



Global Education Office

Washington College

Welcoming the World





Washington College Welcomes You!

Founded in 1782, Washington College (WAC) was the first college chartered in the newly formed United States of America. Despite our long history, our campus includes modern facilities and state-of-the-art technology that allow our students to break new ground, whether it be in traditional subjects or out-of-the-box learning experiences.

Located in historic Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore, our beautiful 120-acre campus is close enough to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia for our students to benefit from distinguished speakers, internship opportunities, and institutional partnerships. Additionally, our new River and Field Campus serves as an interdisciplinary, 4,700-acre living laboratory.

Unlike the impersonal education of a large university, the private liberal arts education offered by Washington College provides individual attention and the chance to make lasting connections while taking challenging and inspiring classes with dedicated faculty who love to teach. Because we teach only undergraduates, students have unmatched opportunities to work closely with an exceptional faculty on projects they are passionate about.

One such opportunity led to the production of a series of student videos about Washington College and the surrounding region. Created by international students, the videos are an introduction to life and academics at the College. Learn about the WAC way of life and learning at washcoll.edu/10thingstoknow.

Even before you arrive on campus, the Global Education Office (GEO) at Washington College is your first point of contact when you join the Washington College community. We are here to help international students make their time studying at Washington College unforgettable.





Helping You Feel At Home

Your time at Washington College starts as soon as you step off the plane. Members of the GEO team will be at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) to personally greet you and accompany you to campus to begin our comprehensive orientation program!

Orientation

GEO's international student orientation program is designed to help students settle into their new home, build relationships with their peers, and prepare for the unique qualities of an American college education. GEO orientation addresses everything from logistical details, like getting room keys and identification cards, to social activities and team-building trips led by experienced student guides.

Orientation during the fall semester also includes Orientation Explore, an additional 3-day program with all members of the incoming first-year class. Each incoming student chooses their Explore group based on personal interests, and spends three days participating in an experiential learning program designed to provide an introduction to the many learning opportunities offered at Washington College. Program choices include: sailing on the historic schooner Sultana, cooking with our campus chefs, creating in WAC's Makerspace, and taking field trips to Washington D.C.

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Established 1782

*First college chartered
after American independence
from the British, under
the patronage of President
George Washington*

About Washington College

- An average of 1,200 students from 25 countries
- Typically welcome 24 exchange students per year
- 19% students of color
- 10:1 student-teacher ratio
- 12 average class size
- Choose classes before you arrive on campus
- Most students live on campus
- 112-acre main campus
- 4,700-acre River and Field Campus
- Waterfront campus on the Chester River
- Waterfront equipment and bikes available for use
- Pool and fitness center
- Club sports and eSports

Areas of Study Available to Visiting Students

Majors and Programs

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art and Art History
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Communication and Media Studies
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science and Studies
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- Human Development
- Humanities
- International Literatures and Cultures
- International Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Premedical
- Psychology
- Related Health Professions
- Sociology
- Teacher Certification Programs
- Theatre

Minors, Concentrations and Areas of Emphasis

- Accounting and Finance
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Biophysics and Biological Chemistry
- Black Studies
- Cell/Molecular Biology and Infectious Disease
- Chesapeake Regional Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Clinical Counseling
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Earth and Planetary Science
- Ecology and Evolution
- Ethnomusicology
- European Studies
- Gender Studies
- Greener Materials Science
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Justice, Law and Society
- Latin American Studies
- Marketing
- Museum, Field, and Community Education
- Near Eastern Studies
- Organic and Medicinal Chemistry
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Physical and Instrumental Chemistry
- Physiology and Organismal Biology
- Pre-Health
- Secondary Education
- Social Welfare
- Studio Art

Experiential Learning Centers

Our Signature Centers place students at the intersection of academics and hands-on learning. Each Center provides programs, internships, and coursework with a focus: the environment (the Center for Environment & Society), literature and writing (the Rose O'Neill Literary House), and history (the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience).

The **Center for Environment & Society** offers learning laboratories in areas related to environmental protection and preservation and many opportunities for students to experience the great outdoors. The Center also oversees the 4,700-acre River and Field Campus and is home to the Chester River Watershed Observatory and the Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory.

The **Rose O'Neill Literary House** offers programming across disciplines, professional mentorship and guidance for students, and training in new and antique printing technologies. The Lit House helps students grow as artists and helps them envision their futures as writers, editors, and publishers. It offers internships in literary editing, journalism, and publishing, and it hosts a year-round salon of writers of international caliber such as Neil Gaiman, Toni Morrison, and Claudia Rankine.

