

Georgetown University Info Guide

Overview

Georgetown University was founded in 1789 and is a 104-acre private liberal arts university in Washington D.C. Georgetown University has a large college size, with 7,459 total undergraduates and a 1:11 teacher to student ratio. Georgetown is a very prestigious and selective school, with only a 15% acceptance rate. There are a total of 54 undergraduate and graduate buildings on campus, and 9 different schools. The undergraduate programs are offered from 4 of the schools, *Georgetown College, Robert E. McDonough School of Business, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and the School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

Georgetown is famously known as a “Work Hard, Play Hard” type of school. A Work Hard, Play Hard school is one where the majority of the students have a mindset of working hard, and getting a good education, but also having fun, and going to parties or clubs. College is meant to be fun, and a good experience and Georgetown does a great job of doing that, while still offering amazing academics.

However, despite everything that makes it so amazing, Georgetown is still a private university and has a much higher cost than most public universities. Although all tuitions differ, **if you receive no financial aid**, you can expect to pay approximately \$53,520 for tuition, \$1,753 for other fees, \$10,772 for room & board, \$1,434 for textbooks, and \$182 for transportation expenses, totaling up to about **\$70,021 per year**. Please keep in mind that this is just a rough estimate, as there are many different living spaces, transportation methods, textbooks, and financial aid, as we will get into later on in this college guide.

Georgetown University is a very diverse school for such a prestigious university. About 52% of undergraduates at Georgetown University identify closest as White, or Caucasian, while 10.3% identify as Latinx, 9.9% as Asian, 6.8% as Black, or African American, and the other 21% ethnicity is marked as unknown. Georgetown is made up of about 56% females and 44% males, so it is pretty evenly matched.

Academics

- 1:11 Teacher to student ratio
- Overall a small school
- Average class size = 20 students
 - 17% of classes have 2-9 students
 - 44% of classes have 10-19 students
 - 15% of classes have 20-29 students
 - 10% of classes have 30-39 students
 - 7% of classes have 40-49 students
 - 5% of classes have 50-99 students
 - 2% of classes have over 100 students
- 7,459 students
- 4,170 women
- 3,289 men
- 11,745 grad students
- Extremely difficult classes; be prepared for lots of studying and homework
- 22,764 applications, only 14% were admitted
- 100% of demonstrated financial need met
- 96% of first-year students returned - very high retention rate, means that almost all freshman enjoyed it enough to want to come back the next year
- 89.4% of students graduate within four years; some may graduate early due to summer classes or dual enrollment, some may graduate later, but almost all of them graduate within the initial time frame
- Georgetown awards 100 prestigious scholarships and fellowships each year to undergrads and recent alumni
- 91% of graduates of Georgetown University are now working or pursuing a higher degree of education
- Liberal arts university
- Academic Resource Center will provide students with individualized support that they need to be able to succeed at Georgetown

Opportunities

- The **Cawley Career Education Center** is a center for Georgetown students that connects them with jobs, internships, research opportunities, and everything you need to begin building your resume.
- The **Capitol Applied Learning Lab (CALL)** is an initiative for Georgetown Students that offers downtown learning and credit bearing internships.
- There are so many different ways to earn a bachelor's degree at Georgetown University. The most common way is just to major in one field of interest, however if you have more than one interest, there are other things you can do:
 - Major with one minor
 - Double major
 - Double major with a minor
 - Major with 2 minors
- The **Georgetown Venture Lab** “is dedicated to supporting alumni entrepreneurs through startup programming, access to valued business resources, and connections to the greater Georgetown community” (Venture Lab website).
 - Georgetown graduates that decide to start a business will have access to resources and aid for their startup.
- The **Beeck Center for Social Impact**
 - The Beeck Center is a center that begins training students to become social change leaders, and giving them the opportunity to work with the lawmakers and decision-makers who drive the politics of the nation. It is a great opportunity for anyone looking to go into politics, social injustice, or anyone who just wants to learn more about innovation.

Majors

- Science majors: Biochemistry; Biological physics; Biology; Biology of global health; Chemistry; Environmental Biology; Human Science; Physics; Science, Technology & Internal affairs
- Health Majors: Global Health; Healthcare Management & Policy; Neurobiology; Nursing; Psychology; Sociology
- Language Majors: Arabic; Chinese; English; French; German; Italian; Japanese; Korean; Portuguese; Russian; Spanish & Portuguese Studies
- History Majors: African American Studies; American Studies; Art History; Classics; Global Medieval Studies; History; International History
- Political Majors: Culture and Politics; International Political Economy; International Political Economy and Business; International Politics; Justice and Peace Studies; Political Economy; Government
- Business Majors: Business and Global Affairs; Economics; Finance; Global Business; International Business Regional Studies; International Economics; Management, Leadership & Innovation; Marketing; Operations and Information Management
- Other Majors: American Musical Culture; Anthropology; Art; Comparative Literature; Computer Science; Interdisciplinary Studies; Linguistics; Mathematics; Philosophy; Regional and Comparative Studies; Theater and Performance Studies; Theology and Religious Studies; Women and Gender Studies

Statistics

SAT:

- 76% of students accepted into Georgetown submitted their SAT score
- The average SAT score is 1438
- The normal SAT range for Georgetown to accept a student is from 1210 - 1600, and the mid-range* is 1370 - 1530.
- Reading mid-range = 690-760
- Math mid-range = 690-790

ACT:

- 47% of students accepted into Georgetown submitted their ACT score
- The average ACT score is 33
- The normal ACT score range for Georgetown to accept a student is from 27-36
- The mid-range of ACT scores is **31-35**

GPA

- Georgetown does not publish GPA scores for its undergraduates

That being said, Georgetown is very competitive, so you still want to have gotten mostly/all A's in hard classes. This means taking AP, IB, or honors classes to show that you can follow along with college-level material.

