



# Global & Experiential Education



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## Welcome from G&EE

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Hello – and once again, congratulations on your admission and acceptance to the George Washington University School of Business! My name is [Jeff DeLaitch](#) and I am the Program Associate for International Student Services in the [Global and Experiential Education Office](#) at the School of Business.

I have communicated via email with each of you to ensure the issuance and receipt of your I-20. I look forward to eventually meeting you face-to-face, learning about your personal, academic, and professional goals, and helping you make the most out of your time at GW!

Here at the Global and Experiential Education Office, we aim to provide you with visa processing assistance, orientation and social programming, and general support. As a result, you will receive newsletters from our office between now and your first week of orientation. These newsletters will cover:

**Newsletter one (today!):** Orientation Dates & Housing

**Newsletter two:** Immigration, Arrival & Public Transportation

**Newsletter three:** Campus Life & Health

**Newsletter Four:** Finances

**Newsletter Five:** Check-in & Adjustment

As always if you have questions or concerns, please direct them to me at [sbglobal@gwu.edu](mailto:sbglobal@gwu.edu).  
Best,

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## Save the Dates

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### Planning for Fall 2021

"At GW, we are spending the summer preparing our campus and operations for a comprehensive, in-person living and learning fall experience for our students, faculty, and staff. This fall, we will be excited to offer a comprehensive on-campus experience for our community. Our residence halls, classrooms, libraries, offices, and other spaces will be safe and ready for our community members to occupy at full capacity. Courses will be in-person in the Fall. Only those limited courses designated for hybrid or online modalities will have a remote component. Students who have questions about course registration should contact their advisors, or contact their school or college Dean's Office for additional guidance."

- Koren A. Bedeau (Senior Associate Provost for Special Projects); Scott Burnote (Vice President, Safety & Facilities); Lynn Goldman (Dean, Milken Institute School of Public Health); M.L. "Cissy" Petty (Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students)

### Arriving in the US

We recommend that you arrive in the US as early as possible but no earlier than 30 days prior to your program start date listed on your I-20. Arriving as early as possible will give you time to acclimate to the US and Washington DC and adhere to all CDC and [GWU quarantine and vaccination guidelines.](#)

### Orientations (Orientation for International Students is held Virtually)

*These **mandatory orientations** will provide pertinent information for international students. You **MUST** attend these orientations.*

- **GMBA International Student Institute**

*All international GMBA students studying on F-1 or J-1 visas are required to attend this **virtual** orientation.*

**Dates:** Monday, August 2nd - Friday, August 6th, 2021. Please plan on attending orientations every day this week.

[Register Here!](#)

- **GMBA Runway**

*All GMBA students are required to attend this virtual orientation.*

**Dates:** Monday, August 9th – Friday, August 27th, 2021

See additional details [here](#)



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## Housing

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The focus of the Week One newsletter is housing. Graduate students have a number of different options for housing. We encourage you to visit [Off-Campus Student Affairs](#) to learn more about [off-campus housing options](#) and search tools used to locate potential residencies.

First, we recommend starting your housing search by learning about your new city and virtually exploring the many different neighborhoods. Below you will find information about some of the most popular neighborhoods in D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. The information includes average commute time to GW's Foggy Bottom campus and average rent prices.

- [Foggy Bottom](#)
- [Dupont Circle](#)
- [Georgetown](#)
- [Capitol Hill / Eastern Market](#)
- [Adams Morgan](#)
- [Cleveland Park / Woodley Park](#)
- [Arlington, Virginia](#)
- [Alexandria, Virginia](#)
- [Silver Spring, Maryland](#)
- [Bethesda, Maryland](#)

Personal preferences are generally the deciding factors in choosing a home. No matter where you decide to make your home, close to campus or farther from campus, there are tradeoffs. If cost is a key issue, remember that the farther away from the city, the less expensive the housing. If you rely on public transportation, keep in mind that living

in the city requires less travel time. We understand finding housing in a new city can be a daunting task. The best advice we can give you? Be patient! New students go through the same process each year at GW and are able to find a place to live. It is exciting to move to a new city, and we hope you will have fun in your search!

### Off-Campus Student Affairs

The office devoted to Off-Campus Student Affairs includes additional resources including information about tenant rights, legal issues and signing a lease. Please use the [Apartment Search Checklist](#) when searching for a house or apartment to be sure you are aware of all expenses.

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