The **Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience** seeks to bridge the divide between the academic world and the public at large through educational programs, scholarships, internships, public outreach, and a special focus on written history. It also offers programs such as Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project.

Other centers like the **Institute for Religion, Politics, and Culture** supplement our strong academic programs and provide additional opportunities for experiential learning.







Student Life and Resources

Washington College is a global campus community. From celebrations of Holi and the Lunar New Year, to professors who seek and encourage the international student perspective in class discussions, we value our international students and cherish the opportunity we have to help them feel at home.

Washington College has over 80 student organizations, multiple varsity and intramural sports teams, and plenty of theatre productions and musical ensembles available to any student interested in joining. In addition to student organizations, the College has an Office of Student Engagement (OSE) with a full-time staff dedicated to providing social activities almost every day of the week.

Global Education Office – The GEO team is here to provide friendly support and answer any questions you may have about living and studying in the United States. From visa questions to planning social events that celebrate internationalization, we are here to ensure you have a successful study abroad!

Student Engagement Board – SEB is a team of students who create on-campus activities in partnership with OSE. They host dynamic events that keep students engaged and entertained. It is a great way to get involved on campus and spend a weekday night with your friends!



Beyond The Classroom

Washington College ensures students can take advantage of our unique position in Maryland to explore the Mid-Atlantic region.

45-minute drive to Annapolis, Maryland's capital

1.5- hour drive to: Washington D.C., Philadelphia, PA, and Baltimore, MD

3-hour drive to New York City

1.5-hour drive to Atlantic beaches

Our Student Affairs office coordinates a break time shuttle service to a D.C. metro station, making it easy to access planes, trains, and buses out of the tri-state area. SEB and the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsor one bus trip per semester to cities such as Washington D.C. and NYC.

Student Affairs also sponsors Daytrippers weekend outings to local areas of interest free to students.

Washington College provides mid-semester breaks that allow students to travel beyond the day-trips offered. During the fall/autumn semester there will be a four-day break in October and a five-day break for Thanksgiving. In the spring, there is a week- long break in mid-March.

Your New Home

Classic American Dorm Life – Live on campus in one of our 29 residential halls. Options include single and double rooms with communal bathrooms as well as 4-7 person suites with common rooms and kitchenettes. All dorms are equipped with laundry facilities and most have full kitchens and common areas for all residents to share. Rooms come equipped with a bed, dresser, desk, and bookshelf for each student.

Dining on Campus – Washington College offers several different meal plans, which cover the cost of at least two meals a day at our buffet-style dining hall and affiliated retail shops. Our dining team works hard to meet all dietary needs including vegan and vegetarian options and gluten-free facilities. Our retail locations are open late and include made-to-order sandwiches, a smoothie bar, coffee, and baked goods.

Small Town Charm – Established in 1706 as a colonial port of entry on the Chester River, Chestertown offers plenty of history and plenty to do. Grab a coffee at a cool coffee shop, head downtown for First Friday, or visit the Farmers' Market in Fountain Park on Saturday mornings.



Seyoung Lee, Yonsei University, South Korea:

"The best part of my study abroad experience is that I could gain confidence in speaking English. Another part is that I could directly experience American culture such as Halloween or Thanksgiving. My favorite thing about WAC is the relationship among friends. The size of school is not big and the number of students is not that many, which makes me easily meet WAC students. Also, due to lots of WAC festivals, I could get many chances to experience all these things... If you wanna live peacefully, WAC is the perfect place".



Sven Sommer; Universität Tübingen, Germany:

“WAC offered a wide range of interesting classes and had a beautiful campus. The best thing about WAC [was] I met so many interesting, open, friendly and fun people from all over the world. They shaped the most exciting semester of my life. I am still in contact with lots of them, which makes it feel like my international experience never really ended.

For people like me who study at big universities, one of the best things about WAC was its small size. Although I spent just four months at WAC, I made many more friends than anywhere else before. Unlike in big towns or big universities you do not lose yourself in the crowd.”



Nicole Andrade, Universidad San Francisco De Quito, Ecuador:

"For anyone thinking to study abroad in general and at WAC, I would tell them to enjoy the experience as much as possible. To set aside pre-conceived notions or reservations because at the end it is one of the best experiences and decisions one could make. The best part about my experience was meeting such amazing people. Many of my friends from all over the world—some I now consider family—made the experience even better and facilitated my transition process. My favorite things at WAC were the Political Science classes I took because I learned so much in them and they actually helped me figure out what I want to do my thesis (dissertation) about."



APPLICATION Deadlines

Spring:
September 15

Fall and Year-long:
March 25

Find out how to apply NOW washcoll.edu/academic-exchange

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