*Mid-range means that the majority of the students accepted had their score in that range. There are students that had a higher or lower score and were still accepted, but they are considered outliers.

Attached is the Georgetown Student Profile 2020, with everything you need to know about the competition for admission.

Application

Application Deadlines:

- Early Action: November 1st
 - Results: December 15th
- Regular Decision: January 10th
 - Results: April 1st
- CSS profile + FAFSA: February 1
- Reply deadline: May 1st
- **Application Fee = \$75**

Essays:

Here is a list of **some** of the past essay prompts to get you thinking about what you could write about:

- Indicate any special talents or skills you have
- Talk about the significance to you of the activity in which you are most involved
- The admissions committee would like to know more about you in your own words. Submit a brief essay, either personal or creative.

What you need to submit to apply:

- 1) Application
- 2) Application supplement
- 3) School report + transcript
- 4) Teacher recommendation
- 5) Application Fee
- 6) SAT or ACT results

Georgetown did go test-optional for the class of 2025 (did not require students to take the ACT or SAT) so it is possible in the future the last one will not be necessary.

On-Campus Housing

First Year:*

- Darnall Hall* - 6 co-ed floors with 28 double rooms per floor
 - 2 communal bathrooms per floor
 - Furnished community room (tv, kitchen, couch)
 - Mailboxes, vending machine + print station in the lobby
 - Wi-fi coverage in all rooms
- Harbin Hall* - 9 floors with 3 clusters per floor
 - Cluster = group of 8 double rooms
 - 1 bathroom and shower room per cluster
 - 8 R.A.s
 - Laundry + mailbox in basement
- New South* - 4 co-ed floors, 44-50 rooms per floor
 - 2 community bathrooms per floor
 - Co-ed by wing
 - Furnished community room + laundry room per floor
 - No cable TV service
- Village C West* - 16 co-ed floors, 30 rooms per floor
 - Private bathrooms
 - Community room and kitchen per floor
 - Home to the Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community

Upperclassmen:

- Alumni Square - 4 buildings with 4 person apartments
 - Have kitchens, living rooms, 2 bedrooms + 1 bath
 - Kitchens + living rooms completely furnished
 - Grassy courtyard outside with hammocks + picnic benches
- Arrupe Hall - 8 co-ed floors, 12 rooms per floor
 - Suite style with private bathrooms
 - Each floor has communal kitchen + living room
 - Has a large laundry room and large study room
- Copley Hall - 4 co-ed floors, 5th-floor all-female, suite-style

- Private bathrooms
- Has its own temp control for each room
- Each floor has a communal kitchen, living room, and study room
- Henle Village - 4 or 5 person apartments
 - Has kitchen, bathroom, living room, and 2 or 3 bedrooms
 - .Wifi coverage
 - 2 outdoor grills
- Ida Ryan and Isaac Hawkins Hall - 5 co-ed floors with apartments
 - For 2, 4, 6, 8, or 9 people, sometimes lofted or semi-suites.
 - Hardwood floors + temp control
 - 148 students apart of Spirit of Georgetown Residential Academy
- Kennedy Hall - 3 building complex, 7 floors, single, double, or triple rooms
 - 4 bathrooms, 2 study rooms, and common room per floor
 - Faculty-in-residence and Jesuit-in-residence
 - Has the Kennedy multipurpose room
- LXR - 6 floors with double/triple rooms
 - Has an outdoor courtyard
 - Has 2 music rooms, study rooms, and a multipurpose room
- McCarthy Hall - 7 co-ed floors
 - 2 study rooms, 4 baths, and 1 common room per floor
 - Laundry, mail, vending machines, printing, volleyball court, grill, and Hoya Snaxa are in the southwest quad.
- Nevils - 4, 5, or 6 person apartment buildings with 1-2 bathrooms
 - Living rooms with sofas + armchairs
 - Kitchens with full-size fridges + double sinks
 - Laundry facilities
- Reynolds Hall - 5 co-ed floors with single, double, or triple rooms
 - 2 study rooms per floor
 - 4 bathrooms
 - Common area with TV, kitchen, and furniture
 - Music practice room + library on the first floor

- Townhouses* - House 4-5 students, and have 2 or 3 levels
 - Many contain outdoor patios/porches
 - Fully furnished, carpeted, and equipped with dishwashers, washers, and dryers
- Village A* - 4 person apartments
 - Have furnished living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms, and closets.
 - Rooftop apartments have gorgeous views
 - Cable available for a monthly fee
- Village C East* - 10 floors with varying layout
 - Double rooms with private baths
 - Furnished community room and kitchen
 - Home to the Crossroads Community

The average annual cost of housing at Georgetown is \$10,772.

On-campus housing is required and guaranteed for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. When you become a senior, you can either apply for the fourth year on campus or you can live off-campus.

* = attached videos giving dorm tours

Student Life

- Very competitive; everyone is trying to rack up extracurriculars for their resume
 - Still friendly, nobody trying to tear each other down
- Professors are very approachable and care about their students
- Very big government and business vibe, not many people are purely STEM
- Greek life is not big, only 5 social fraternities and 2 sororities, but barely anyone knows about them
- Clubs are very big on campus
- Most of the parties are on the weekends, very few during the week
- Very supportive campus community
- Lots of international students + students with different backgrounds
- Extremely driven students and faculty
- Most students make their friends through clubs or organizations; definitely would be helpful to get involved with at least something.

- Social life is very centralized on campus for the first few years, most parties are in dorms or apartments.

Colleges

There are 4 undergraduate colleges, Georgetown College, Robert E. McDonough School of Business, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Georgetown College:

- Requirements for graduation:
 - 1 writing course
 - 1 humanities course
 - 2 history courses
 - 2 theology/religious studies courses
 - 2 philosophy courses
 - 2 math/science courses
 - 2 social science courses
 - Foreign language at the intermediate level
 - 1 Engaging diversity course
- More than 3500 students; universities largest undergrad school
- Over 100,000 degree combinations
- Lots of undergrad research opportunities

School of Business

- 113 full-time faculty
- Has many different centers & initiatives for students looking to get more involved:
 - Center for business and public policy
 - Center for financial markets & policy
 - Georgetown Entrepreneurship Initiative
 - Georgetown Institute for Consumer Research
 - Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics

- Georgetown Women's Leadership Institute
- Global Business Initiative
- Business for impact
- Steers Center for Global Real Estate
- Ranked #12 for business schools in the U.S.

School of Foreign Service

- Core Curriculum
 - Includes courses in internal affairs, government, economy, history, theology, geography, and philosophy
- Must declare a major before spring break of sophomore year
- The lowest GPA of the top 5% of the graduating class will be used to determine what GPA you need to graduate *summa cum laude*, while the lowest of the top 15% is for graduating *magna cum laude*, and 25% for *cum laude*.
- Home to the Cawley Career Education Center, which was previously mentioned

School of Nursing and Health Studies

- Hosts the Undergraduate Research Conference
- Has 4 Bachelors programs; Global Health, Healthcare Management & Policy, Human Science, and Nursing

Surrounding Area

Washington D.C. is a huge city, with so many different opportunities, restaurants, shopping areas, and history.

- Situated on the Potomac River
- Just a few minutes away from downtown D.C.
- Washington D.C. is such an important city, so you will always feel like a part of something
- Unparalleled opportunities to work, serve, volunteer, intern, and learn.
- Annual Festivals
- Museums everywhere to learn about history, art, and so much more
- Free Georgetown shuttle around the city

- Access to 3 nearby airports
- The campus is a very short but scenic walk away from the metro

Dining

Finding the food you are craving in Georgetown is extremely easy. For on-campus dining, there are 3 main options;

- Leo O'Donovan Hall
 - Main dining hall
 - Has 6 different restaurant concepts
 - All you can eat buffet style
- The CORP
 - 8 different companies
 - Coffee Shop
 - Largest student-run nonprofit in the world
- The Farmers Market
 - Every Wednesday
 - Fall + spring
 - Fresh food
 - Nearly 30 local vendors
- Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks on campus

But besides that, there are 2,233 restaurants in Washington D.C., and 15 coffee shops within ten blocks of Georgetown University. So no matter what type of food you want, you will be able to find it somewhere

Athletics

Georgetown is a Division 1 school, meaning that the athletics at Georgetown are very selective and competitive. Here is a list of all athletics offered, as well as their division:

- Baseball - NCAA Division 1
- Basketball - NCAA Division 1; intramural
- Crew - NCAA Division 1; intercollegiate
- Cross Country - NCAA Division 1; intramural
- Field Hockey - NCAA Division 1
- Football - NCAA Division 1-AA + intramural
- Golf - NCAA Division 1 + intramural
- Ice Hockey - Club
- Lacrosse - NCAA Division 1
- Racquetball - Club
- Sailing - intercollegiate
- Soccer - NCAA Division 1 + intramural
- Softball - NCAA Division 1 + intramural
- Squash - intramural
- Swim/Dive - NCAA Division 1
- Tennis - NCAA Division 1 + intramural
- Track & Field - D1 + intramural
- Ultimate Frisbee - Club + intramural
- Volleyball - D1, intramural + club
- Water Polo - club

Many students say that sports are relatively disconnected from the rest of campus, because so many of the students are so busy with internships, jobs, and other clubs, and they don't often have time to watch sports games.