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International Student Handbook

Washington College Global Education Office

Welcome to Washington College

On behalf of the Global Education Office, we welcome you to Washington College. Adjusting to a new culture and a new environment takes time and patience. Therefore, we have compiled this guide to help provide advice and insight on life and learning at Washington College and in the U.S. We strongly recommend that you read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

The handbook has basic information that will assist you as an incoming international student. Whether you are coming to the U.S. for the first time, or know a great deal about U.S.-American culture, this handbook answers many questions previously posed by international students. We look forward to meeting you and once again, we extend our warmest greetings!



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WASHINGTON COLLEGE
ACADEMIC CALENDAR AY 2020/21

To see the calendar online go [here](#):

FALL 2020

August 19	International Student Arrival Day
August 24	Undergraduate classes begin
September 1	Last day to Drop/Add or request an Audit
September 11	Last day to request Pass/Fail Option; Incomplete grades due to Registrar's Office
September 25	Last day to withdraw from a first half of the semester course with a "W" grade
October 7	Midterm grades and major declarations due to Registrar's Office
October 16-19	Spring registration for returning seniors
October 23-26	Spring registration for returning juniors
October 30-Nov 2	Spring registration for returning sophomores
November 4	Fall Advising Day – NO UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES
November 6	Last day to withdraw from a course with a "W" grade
November 6-9	Spring registration for returning freshman
November 13	Last day to withdraw from a second half of the semester course with a "W" grade
November 16	Online Drop/Add reopens for all students via WebAdvisor
November 20	Last day of classes on campus
November 30-Dec 3	Last week of classes (instruction online)
December 7-11	Final Exams
December 15	Final grades due to Registrar's Office
December 23	College offices close at 4:30 PM for semester break

SPRING 2021

January 4	College offices reopen
January 25	Undergraduate classes begin
February 2	Last day to Drop/Add or request an Audit
February 12	Last day to request Pass/Fail Option; Incomplete grades due to Registrar's Office
February 19	Washington's Birthday/Convocation
February 26	Last day to withdraw from a first half of the semester course with a "W" grade
March 12	Midterm grades and major declarations due to Registrar's Office
March 15-19	Spring Break - NO CLASSES (Offices closed Friday.)
March 26-29	Fall registration for rising and non-graduating seniors
April 2-5	Fall registration for rising juniors
April 7	Spring Advising Day – NO UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES
April 9	Last day to withdraw from a course with a "W" grade
April 9-12	Fall registration for returning sophomores and returning freshman
April 19	Online Drop/Add reopens for all students via WebAdvisor
April 23	Last day to withdraw from a second half of the semester course with a "W" grade
May 6	Last day of classes. Thesis Submission deadline
May 7	Reading Day – No Classes (Offices Open)
May 10-14	Final Exams
May 18	Final grades due to Registrar's Office
May 23	238 th Commencement

Mask Policy - July 13, 2020

All students, employees, and visitors to campus are required to wear a face mask over mouth and nose any time they are on campus or on any Washington College property. Washington College will provide all students and employees with two washable and reusable cloth masks before the beginning of the fall 2020 semester. Masks should adhere to CDC guidelines.

Students may remove their masks when they are alone in their room or during activities where a mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating, drinking, or showering; participating in a varsity sport under the guidance of an athletic department staff member, or playing a musical instrument or singing as part of their coursework under the guidance of a faculty member. Students are also reminded that they should comply with local and state regulations regarding masking when they are off campus. Non-compliance with the masking policy could be considered a violation of the Washington College Honor Code.

Employees may remove their masks during activities where a mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating, drinking, and when they are alone in their office if it is an enclosed, private workspace. Employees are also reminded that they should comply with local and state regulations regarding masking when they are off campus.

Visitors may remove their masks during activities where a mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating or drinking.

Student requests for assistance or accommodation for any COVID-related concerns will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the campus mask policy, but reasonable accommodations will be approved and provided based on supporting documentation and the individual experiences of the student. Students making these requests should email Health Services or call 410-778-7261.

Washington College Diversity Statement

We, the students, faculty, staff, and Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, welcome, invite, value, and support a diverse community of individuals. We strive to create a place where all can study, work, and thrive. We believe in the worth, dignity, and safety of human beings of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, gender identities and/or expressions, sexual orientations, socioeconomic statuses, cultural backgrounds, cognitive or physical abilities, emotional and behavioral characteristics, ages, and educational levels. In the pursuit of academic excellence, we endeavor to be a community made up of people from a variety of backgrounds with differing perspectives, life experiences, religious, philosophical, and political beliefs, lifestyles, and ideologies.

We pledge to create a respectful and supportive environment for collaboration, empathy, and the building of meaningful relationships among members of Washington College. We commit to fostering a more equitable, inclusive, and engaged community that embraces all the complexity that each person brings to campus.

We will empower all members to contribute ideas, ask questions, contest assumptions, and revise points of view through civil debate.

We will confront and challenge attempts to dehumanize others through prejudiced attitudes, behaviors, and practices that exclude, demean, or marginalize any individual or group.

We will encourage alumni, parents, visitors, guests, and the wider community to respect and embrace the values and behaviors that we embody.

Our promise is to cultivate a continuous desire and ability to understand and meaningfully engage with different perspectives and experiences, including those of historically underrepresented and marginalized groups. We seek to contribute to the full intellectual and emotional development of every person and to the enrichment of our local, regional, national, and global communities.



Useful Contacts

At times you may not have the answer to a problem you are facing. Instead of agonizing over it yourself, below is a list of professionals who are able to help you in various cases, when you feel that you alone cannot overcome the obstacles. Therefore, when you have concerns about...

