

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by The CHS Center

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No, her daughter is a 2016 graduate **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** yes - recruiter and reading applications, etc

Last year's (2021) Freshman Profile: GPA - No minimum GPA, but students have strong high school academic records
SAT - 1330-1460 (middle 50%) ACT - 30-33(middle 50%)

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? They look at weighted GPA, they are very familiar with how Fulton County calculates. Focus is on CORE course GPA.

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? GW is test optional, it is up to you whether or not you would choose to report your scores. Scores are required for the accelerated 7 year MD program and for D1 athletes. See admissions website for more info. SAT's are super scored, ACTs are not.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Rigor is important - GW has a holistic approach to admissions, looking for a steady progression during high school.

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? Please put the activities most important to you first when you list them on your application. Looking for well rounded students with strong community service

Most popular majors at this school: More 70 majors offered across 7 undergraduate programs of study. Some popular majors include: International Affairs, Liberal Arts, Media and Public Affairs, Public Health

Does chosen major affect decision process? Applicants select a primary school/college of one of GW's 7 undergraduate schools, can also apply to an 2nd alternate school. Students should keep in mind fit and academic interest when choosing schools to apply to. For Elliott School of International Affairs, need at least 3 yrs of a foreign language to be considered for admission. Portfolio required for Corcoran School of Art and Design. Students don't have to declare major until the end of sophomore year. Students may double major and can pursue studies across GW's schools.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes, over 300 Study Abroad programs with numerous Study abroad options.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Over 1500 internship opportunities. Per its admissions website, "GW is ranked as the #1 university for internships by The Princeton Review"

Research Opportunities? Yes, in all areas of study

Special successes the school is known for: GW is recognized among the top-producing institutions for Fulbright Scholars, with more than 79 current and former scholars. GW one of the top producers of Peace Corp and Teach America volunteers.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Not specific to Georgia students but many merit and need based scholarships.

When are scholarship deadlines? Depends on scholarship, see GW admissions website for more details.

All applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships. CSS Profile and FAFSA are required for need based financial aid

What is the Total cost of Attendance?	Tuition and Fees*	\$55,140
	Room & Board	See Website
	Total per Year (Two Semesters)	\$73,355

*Please note GW's Fixed Tuition Policy which locks in your tuition rate during your first semester as a GW students. GW guarantees that your tuition will stay the same for up to five years. For more info re a breakout of fees - <https://financialaid.gwu.edu/cost-of-attendance>

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students?

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? November 1 for Early Decision I (binding) January 5 for Early Decision II (binding) January 5 for Regular Decision (not binding) Roughly 1/3 of the class is accepted through early decision. Majority of applications are read from Jan-early March.

Is an essay required for all decision options? Yes, for the GW prompt on the common application. Two additional essays are required for the Honors Program.

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Required - GW requires a letter of recommendation from both your high school guidance counselor and from at least one academic teacher. Both letters can be submitted directly by the recommender online through the Common App's, emailed to gwadm@gwu.edu, or mailed to our GWU's office.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? No

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? Holistic approach and look for required course work from HS, overall GPA as well as core GPA, strong grades related to chosen major, trends in achievement, info from HS counselor.

Does the school use the Common App? Yes How many applicants are received per year? 26,590

How much is the application fee? \$75 but fee waiver available Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc.)? Division 1, no football but basketball is big

Are sporting events free? Undergraduate students get in FREE, with student ID, to all Athletics events.

Do freshmen live on campus? Yes, 100% of freshman live on campus either on the Foggy Bottom Campus or on the Mount Vernon campus (3 miles away in DC - connected by frequent bus service). Students are required to live on campus through junior year. Are cars allowed? Per its website, First-year students residing on the Foggy Bottom campus "cannot have a car on campus, but those on Mount Vernon can. Students in their second year and above may have a car, although very few students find it necessary."

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? For first year housing, students have 4 choices on the Foggy Bottom Campus and 6 on the Mount Vernon campus(houses 700 first year students). Apartment style dorms for upperclassmen.

Living & Learning Dorms? Yes as part of special interest programs- these include Civic House(Service LLC), Politics and Values, Women's Leadership Program(topic based), and University Honors Program.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) Many dining options in and around Foggy Bottom campus, GW has an open dining plan with a dollar amount includes certain other food establishments in the area. Mount Vernon campus = all you can eat dining.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 10,000 (2575 of them Freshman) Total enrollment? >26,000

Percentage of male: female – 44% male, 56% female Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students -Students come from 130 countries, all 50 states

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 30% Greek housing is also provided.

Where is the school located? Washington, D.C. - Foggy Bottom campus is 3 blocks from White House. Mount Vernon campus is 2 1/2 -3 miles away.

How far is it from Milton? roughly 10 hour drive, 2 hr flight from ATL (GW's Foggy Bottom campus is on the metro line so easy access to airport).

Other:

Community Service and real world engagement are important part of GW student culture.

GW is the only DC school with its own Metro stop on campus.

Additional information can be found on GW's admissions website - undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu, Via email at gwadm@gwu.edu as well as via FB, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat