GW actively seeks students who have a variety of interests, talents, goals, and experiences. Applications from every state and some 100 countries are received every year, allowing the enrollment of a bright, talented, and diverse student body. With far more applications than available spaces, each completed application is carefully reviewed as the Admissions Committee strives to admit those students who have the academic preparation, interests, character, and motivation to thrive and succeed at GW and the greatest potential to contribute to the life of the University.

Freshmen—regular decision
Preference for places in the entering class will be given to students who submit the application with required credentials by January 10.

Applicants from secondary schools must arrange to have sent directly from their schools to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions a complete academic record together with a teacher recommendation and a counselor recommendation. This information should be supplied on the appropriate forms found on our website. Before enrolling, incoming freshmen must provide a complete high school record showing final grades and graduation.

Entrance examinations
Applicants from secondary schools must submit scores on the College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or on the American College Testing (ACT) battery. Submission of scores on College Board SAT subject tests is recommended. Score reports must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions from the testing agency.

Freshmen—early decision
High school seniors applying for fall admission as full-time freshmen with The George Washington University as their first choice may wish to take advantage of one of our early decision options. GW has two binding deadlines from which to choose: deadlines are November 10 for Early Decision I and January 10 for Early Decision II. Students accepted as early decision applicants are required to send in the declaration of intent to attend GW, together with appropriate nonrefundable deposits, no later than January 15 for Early Decision I and March 1 for Early Decision II.

Students from foreign institutions
Applications, required records, and scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language or the International English Language Testing System (see below) and SAT should be received from international students no later than January 10 for regular decision for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester.

Required records
At the time the application is sent, students must have the educational institutions previously attended send directly to the GW Office of Undergraduate Admissions copies of official certificates and records listing subjects studied, grades received, examinations taken, and degrees received. Certified copies of diplomas and certificates from all secondary schools, colleges, and universities attended are required. Records of state examinations and certificates are also required. These records become the property of the University and cannot be returned. These documents should be in the language in which the institution keeps its official records. If they are in a language other than English, the copies sent should be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Language tests
All applicants whose first language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). In considering candidates for admission, the University looks for a TOEFL score of 550 or above (paper-based) or 80 or above (Internet-based). The University looks for an IELTS score of 6.5 or above. The School of Business requires a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 or above (Internet-based) on a second taking of the TOEFL. Applicants are responsible for making arrangements to take the test at www.TOFL.org (http://www.TOFL.org). The completed registration form must be returned well in advance of the semester for which admission is sought. TOEFL scores may not be more than two years old. On the application for the TOEFL, students should specify that the scores be sent to the GW Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Admitted students whose first language is not English are also required to take an English for Academic Purposes course at GW; this requirement is waived for students with a TOEFL score of at least 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) or an IELTS score of at least 7.0.

Financial certificate
A Financial Certificate and Bank Letter must be completed and submitted with the application for admission of all international students planning to study at the University under the authorization of either a student (F) or exchange visitor (J) visa. Satisfactory completion and submission of the Financial Certificate and Bank Letter are required for the issuance of a Form I-20 or DS-2019.

Transfer students
To be considered for admission, undergraduate students from other institutions should submit the application and required credentials by April 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission.

A transfer applicant should be in good standing as to scholarship and conduct at all postsecondary institutions previously attended. An applicant who has attended one
or more institutions of higher education must request each registrar to mail directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions a transcript of his or her record, even if credits were not earned or if advanced standing is not desired. In addition, applicants must have their high school record and College Board SAT or ACT test scores sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions directly from the high school and testing agency.

Assignment of credit for transfer students
GW's residence requirement limits the amount of transfer credit that can be applied toward a degree. Students must complete at least 60 of the total number of credit hours required for their degree at or through the University; GW credits earned through GW study abroad, GW satellite campuses, GW distance education courses, and Consortium courses are treated as in residence. Students who are subsequently admitted through a GW school or college to earn a second bachelor’s degree must complete at least 90 of the total credits required for the two degrees at or through the University.

Provided there is no duplication involved, either through course work or examination, credit may be granted for work successfully completed at other institutions of higher learning. Assignment of transfer credit will depend on the grade earned, the appropriateness of the courses completed elsewhere, the standing of the institution at which the previous work was completed, and the regulations of the GW school in which the credit is to be applied toward a degree.

Transfer credit must satisfy the requirements for the degree sought as stated in this Bulletin. Credit may be accepted provisionally or may require validation by examination or completion of higher-level courses in the same sequence. Transfer credit will not be assigned for course work completed in vocational/technical programs (e.g., secretarial studies) or sub-freshman-level remedial work. Each GW school reserves the right to refuse credit for transfer in whole or in part. Although a grade of D in a course is not acceptable for transfer, the course may satisfy a curriculum requirement. School-specific regulations on transfer credit appear in this Bulletin under the school concerned.

Advanced standing and advanced placement
Advanced placement or waiver of a requirement will be granted on the basis of scores on the SAT subject tests as follows: a score of at least 650 waives Hist 1310–11; scores of at least 690 in French or Spanish and of at least 630 in German or Latin waive a two-year language proficiency requirement. Advanced standing (academic credit) is not assigned on the basis of SAT or ACT results.

Credit by AP tests and the international baccalaureate
Assuming there is no duplication, a maximum of 24 credit hours may be assigned upon admission to the University for any combination of the following except as noted below. An incoming student may also be granted advanced placement in a sequence of courses or waiver of a course requirement on the basis of additional college-level course work taken before matriculation, but this will not affect the number of hours needed for the degree.

College board advanced placement (AP) tests
On the basis of a score report sent to the Office of Admissions from the Educational Testing Service at the student’s request, undergraduate credit may be awarded for Advanced Placement Tests. Refer to the GW Undergraduate Admissions website for the AP credit assignment chart. Students should arrange for the examinations through the secondary school attended or with the College Board, Advanced Placement Tests, at www.collegeboard.com (http://www.collegeboard.com).

International baccalaureate
GW awards 6 to 8 credit hours for Higher-level scores of 6 and above with the exception of English language. Students who have passed English A1 with a grade of 6 or 7 will receive 3 credit hours for Literature. No credit will be assigned for English A2 or English B or for subsidiary-level examination scores.

Advance deposit
After notification of acceptance, a nonrefundable advance deposit will be required of all new undergraduate students. This deposit is due May 1 for freshmen; it is usually due two weeks after admission for transfer students. Full-time readmitted students are required to submit an advance deposit that is usually due two weeks after admission.

Readmission
Previously registered students who wish to resume studies on campus after discontinuing enrollment for one or more semesters (summer sessions excluded) must apply for readmission. Deadlines for readmission applications from students in good academic standing are the same as those for transfer students. Students seeking readmission after having attended other institutions of higher education in the interim must have complete official transcripts sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions from all other institutions attended. Students seeking readmission as degree candidates after previous enrollment in nondegree status must submit a standard undergraduate degree application and fee, together with all entrance credentials not previously received or required.

Applicants for readmission are subject to the University regulations in effect at the time of readmission. The application
fee is waived for students applying for readmission after previous enrollment as degree candidates at this University if they have not since registered at another institution.