Academic Life		
➤ Your Professor	If the problem is related to a particular course	
➤ Your Academic Advisor	You will be assigned an advisor upon arrival at the college	
➤ Provost & Dean of the College		
➤ Career Center	Nanette S. Cooley	career_center@washcoll.edu
➤ Math Center	Kerrin A. Ehrensbeck	kehrensbeck2 @washcoll.edu
➤ Office of Academic Skills	Hilary Bateman	hbateman2@washcoll.edu
➤ The Registrar's Office	Paul McCarty	registrar@washcoll.edu
➤ Writing Center	John Boyd	jboyd2@washcoll.edu
➤ Office of English Language Learning	John Hepler	jhepler2@washcoll.edu

Personal Life

➤ Associate Dean for International Education	Rebeca Moreno	rmoreno2@washcoll.edu
➤ Global Education Office	Sarah Lyle	slyle2@washcoll.edu
➤ Health/Counseling Services	Vickie Anderson, 410-778-7261	vanderson2@washcoll.edu
➤ International Student Guides & Peer Mentors	You will meet at orientation	
➤ Assistant Director of Residential Life	Amy Sine	Asine2@washcoll.edu
➤ Director of Residential Life	Ursula Herz	uherz2@washcoll.edu
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➤ Public Safety	Brandon McFayden, 410-778-7810	bmcfayden2@washcoll.edu
➤ Transportation Dept.	Lisa Jones	ljones6@washcoll.edu
➤ Student Affairs	student_affairs@washcoll.edu	
Financial Contacts		
➤ Business Office	Jennifer Hutton	jhutton2@washcoll.edu
➤ College-awarded Scholarships	intl_admissions@washcoll.edu	
➤ Payroll Contact	Tracy Yiannakis, 410-778-7781	tyiannakis2@washcoll.edu

Before you arrive

Coming to Washington College involves a lot of preparation and a lot of time. Therefore, we thought it would be appropriate if we gave you a list of important items to bring. The climate that you will find at the College varies. Because we are situated in the Mid-Atlantic region, summers tend to be hot and humid (85° F/ 30° C or higher) and winters can be cold (24° F/ -6° C).

The following is a list of clothing that you will need during your stay here:

- T-shirts, shirts, blouses
- Pants, jeans, slacks, shorts
- Skirts/dresses
- Underwear, socks, tights
- Shoes (dress and casual), sneakers, slippers, winter boots
- Coat, raincoat, sweaters, jacket
- National dress (because you might like to use it for our Culture Night)
- Hat, cap, scarf, gloves
- Swimming suit (for those who would like to swim)

Other important items:

- Bed sheets (*Twin extra-long*), pillow, blanket or comforter (the College does *not* provide bedding, but you may be able to purchase a basic set through GEO upon request)
- Towels, bathrobe
- Laptop computer
- Adapter for any electronics that do not use 110 Voltage

Here is a list of items that past international students bought during their stay in the U.S.

- Cellular/Mobile Phone (All students are required to have a working US phone number during their time at Washington College)
- Desk lamp
- Hair dryer
- Hangers
- Laundry detergent, Laundry basket, Iron
- Waste basket
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Dishes/Utensils

**You have the option of shipping items to the College or purchasing them during the second day of Orientation.*

Remember that the electricity in the US is **110 Volts**, so you should not bring anything that will not run at that voltage!

In addition, you could bring other items that will help make you feel at home - photographs, posters, and country flag. Please observe the customs regulations with regard to alcohol, food, tobacco, and other items in the United States. Specifications differ from country to country, and you need to be aware of these. The airlines you will be travelling with have updated information and can answer questions or concerns.

If you do not want to pack all these supplies, you can order them online before arriving and have them delivered to campus. Many students will order from Amazon.com, Walmart.com, or Target.com prior to arrival. You can have purchases delivered to [your name and id] Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Before you leave your country please make sure you have the following:

- ✓ A valid passport and a student visa that will enable you to enter the United States (F-1 or J-1)
- ✓ A signed I-20 or DS-2019 that will enable you to enter the United States
- ✓ A completed immunization record and chest x-ray (you may have arranged to complete it upon arrival)
- ✓ Completion and submission of all the necessary forms required by the College
- ✓ Confirmed travel arrangements to come to Washington College

Applying for Student or Scholar Visa

Tips for Planning Ahead

Locate the US Embassy or Consulate that is nearest to you.

Review their requirements to apply for the visa you need. Requirements may vary slightly in different locations. You can find information on the Travel.State.Gov website: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html>

Find out what fees are required and how to pay them.

The current fee for the visa is approximately \$160, but there may be additional interview or service fees, including the \$220 SEVIS fee for J-1 Visas or \$350 for F-1 Visas (one-time fee for new students and scholars). Use only official US Department of State sources for fee information to avoid scam artists.

Acquire and complete the necessary forms.

From Washington College:

- Letters of admission and invitation
- I-20 (for F visa) or DS-2019 (for J visa)

From U.S. Department of State:

- Nonimmigrant visa application (Form DS-160)
- Consult US Embassy or Consulate for additional forms

**** Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the anticipated date of entry to the U.S.**

Check that the data on the I-20 or DS-2019 (e.g., spelling of name, birth date) matches with your passport. Notify Washington College immediately of any mistakes. NOTE: Washington College will use only your first given name and your family name on visa forms. Middle names are not required. Also, the Department of State has advised schools to omit (leave out) dashes "-" in names.

Obtain photographs.

The U.S. Department of state specifies that the photo be "1 and ½ inches square (37x37mm), showing full face with a neutral expression, without head covering, against a light background." You may have your head covered if it is for religious purposes and wear glasses that do not have tinted lenses.

Gather financial evidence that shows sufficient funds to cover tuition (if applicable) and living expenses during the period of stay.

These would include income tax records, bankbooks and/or statements. If your sponsor owns a business, additional business documents will be required (e.g., registrations, licenses, etc.). The amount of funds you are responsible for appear on your I-20 or DS-2019.

Schedule the appointment for an in-person interview with a consular officer.

Most consular offices require use of an online scheduling system that you can access from their websites. Consult the Visa Wait Times page of the U.S. Department of State Web site to help you determine your best target date. The site shows *average* wait times. Do not procrastinate in making your appointment in case a problem arises with your application.

