Preparing to Enter the U.S.

Entering Your Student Visa
If you entered the U.S. as an F-1 or J-1 student, you will need a visa to reenter. If you entered under the Visa Waiver Program (i.e., with no visa), you will not be able to study until your immigration status changes to F-1 or J-1.

If you enter the U.S. as a B-1 or as a B-2, you will not be able to update your immigration status to student status while in the U.S. If you forget an immigration document, the immigration officer may issue you a Replacement I-94 Note, which is a temporary 30-day admission. If this happens, go to the International Student Services Office to have your I-94 Note stamped.

When to Arrive
You are required to complete your studies, as long as the student follows all regulations in the SEVIS database.

Required Documents
An original passport must be used to obtain your visa and to enter the U.S. Evidence of funds and evidence of academic or business support may also be required. You will need to show that you have a place to stay and that you will leave the U.S. at the end of your studies.

How to Get Your Visa
To do this, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country for important U.S. travel requirements and regulations if arriving in the U.S. by plane.

Arrival & Public Transportation
For more information about programs and services offered by GWSB, visit http://www.gwu.edu.

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Getting to the Foggy Bottom-GW Plaza Campus
Bus: The D.C. Metrobus 5A and 21A will take you to GW. Get off at the 23rd Street entrance and walk up to the GW Building.

Taxi/Uber/Lyft: The D.C. Metro is a safe and efficient way to get around the city. You can also use taxi, Uber, or Lyft. The D.C. Metro is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Amtrak Train + DC Metro
For Maryland residents: 1) Silver Line Express Bus + DC Metro
For Virginia residents: 2) MARC Train + DC Metro
For Delaware residents: 3) MARC Train + DC Metro

Getting Around Washington, D.C.

Guide to the DC Metro

Orientation & Public Transportation

Reminder: Mandatory Orientation

*NEW!* ISO New International Student Orientation

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Tuesday, August 2 - Friday, August 26, 2022

For more information regarding the ISO and how to register, please visit http://www.gwu.edu.

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