

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC



About the Host Institution

The George Washington University is located in the heart of Washington, at the core of U.S. government, policy and law. GWU's students and faculty have the unparalleled opportunity to study and work alongside leaders and practitioners in every discipline, to take part in the interchanges that shape our community and the world.

Location:

Washington, DC, United States

AUS Requirements/ Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date; seniors may not go in last semester.
2. Must not go during graduating semester (last semester).
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Office (IXO) will try to accommodate your first choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

Courses:

Exchange students can choose from a variety of undergraduate courses numbered between 0000-4999. They cannot register for graduate level courses (like those in Law or Medical schools) and program course offerings from Semester in

Washington. Look at following course offerings on the University Bulletin: <http://www.gwu.edu/~bulletin/index.html>

CAAD: There are no CAAD courses for AUS students available at GWU.

CAS: Students may take a wide range of courses offered by any of GWU's schools. Courses are subject to approval by GWU.

CEN: The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences from GWU is ABET-accredited for the following programs:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Computer Engineering

SBA: The School of Business at GWU is AACSB-approved. Students are encouraged to take their general education (humanities, etc.), free electives and Business electives (MJR or MIN electives). Students can also take major or required courses during their study abroad semester after getting the approval from SBA at AUS.

Students should be aware that Finance classes fill up quickly, so there are no guarantees that students will be placed in these classes. Students on the Finance waitlist will not be allowed to bypass the waitlist. The most competitive classes in Finance & Business Administration are FINA4001/4001W: Advanced Financial Management and BADM4801: Strategy Formulation and Implementation.

AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their [AUS Course Permission Form](#) and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the

form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program). Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the OFGS (Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships) before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should contact the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager scholarship@aus.edu for more information.

AUS Sponsored Students:

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission from their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office. Please contact ixo@aus.edu.

Housing/Accommodation:

GWU's residence options range from traditional co-ed halls and apartment styled halls with private bathroom, to townhouses for students with preference to seniority. Exchange students are placed in rooms with one or several roommates depending on the dormitory they are allotted to. Recently, students have been placed in Philip Amsterdam Hall and City Hall.

Visa:

Students must apply to the US Embassy/Consulate to obtain their J1 Exchange Visitor Visa. They must make an appointment and follow up with the required documentation, such as the letter of acceptance and bank statement. See <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html> and <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/> for complete information on Visa application process.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase from their home country or from GWU.

GWU Study Abroad Page:

Please visit GWU's Study Abroad homepage for more information on what it is like to be an exchange student at GWU: www.studyabroad.gwu.edu The site provides information on their orientation program, semester exchange events and other information about the experience.

Study Abroad Experience

Raees's Experience at GWU



Raees Rizwan Manegar at GWU (First Row, Far Left)

Raees Rizwan Manegar, an electrical engineering student, studied abroad for a semester at the George Washington University in Spring 2016.

Manegar said, "GWU was my first choice via bilateral partnership. I took 3 major electives and 2 free electives. I was actually surprised by how similar the courses in GWU was in comparison to AUS. At GWU, I managed to immerse myself in so many different activities. I managed to visit various museums all over Washington and see important historical monuments, one of which was the White House!"

When asked about Manegar's experience, he said, "I did not really have any expectations before leaving for my semester abroad. Although I had done my homework researching about the city and cold weather. I wanted Washington to surprise me, and it did in a very pleasant way. It was the most incredible experiences I have ever had in my life so far. American culture is amazing to learn about and the people were very friendly and helpful. I had no problems trying to fit in or be labeled as an outcast."

Manegar advised, "It is very important to study abroad because it gives a great exposure and develops personality. It gave me great confidence in myself and when interacting with others. It encourages and stimulates you to focus on career goals. When you come back home, you will have a completely different perspective. If I could sum up this entire experience in just one sentence I would say, I grew up, both, personally and academically."

Razan's Experience at GWU



Razan Majdalawieh at GWU

"I studied abroad at the George Washington University during the Spring 2010 semester and had the most wonderful time there! I met so many people from all over the world- the student body was very diverse. The weather was COLD, but it was a nice change from the weather we are used to here in the UAE, and I got to play in the snow! Living in DC was much more different than living in Dubai. Nobody drives there- everyone walks and takes the metro, especially if they are students at GW and living on campus. The actual campus is different as well. There isn't one distinct campus- it's a bunch of buildings all over DC that belong to George Washington University. It's such a nice atmosphere I am sure anyone who wants to go study abroad at George Washington University will absolutely love it! Georgetown is also very close to the George Washington University campus and it has the best stores and restaurants in DC- you'll find anything you want in Georgetown (it's somewhat similar to the Walk in JBR, but much bigger with shops such as Zara, Urban Outfitters, etc.). While I was abroad, I also made a visit to Orlando, Florida and visited Disney World. There are many other states you can travel to that are close to DC such as New York, which is only four hours away by car. Overall, I had a wonderful time and I would encourage everyone who wants to study abroad to do it at George Washington!" to visit various museums all over Washington and see important historical monuments, one of which was the White House!"

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