Preparing for your Visa Interview

Proving home ties

All applicants for nonimmigrant visas are viewed as intending immigrants until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. You must be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the US. "Ties" to your home country are the things that bind you to your hometown, homeland, or current place of residence: job, family, financial prospects that you own or will inherit, investments, etc. The officer may ask about your specific intentions or promise of future employment, family or other relationships, educational objectives, long-range plans and career prospects in your home country. Each person's situation is different, and there is no magic explanation or single document, certificate, or letter that can guarantee visa issuance. If you have applied for the US Green Card Lottery, you may be asked if you are intending to immigrate. A simple answer would be that you applied for the lottery since it was available but not with a specific intent to immigrate. If you overstayed your authorized stay in the US previously, be prepared to explain what happened clearly and concisely, with documentation if available.

Be prepared to:

- Demonstrate as many ties as possible to your home country
- Describe why you wish to study at Washington College
- Explain how your time at Washington College will lead to future opportunities
- Discuss the possibility of finding work after returning home (letters from potential employers, prospects for future employment or further study, etc.)

English

Anticipate that the interview will be conducted in English and not in your native language. One suggestion is to practice English conversation with a native speaker before the interview, but do NOT prepare speeches!

Speak for yourself

Do not bring family members with you to the interview. A negative impression is created if you are not prepared to speak on your own behalf. If you are an undergraduate and need your parents in case there are questions, for example about funding, they should remain in the waiting room.

Be brief

Because of the volume of applications received, consular officers are under considerable time pressure to conduct a quick and efficient interview. They must make a decision, for the most part, on the impressions they form during the first minute of the interview. Consequently, what you say first and the initial impression you create are critical to your success. Keep your answers to the officer's questions short and to the point. You will likely have only 2 to 3 minutes of interview time.

Documentation

It should be immediately clear to the consular officer what written documents you are presenting and what they signify. Lengthy written explanations cannot be quickly read or evaluated.

Not all countries are equal

Unfortunately, applicants from countries suffering economic problems or from countries where many visitors have remained in the US as immigrants will have more difficulty getting visas. Statistically, applicants from those countries are more likely to be intending immigrants. They are also more likely to be asked about job opportunities at home after their study in the U.S.

Maintain a positive attitude

Do not engage the consular officer in an argument. If you are denied a visa, ask the officer for a list of documents he or she would suggest you bring in order to overcome the refusal, and try to get the reason you were denied in writing.

Maintaining Status

Maintaining F-1 Status

Every F-1 student must be aware of his or her immigration responsibilities and obligations. Failure to abide by the United States Immigration Regulations can result in deportation.

Passport: Your passport is an international travel document. The United States law mandates that you have a valid passport throughout your stay. Your government should extend your passport at least six months prior to its expiration date.

Visa: A visa is the stamp or seal placed by the United States consular Officer in your passport. This is a permit to enter the US. The visa will indicate the purpose of your visit, the number of times you can enter the US and the last date you can enter the US.

Form I-94: This is a record of your nonimmigrant status and permission to stay in the United States. It shows your immigration status, the date and port of your arrival in the United States, and the date until which you have permission to stay. The notation D/S, indicating “duration of status”, refers to the completion date on the certificate of eligibility (the I-20 or DS-2019) given to those who wish to enter the United States in student status. The form I-94 is also called the Arrival/Departure form because each time you enter the U.S. you receive a new form. The U.S. has just recently changed from having a paper I-94 form to an online I-94 form. Upon arrival to Washington College, you will be asked to login and retrieve the digital version of your I-94. If you enter the U.S. through a land border, then you will still be issued a paper I-94 form. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cbp.gov/>

To Maintain F-1 Status You Must:

- Have a valid passport and I-20 at all times (this also means that if you intend on leaving the country for winter and/or summer break, you must get your I-20 signed by a Designated School Official in the Global Education Office before each departure).
- Maintain full-time student status. For undergraduates, a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester. ****Only one course may be taken exclusively online****
- Never work off campus without written authorization. You must obtain employment authorization from the USCIS through the Global Education Office before you begin any employment activity.
- Never work more than 20 hours per week and only on campus while school is in session.
- Notify the Registrar and the Global Education Office whenever there is any change in your academic program; this includes a change of major, a change of program level, a change of university (transfer), or a leave of absence.
- Extend your immigration documents in a timely manner; check the expiration date on your I-20; if necessary, you must renew this document at least 30 days before the date of expiration.
- Process school transfers with the Registrar and Global Education Office. If you are transferring from one university to another, you must report to your new foreign advisor within 15 days at your new school.

*****NOTE that additional rules may exist during Coronavirus pandemic*****

Maintaining J-1 Status

Every J-1 Student must be aware of his or her responsibilities and obligations for remaining in status; failure to do so can result in deportation.

Maintain Required Documentation

- Valid DS-2019 form
- Valid passport
- I-94 marked D/S (which stands for duration of status)

The DS-2019** is initially issued for the period of the exchange program but if academic training is authorized a new DS-2019 must be issued by the Responsible Officer (RO) in order for J-1 students to remain in status.

*****NOTE that additional rules may exist during Coronavirus pandemic*****

Additional Requirements

- Maintain full time student status --for undergraduates, a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Never engage in employment before being authorized to do so by the Global Education Office.
- Maintain Washington College health insurance coverage including any time engaged in academic training

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

Back to the country of citizenship

- Only a valid passport or travel document is needed

To Another Country

- Visa may be needed for travel (check with the country's embassy)

Returning to the US

- Valid passport (unless exempt from passport and visa requirements)
- A valid visa
- A valid Form DS-2019 or I-20 signed for re-entry on the reverse

****If you are leaving the country for the break, remember to have your DS-2019 signed by the Responsible Officer before you leave and check in with the GEO upon your return! ****

If you have any questions or concerns, contact our office at the email GEO@washcoll.edu or at 410-810-7100.

Arriving at Washington College

****You will get updated details as they are finalized****

The Global Education Office will arrange to pick you up from Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) on **your arrival day**. You need to make travel arrangements that will have you at the BWI airport on that day to arrive before 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to arrive in that time frame, you will need to arrive the night before, stay in a hotel near the airport, and take the shuttle to the airport in the morning to meet our drivers.

