Center and proceed down 21st Street to H Street. Cross H Street. At the corner of H and 21st Streets is our Hippo. Read the plaque. The Hippo is GW’s unofficial mascot and tradition holds that rubbing its nose brings good luck. Behind the Hippo is Lisner Auditorium, one of DC’s largest performing arts centers and the site of White House summits as well as musical and theatrical performances. The Lisner Downstage provides a smaller performance venue for many of our student led theater groups.
THE UNIVERSITY YARD

Cross 21st Street and proceed on H Street towards 20th Street. As you approach the middle of the block, enter the University Yard, on your right, using the brick sidewalk. Known as “the Quad” by GW students, the University Yard is the site of many outdoor celebrations and events including Fall Fest, a huge concert sponsored by our Program Board, as well as Welcome Week, an annual celebration to welcome students to campus.

On the right side of the Quad is the Science Complex which includes Corcoran and Bell Halls, home to the chemistry, physics, and geological sciences departments. On the left side is the nationally acclaimed GW Law School.

Continue on the red brick sidewalk and exit at the far left of the Quad through the Law School Arch. Across the street is one of 11 International Monetary Fund and World Bank buildings, which surround the Foggy Bottom Campus.

MABEL NELSON THURSTON HALL

As you exit through the arch, turn right and proceed down 20th Street to F Street. Make a left at F Street and proceed towards 19th Street. At the end of the block on the right is Thurston Hall, GW’s largest residence hall. Like most freshman residence halls, residents here are provided with refrigerators, microwaves, Ethernet connections, cable, housekeeping services, and private bathrooms.

(Unfortunately, access to University residence halls is restricted and unescorted visitors are unable to view housing accommodations. We encourage you to join a guided tour to enter the residence halls.)

At 19th Street, make a right and proceed towards E Street. On your right is Mitchell Hall, which offers single rooms. The building also includes a large community lounge and an outdoor rooftop deck.

1957 E STREET

When you reach E Street, turn right. You have now reached the southeast corner of the campus. To your right is 1957 E Street, home to the Elliott School of International Affairs, one of only nine undergraduate international affairs schools in the country. Daily activities include lectures and visits from dignitaries from both domestic and international communities.

Proceed down E Street. On your right is 1959 E Street, a residential option offering upperclassmen apartment-style rooms. Students can apply for “View from the Top,” (named for its views of the city), an upperclassmen living and learning, international affairs based community.
Continue on E Street and turn right at 20th Street. Proceed to F Street. On your right is Old Main, the home of the Career Center. The Career Center makes thousands of job and internship postings available to students, and provides career counseling, interview training, and résumé critiquing services.

**POTOMAC HOUSE**

Stop at the corner of F and 20th Streets. Down F Street to your left is Potomac House, one of our newest residence halls. This hall has doubles in suite configuration and has all of the amenities offered in a typical GW residence hall.

**G STREET**

Continue up 20th Street and turn left at G Street. Proceed towards 21st Street. On this block, to your left, are several GW townhouses where upperclassmen have the opportunity to live together and create their own living and learning community around a common interest or theme.

At the end of the block, at 21st Street, on your right is Woodhull House, home of the GW Police Department (GWPD). GWPD patrols both campuses via foot, bike, and car 24 hours a day. The numerous blue lights throughout campus directly dial GWPD in case of emergency. In addition, a campus escort service called 4-RIDE runs from dusk until dawn.

On your left is Tonic at Quigley’s Pharmacy, one of the newest eateries on GW’s campus. Tonic offers multiple meal options including specialty pizzas and burgers.

Cross 21st Street. To your left is Hattie M. Strong Hall. Strong Hall is the only all female residence hall on Foggy Bottom Campus and houses several GW sororities.

Continue on G Street towards 22nd Street. On the left are various departmental buildings as well as The GW Hatchet, which is an independent student-run newspaper. The Hatchet is published twice a week and is the most widely circulated publication at GW. On the right is the Multicultural Student Services Center and the Office of Community Service. Both offices provide events, activities, and resources for all students.

**CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER**

Continue down G Street and stop at 22nd Street. Across the street to your left is the Charles E. Smith Center, our varsity athletic complex. GW, a founding member of the Atlantic 10 conference, has 22 NCAA Division I teams and numerous intramural and club sports. In addition to athletics, the Smith Center hosts several special events throughout the year. Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart, John Mayer, Ben Folds, Jason Mraz, Robin Williams, Lewis Black, and Billy Crystal have recently performed here.
Across 22nd Street, on G Street, is Funger Hall, one of the premier classroom buildings on campus and home to the departmental offices for the School of Business. Two lecture halls are located on the first floor with many smaller classrooms located on the upper levels.

Connected to Funger Hall, on 22nd Street, is Duquès Hall which includes an impressive Capital Markets room (featuring 60-inch plasma screens, stock tickers, and 32 triple-monitor student trading stations), classrooms with built-in audiovisual technology, a state-of-the-art behavior lab with an observation classroom for marketing students, team rooms, and several computer labs. Together with Funger Hall, Duquès Hall is the home to our nationally ranked School of Business.

Across 23rd Street to the left is Ivory Tower, a residence hall for upperclassmen. This residence hall also features dining facilities in the lower levels, including Potbelly Sandwich Works, Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Pita Pit, and Gallery Place with sandwiches and a salad bar, as well as a convenience store.

Across 23rd Street to the right is the Health and Wellness Center. Students enjoy six floors of athletic amenities, a three-lane lap pool, free weight room, 100-station cardio exercise area, squash, racquetball, and basketball courts, and a three-lane jogging track. Also included in the Health and Wellness Center is the Office of Campus Recreation, which organizes athletic leagues and offers fitness classes.
TOMPKINS HALL

Turn right and proceed down 23rd Street towards H Street. On the right is Tompkins Hall, home to our School of Engineering and Applied Science, which includes classrooms as well as laboratories for the School. Majors in this school include Civil, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, and Biomedical Engineering in addition to Computer and Applied Science.

At the corner of 23rd and H Streets you will see the GW Hillel Center on your left. Hillel at The George Washington University is one of the most active Jewish campus communities in the country. The Newman Catholic Student Center and the Muslim Student Association, among many other religious organizations, are also located on campus.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Stop at the corner of 23rd and H Streets. Diagonally across the intersection is our School of Medicine and Health Sciences. As you look further down the street, you can see The George Washington University Hospital. This $98 million facility opened in the summer of 2002 and is one of the newest hospitals in Washington, DC. Our School of Medicine and Health Sciences works very closely with our hospital to give students hands-on medical experience.

Between the School of Medicine and the Hospital is the GWU/Foggy Bottom Metro Station. Having a metro stop right on our campus keeps GW students well connected to other parts of our nation’s capital.

MOUNT VERNON SHUTTLE STOP

Turn right on H Street. On the left is The Vern Express, which provides easy and convenient transportation between our two campuses. The Vern Express runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We encourage you to visit our Mount Vernon Campus and welcome you to use the shuttle.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

To return to the Visitor Center, continue down H Street. The Visitor Center is located on your left across from Gelman Library.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit. For further information about GW, please visit www.gwu.edu.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS:

- **Monday through Friday:**
  - 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Saturdays:** (when classes are in session)
  - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

*Excluding holidays