In case of emergency, please contact: Rebeca Moreno, Associate Dean for International Education
rmoreno2@washcoll.edu

Office: 410-810-7100 ext. 7470

OR

John Hepler, Assistant Director of Global Education Office

Jhepler2@washcoll.edu

Office: 410-810-5009

Sarah Lyle, Administrative Assistant, Global Education Office

slyle2@washcoll.edu

410-810-5038

Public Safety Office

410-778-7810

**** Please have these numbers with you at all times****

How to get here:



The Global Education Office, also known as Foster House, is located at 409 Washington Avenue

Washington College is accessible by car and College shuttle. Please note that you need to coordinate your arrival and departure when College sponsored transportation is available. If you are in the U.S. and plan to arrive on your own, below are instructions on how to get here by car.

From points north:

Take I-95 South to Middletown/Route 896 exit. Route 896 merges with Route 301 South. Take Galena exit (Route 290 South) and turn right. At stoplight go straight onto Route 213 South. In Chestertown – our address is 409 Washington Avenue.

From points northwest:

Exit I-95 at Northeast, Maryland, and continue on Route 40 to Route 213 South in Elkton. In Chestertown, Route 213 becomes Washington Avenue; our address is 409 Washington Avenue.

From points west:

Take the route of your choice to Routes 50/301 East and follow signs for Bay Bridge/Annapolis. On the Eastern Shore continue on Routes 50/301 until they diverge in Queenstown and proceed north on Route 301. Exit Route 301 at Route 213 and proceed north. In Chestertown, Route 213 becomes Washington Avenue; our address is 409 Washington Avenue.

From points south:

Take either the Washington Beltway (I-495), I-95, or Route 301 to Routes 50/301 East. Exit Route 301 at Route 213 and proceed north. In Chestertown, Route 213 becomes Washington Avenue; our address is 409 Washington Avenue.

****Fall Orientation will be largely virtual due to COVID19****

Orientation

Orientation is provided both fall and spring semesters. Students coming in at the start of the fall semester take part in a special international student orientation and then participate in first-year student orientation. Incoming students for the spring semester take part in a joint international and transfer student orientation. Both orientations assist in acclimating new students to campus life, the academic environment, and help you get connected to student events and social activities.

If you have any questions about the orientation, do not hesitate to contact GEO geo@washcoll.edu, 410-810-7100



The orientation programs aim to (1) Help you with the initial adjustment and acclimatization to the U.S. and Washington College; (2) Ensure that you have an overview of the academic system in the U.S. and time to meet with your advisor; (3) Let you meet and get to know other international students and incoming U.S. students; (4) Familiarize you with the campus and the community of Chestertown.

Finances

The dollar (\$) is the currency of the United States, and it consists of 100 cents (¢). Paper currency is available in the amounts of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Coins make up the smaller denominations and they have been given various names:

25 cents – a quarter

10 cents – a dime

5 cents – a nickel

1 cent – a penny

Business Office https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/business-office/index.php

The Washington College Business Office, located at 309 Washington Ave, handles all fees and payments. As a new student, if you have a balance on your student account, the Business Office is where you can go to pay it. Tuition, housing, fines and other charges you put on your student ID card will need to be paid to the Business Office. Ms. Jenny Hutton is the person in charge of student accounts. You can reach her by phone 410-778-7266, ext. 8 or email jhutton2@washcoll.edu

Banking

Most students find it useful to have a bank account while attending college. A bank account in the vicinity of the college is very useful to have to deposit or cash checks, or to have money transferred from home.

The most easily accessible banks in Chestertown are:

BB&T Bank

503 Washington Avenue
410-778-2900

PNC Bank – (There is a PNC Automated Teller Machine on campus)
803 Washington Avenue
410-778-6110

The Peoples Bank
600 Washington Ave
(410) 778-5500

Financial Terminology

DIRECT DEPOSIT: If you acquire employment at Washington College (F-1 students and one year J-1 students), you must have your wages deposited directly into your account. It is extremely convenient and saves you time and energy since you do not have to go to the bank every time you receive a paycheck.

ACCOUNTS: There are several types of accounts, although each bank has slightly different policies governing its accounts. Always inquire about a bank's services before deciding on the type of account you wish to open. Take some form of identification when you open an account. If you are a non-U.S. citizen, take your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and another acceptable form of identification such as your Washington College I.D.

If you have an international credit card, bring it with you. It is better to have a credit card in case of an emergency than to not have one. You may try to obtain a credit card here; please bear in mind that credit cards are sometimes refused to international students. Annual fees and interest rates vary with the banks. Bills paid on time are not charged any interest. If you have a credit card, remember that you will have to pay the bill at the end of every month!

Fees

There are often fees associated with opening a bank account. These can include:

- Monthly charge for having the account
- Charges for specific transactions
- Charges for overdrawing on your account
- Charges for not having enough money in your account

Before you open an account, ask about the fees associated with the account and if there is a special account for students, where some of these fees can be waived.

Taxes

All F and J visa holders are required to submit form 8843. Non-immigrant students on a J-1 or F-1 visa must file Federal Tax returns if they earn money in the United States. You are liable for Federal and State taxes, but not for Social Security (FICA) taxes (unless you are considered to be a “resident for tax purposes” by the IRS, usually if you’ve lived in the U.S. for 5 calendar years or more). FICA taxes should not be withheld from your pay. If they are, notify the Business Office to stop such withholding.

Some money must be withheld from your paycheck to cover possible Federal and State tax obligations that you might have. Even though money will be withheld from your pay, you may still be exempt from taxes and get back some or all of the money withheld. In some cases people may be covered by a tax treaty between the United States and your country, and therefore you are exempt from paying U.S. taxes. For more information on how to pay your taxes visit the [“international students & taxes”](#) page of the GEO website.

Sales Tax

The Maryland sales tax is 6% of the price and this applies to most items except for some food items purchased at a supermarket.

Tipping

This small payment is a means of showing gratitude, is not included in the bill, and it usually amounts to 15% to 20% of the bill. People you tip in the U.S. are: waiters, food delivery people, taxi drivers, porters, doormen, coat-check people; you also tip for personal services such as barbers, beauticians, and hairdressers. Please note, the tip you provide to a waiter or waitress is considered part of their hourly salary. They are paid less as tips are considered as part of their hourly wage. Please keep this in mind when tipping at restaurants or bars.

People you do not tip include: customs officials or other government employees (such as policemen, firemen, mail service employees), airline personnel, room clerks or other people at hotel desks, bus drivers, store clerks, theater ushers and receptionists. It may be hard to know whom to tip and what is considered a proper tip, so if you are having difficulties ask a friend for advice. There are many tipping apps you can use on your phone.

Telephone and Mail Services

Phone services

On-Campus Calls

To call a campus number from an outside number – such as your cell phone -- you must first dial either 410-810-(xxxx) or 410-778-(xxxx). To place calls outside the campus on a landline phone, you will have to dial 9 first, and then your intended number.

Cell Phones

It is mandatory for all International Students to have a US phone number and phone. There will be an opportunity to purchase a U.S. cell phone and/or cell service plan during the first few days of Orientation. Using your cell phone will be how you remain in contact with friends.

Mail Services https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/central-services/index.php

Washington College offers mail services to all students, faculty, and staff. Central Services – the place where you can send letters and receive packages – is located in the ground floor of the Casey Academic Center (CAC) (410-778-7871). Central Services are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Your incoming envelopes or packages will be assigned a bar code which you will use to pick up your mail at the Central Services office

window. You will receive an email with the bar code information. You will need your College i.d. to retrieve your mail. The correct way to have mail addressed to you is:

Washington College

[first name, last name (and class year for F1 students)]

300 Washington Avenue

Chestertown, MD 21620

The office window will be open daily from 1-4 for you to retrieve your mail.

Sending mail to people on campus is free of charge. Off-campus mail will be charged according to set prices. You can either send your mail from Central Services, or you can go to the Post Office in Chestertown, located on 104 Spring Avenue (tel. 410-778-0690).

Residential Life

****Special safety measures are in place during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please make sure that you have read all the regulations and updates on the College website****

Washington College is a residential college, which means that the majority of the students live in college dormitories. Find out everything at <https://www.washcoll.edu/campus-community/housing-and-dining/new-students.php>

Dining Services

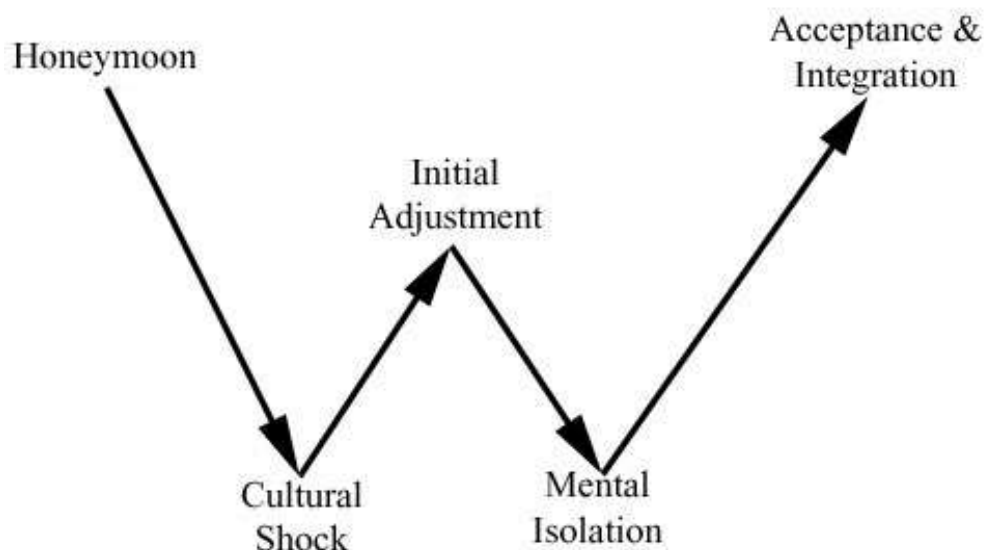
NOTE: Special regulations, conditions, hours, and policies may apply during COVID-19.

Please refer to the Dining Services page on the College website for the most up-to-date information. <https://www.dineoncampus.com/wc/?cmd=Menus2>

Social life

Culture shock? Nah...

When you first arrive at Washington College, there are elements of the U.S. and campus culture that will take time adjusting to. The process of adaptation is usually preceded by what is called culture shock. Culture shock is not a sudden process, as you may expect, and the degree of the 'shock' differs from person to person. Some people may adjust more rapidly than others. Many educators discuss this adjustment process by referring to the ups and downs of the letter "W." Below is a framework of what the adjustment process is like through what is known as a W-curve.



When you come to the United States, you bring with you your values, your ideals, and your customs: in a word, your culture. Here, however, you may find that people may not necessarily hold the same values as you. When values differ, there can be moments of confusion and sometimes some difficulty. As you acclimate to these differences, you will adjust to new sets of norms. Over time you will work towards feeling integrated at Washington College, but this may take some time, and that is all right. Some symptoms of culture shock may be: homesickness, boredom, avoidance of social settings, fatigue, difficulty with coursework, sleep disturbances, feelings of loneliness, and hostility towards the host culture.

Nevertheless, you are neither the first one nor the last one to go through this natural process of adaptation to new settings, and your friends here will help you all the way! You just need to acknowledge the differences and try to understand them. As time goes by, the effects of culture shock will fade away. If you are concerned that you will lose your own culture, think again. Learning a new culture doesn't erase the previous one, but it makes you better understand it and possibly appreciate it more. In addition, a new culture may open new perspectives that were ignored in the settings of your own culture.

When communicating across cultures, make sure you listen carefully, speak simply and explicitly, ask for explanations if you feel you do not understand the issue, know yourself, and finally make sure you are alert for different meanings.

Tolerance and Discrimination

U.S. Americans highly value tolerance and nondiscrimination. Acceptance of others regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability and other characteristics that make up who we are is an important aspect of being part of the Washington College community. You need to be aware that the law does not condone acts of discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and any other kind of discrimination. Because Washington College has such a diverse student body, you will have the opportunity to understand many cultures and to be in close contact with people from all over the world. All your friendships will be based on tolerance and understanding.

Different organizations or persons at the college can help you if you are faced with acts of discrimination or intolerance against you. In such cases, you should contact:

- Brandon McFayden, Director of Public Safety, 410-778- 7810
- Vickie Anderson, Health Services, 410-778-7261
- Rebeca Moreno, Associate Dean for International Education, 410-810-7436
- Carese Bates, Director, Intercultural Affairs, 410-810-5822
- Sarah Feyerherm, Dean of Students, 410-778-7228

Invitations and conversations

Usually when Americans invite you somewhere, they want you to confirm your participation. Your candid response is greatly appreciated, and saying “No” will not harm the relationship with the people who invited you. Make sure you understand what you are being invited to. On written invitations you may find the notations RSVP (which is French for Répondez s’il vous plaît) or ASAP (which stands for As Soon As Possible). When asked to respond to an invitation, make sure to call or e-mail to accept or decline the invitation.

Small-talk is preferred to silence, when it comes to conversation. You should not be surprised if you find U.S. Americans talking on various subjects such as the weather, clothing, tests, or parties when there is nothing important to be said or during an initial introductory conversation. You will be able to meet people with whom you can talk about more important things going on in your life and the world--it just takes time. U.S. Americans have been taught to avoid discussions about politics and religion, but once you get to know someone it is a great way to learn more about U.S. American culture.

Clubs and Organizations

****Club activity may be limited due to Coronavirus pandemic.**** Students at Washington College are involved in many extracurricular activities. There are over 82 clubs and organizations on campus. You can see more information here: <http://www.washcoll.edu/campuslife/student-groups.php>. The various clubs and organizations on campus provide students with a great opportunity to meet and share experiences and thoughts. A list of some of the clubs and organizations on campus can be found <https://www.washcoll.edu/campus-community/student-involvement/index.php>

In addition to the various clubs, there are fraternities and sororities on campus. International students who are four years or exchange students at Washington College may pledge a fraternity or sorority.

Academic Life

Being at a liberal arts college, you will have the opportunity to sample courses from all academic disciplines. This is extremely beneficial, because in the United States there is a great emphasis on developing multiple skills that will prepare you to be analytical and critical thinkers, successful in your chosen field, and citizen leaders. If you are a matriculated student, you will have to complete the required distribution courses. That means you will have to take a number of courses from the following fields of study: natural sciences, fine arts and humanities, social sciences, foreign languages, and the writing-intensive First Year Seminar (FYS). Some

students may obtain credits for previous academic work, provided they meet the requirements set forth by the school. For information on credit eligibility, please contact the [Registrar's Office](#).

Undergraduate students are classified in the following way:

- First-year students are called Freshmen or First-years
- Second-year students are called Sophomores
- Third-year students are called Juniors
- Fourth-year students are called Seniors

Methods of InstructionMethods of instruction may vary and be subject to change due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

The quality of teaching is very important at Washington College, and only faculty members (with Ph.D. or Master Degrees) teach courses. There are no teaching assistants (TAs) filling the professors' shoes. Only the Foreign Language laboratory classes are taught by language assistants who are native speakers and who will help you further develop your skills in any particular language. You might even become a language assistant!

The method of instruction for your classes varies. Your courses will be in the form of lectures by a professor, laboratory sessions, and in-class group discussion classes. Your input is highly valued, and every professor will expect you to share ideas, reflections and/or comments with the rest of the class. For students who feel that their academic skills need improvement, there is a peer-tutoring program in which the student is paired with another student who can help solve the problems at hand. Additionally, the Office of Academic Skills (OAS) offers study skills workshops, and the Writing Center is available to help with written papers. For information on how to request a peer tutor or attend a study skills workshop, find out more about the [Writing Center](#), here: https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/writing-center/facultyresources.php

Methods of Evaluation

During the semester, your professors will evaluate your academic abilities. This can be done either through a paper, taking an exam, a presentation or another method that the professor deems appropriate.

Papers are the most common form of testing at Washington College, and during your undergraduate career, you will write a varying number of papers for the courses you take. When you write your papers, you are expected to research your topic (unless otherwise specified) and to present your research in a well-edited format that meets the criteria of the professor's instructions. The Writing Center is your best resource in figuring out what constitutes a well-edited paper in a particular discipline.

Because writing is highly valued at Washington College, if you are an incoming freshman or sophomore, you are required to fulfill the writing requirements (101 and 102 courses, plus 103 and 104 courses in your major). All students who want to have their papers proofread and commented on by specialists are welcome to make appointments with the Writing Center, located on the first floor of Goldstein Hall. More information can be found here: https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/writing-center/index.php

Exams can be in the forms of quizzes (the simplest form), in-class exams (exams taken during class time), take-home exams (where you are given the exam and are expected to turn it in to your professor by a deadline), and open-book exams (where students can consult their textbooks during the actual test). Other forms of evaluation include class projects, homework, class participation/attendance and performances (if you are a music or theater student, for example). Class participation and attendance often constitutes 10-15% of your final grade. Make sure you understand your professors' class attendance and participation policies.

Senior Capstone Experience (SCE) – for four-year, matriculating students

In order to graduate from Washington College, you will have to write a thesis, which is a comprehensive paper on a subject related to your major or complete another type of project depending on your major(s). An advisor, who will be a professor within your chosen field of study, will guide you throughout this process.

Grading System

Washington College uses the following letter grades, which, except for the F, may be modified by a minus or a plus:

- A Excellent
- B Good
- C Fair
- D Passed
- F Failure

The following system is used to determine a student's Grade Point Average (GPA):

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|---------------|-------------|
| • A+/A = 4.00 | • C = 2.00 |
| • A- = 3.67 | • C- = 1.67 |
| • B+ = 3.33 | • D+ = 1.33 |
| • B = 3.00 | • D = 1.00 |
| • B- = 2.67 | • D- = 0.67 |
| • C+ = 2.33 | • F = 0.00 |

Other notations used on student records include:

- W: Withdrawal from course
- P: Pass, in courses where the student uses the pass/fail option
- I: Incomplete
- Au: Audit
- Cr: Credit
- NC: No credit
- R: Replaced

You need to have a 2.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) or above to maintain good academic standing. If your GPA falls below that, you will be put on academic probation, and if you remain below a 2.0 GPA, you may be suspended. This has significant ramifications if you are studying in the U.S. on a F-1 visa. Make sure to strive to do the best you can, put time and energy into your studies, and reach out to faculty and staff for assistance when needed. If you are struggling in a course, then arrange a meeting with the professor. There may be a way to get extra assistance and improve your performance. As a general rule, professors will not change a grade unless there are extenuating circumstances that merit a grade change. If you do receive a grade you are dissatisfied with, talk with your professor and if you still feel that your grade does not reflect the quality of your work, please contact the chair of the department in which the course is offered.

Expectations and the Syllabus

Every professor has expectations of you. They expect you to attend class, participate, do the readings, complete assignments on-time, be respectful, and put time and energy into your classwork. Each professor's expectations will be outlined in the syllabus that you will receive at the beginning of each course. Make sure

to review the syllabus so that you understand each individual professor's expectations. Each professor may format their syllabus differently, but it will contain:

- A course outline
- The date of your exams (sometimes the dates change, but you will be notified in advance)
- The deadlines for your papers and projects (they rarely change, but if they do, you will be notified in advance)
- The office location and office hours of your professor (you are encouraged to make appointments with them and discuss your work or ask questions)
- The breakdown of how your assignments will be graded.
- The necessary texts (books, articles) for the course (please make sure you buy the right edition)

Advising

Before you arrive, you will be assigned an academic advisor. This will be a member of the faculty who will meet with you during orientation and help you plan or make changes to your course schedule for the upcoming semester. Four-year international students will be assigned a staff member work with until they are assigned an advisor within their major.

Advisors are happy to discuss general matters that may concern you, such as college life, choosing a major, or your future career. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have questions or concerns.

There will be two advising days per year, and you are expected to make appointments with your advisor to discuss your class progress, your course schedule, and any other issues or concerns.

Adding and/or dropping courses

In order to drop or add a class, you must complete a form available at the Registrar's Office. If for some reason the course you want is closed, and you want to add it, you will have to obtain your advisor's signature and then request permission from the instructor to add the class. If the instructor grants you permission, you will need the instructor's signature on your "add/drop form". Once you have permission to add the course, take the form to the Registrar's Office. On the other hand, if you are not satisfied with a course, you have to obtain your advisor's signature to drop the course. After that, your course schedule will be adjusted. There is a deadline for dropping or adding a course. You can add or drop a class within the first seven days of classes at the start of each semester. Information on drop/add is readily available on the webpage of the Registrar: https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/registrar/index.php. **Remember that you cannot take less than 12 credits/semester**, and it is not advised that you take more than 18 credits/semester.

Pass/fail

Students may opt to take a maximum of one course per semester pass/fail. If you receive a passing grade at the end of the course, (at least a D-), your transcript will indicate that you passed the course. The letter grade you received will not appear on it. Otherwise, your report will indicate that you failed the course. For students earning their degree at Washington College, please refer to the Course Catalog for rules governing how many and when you can take a course pass/fail.

Honor Code

The Washington College Honor Code states the following: "We at Washington College strive to maintain an environment in which learning and growth flourish through individuals' endeavors and honest intellectual exchanges both in and out of the classroom. To maintain such an environment, each member of the community

pledges to respect the ideas, well-being, and property of others. Thus, each member of the Washington College community abides by an Honor Code.”

The majority of professors will require you to write the Honor Code and sign your name on your assignments and tests to indicate that you have abided by the Honor Code. You can write the Honor Code two ways on assignments; both require your signature:

1. Honor Code
2. “I have abided by the Washington College Honor Code while completing this assignment.”

Any violation of the honor code (academic or social) will bring you in front of the Honor Board. The Honor Board is a body comprised of students and faculty members who will decide upon a penalty, if you are found in violation. Make sure to review the Honor Code to ensure you understand the standards you are held to.

Plagiarism

The Washington College community defines plagiarism as “the unauthorized use of another’s intellectual property, including: published material online and student, staff or faculty documents on desktops, hard drives, disks or web pages.” Plagiarism and Academic Honesty is taken very seriously at the College, and if you are found in violation, you will be in jeopardy of failing the course and/or taken to the Honor Board. If you are unsure of whether or not you are plagiarizing, ask your professor. “I did not know the rules,” is not an acceptable excuse in plagiarism cases as you have numerous resources to assist you in completing your work honestly and in compliance with plagiarism rules.

Facilities and Services

There are a wide variety of facilities and services offered to students on campus. You are encouraged to take advantage of as many as possible, to make your life here a lot easier. Among the facilities that you will find at Washington College are:

Department of Public Safety https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/public-safety/index.php

The Department of Public Safety is located on the ground floor of Cullen Hall. Public Safety officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Officers conduct foot, bike and vehicular patrols of the entire campus. The department aids in the enforcement of federal, state, and local statutes, as well as Washington College regulations. All officers work closely with the local and state jurisdictions and information on criminal activity is shared among agencies when appropriate. To call campus safety, dial ext. 7810 from an on-campus landline phone or 410-778-7810 from off-campus or a cell phone. Dial 911 to call local police, ambulance and/or fire services in case of an emergency.

The Department of Public Safety’s responsibilities include basic security for the entire campus, enforcement of all traffic regulations, including vehicle registration, coordination of fire safety programs, and distribution of all building keys, ID cards, and access control. Public Safety officers have full authority to enforce all College regulations. Failure by members of the College community to comply with a reasonable request of a Public Safety Officer may result in a Washington College Campus Citation being issued, disciplinary action referral, or a criminal charge in the District Court of Maryland.

The Department of Public Safety recognizes that the current location of the office may not be accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone needing assistance can access public safety services by calling 410-778-7810 to make arrangements for service or go to the Student Affairs Office during regular business hours.

WAC Alerts

The College uses a web-based emergency alert system that you can subscribe to. The emergency notifications are sent to your email and can also be sent to your cell phone. Sign up here, under Quick Links: https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/public-safety/index.php

Health Services <https://www.washcoll.edu/campus-community/health-and-counseling-services/index.php>

If you get sick or have a health-related problem, you can go to the Health Center and they will take good care of you. It is located in Queen Anne's House. You must make an appointment in advance in order to be seen by the staff (unless it is an emergency). To make an appointment, contact Vicky Anderson (410-778-7261) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have an emergency or need to be seen outside the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chester River Hospital is located on 100 Brown Street (right behind Queen Anne Hall). The phone number is 410-778-3300. In case of an emergency, you may go to the Emergency Room, and they will take care of you. Make sure you have your insurance card with you at all times, in order to avoid any delays in your treatment.

Transportation Services

The College [Transportation Services](#) Office provides a weekend shuttle service to Annapolis Mall and New Carrollton Metro Station. Students can take the [Metro](#) transit system into Washington, D.C., and can access the [Amtrak](#) train system at New Carrollton. Book your shuttles early because they are limited in seating and fill on a first come, first served basis. During College Vacation/Break the shuttle will run more frequently and will stop at BWI Airport and Wilmington, DE. Once again, reservations must be made in advance.

Safe-Ride

Safe Ride is a student-run service that runs Sunday-Wednesday 8:00 - 11:45 p.m., Thursday 8:00 p.m. - 2:15 a.m. and Friday-Saturday 9:00 p.m - 2:15a.m. You can reach Safe Ride at 410-810-RIDE (7433) , tell them your location, and they will come pick you up and return you to campus.

Find them on Instagram @saferide_wac. If you have any questions about the Safe Ride program please contact us at SGA@washcoll.edu.

Maryland Upper Shore Transit-MUST <http://www.mustbus.org>

The MUST transportation service operates a regular bus schedule for transportation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. You can catch the bus at the Chestertown Dollar General. This bus, #4, will take you to Easton where you can take another bus, #9, to Cambridge. At Cambridge you can take a Greyhound bus to Washington, DC, Philadelphia or New York City. It is advised that you call in advance to ensure that all buses are operating. More information can be found here: <http://www.mustbus.org/index>

Bookstore <https://washcoll.bncollege.com/shop/washcoll/home>

****The Bookstore may be not be open to walk in traffic due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

The bookstore is located on the first floor of Casey Academic Center. There you can purchase textbooks, Washington College imprinted supplies, stationery, books, gifts, and computer accessories. All purchases can be charged to your ID, so long as you have added the appropriate funds to your ManagemyID account. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Wyble, the Bookstore Manager (410-778-7749).

Textbooks are relatively expensive in the U.S., depending on the courses you have selected. The price for your textbooks for a semester can vary from \$150 to \$600. Because of that, many students opt to buy used

books from students who took the course earlier. If you choose to do that, make sure that the edition of the book you buy is the edition required by the professor. Rental books also are available for many courses. You can also buy or rent your textbooks online through Amazon Chegg; this may be less expensive than buying them through the bookstore. If you buy books on-line, make sure you have them in time to complete your assignments at the beginning of the semester.

Library ****The Bookstore may be not be open to walk in traffic due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/miller-library/index.php Clifton Miller Library



A view of the library on a spring day

supports students' learning by providing a collection of academic resources in a variety of formats: print and electronic books and journals, CDs, DVDs, online databases, etc. A team of competent and highly qualified librarians is available to help you with all of your research needs. They will work with you one-on-one to help you find the most appropriate sources for your assignment. Additionally, Miller Library offers library instruction classes to teach you how to find and use the resources in the library. If Miller Library does not have the books or articles you want, we will borrow them from other libraries for you. This process is called Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

Books from Miller Library may be borrowed for the entire semester; books that are borrowed from other libraries can be checked out for 30 days. Computing and printing services are available on the first floor. At the beginning of the spring 2020 semester, the College gave students a \$10

print credit. After students used up their print credits, they pay the following price per page:

\$0.08 for B&W, \$0.10 for B&W duplex, \$0.20 for color, \$0.39 for color duplex and to print photos.

Students can pay for prints with a major credit card or add money to their print account via ink.me/washcoll. Computing and printing services are available on the first floor and scanning on the lower floor.

Computing Center <https://www.washcoll.edu/oit/index.php>

Email: helpdesk@washcoll.edu

OIT (Office of Information Technologies) offers the Washington College community many different public computing facilities in convenient locations across campus. For specific information about hardware or software in these labs, please contact the Help Desk (410-778-7777).

Writing Center https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/writing-center/index.php

Email: writing_center@washcoll.edu

Washington College is renowned for emphasizing the writing component in its classes. Therefore, the Writing Center (located in Goldstein Hall, Room 106) is available for students who need guidance. Trained students and staff are ready to help you with your papers and offer you advice on how to be a better writer.

If you want to schedule an appointment with the Writing Center, you have to set up a profile on the appointment system using your Washington College email and password. <https://washcoll.mywconline.com/>

If you have any questions regarding the Writing Center, please contact John Boyd, jboyd2@washcoll.edu (410-778-1782).

Please schedule an appointment with the Writing Center prior to submitting your work.

Quantitative Skills Center https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/quantitative-skills-center/index.php Email: kehrensbeck@@washcoll.edu

The Quantitative Skills Center is located on the main floor of Miller Library. If you need help with any math course, you will find the answer in the Quantitative Skills Center (410-778-7862). Peer tutors work in the center and they will be able to help you. The Director of the Quantitative Skills Center is Kerrin Ehrensbeck, kehrensbeck2@washcoll.edu, and she can be contacted with any questions or concerns.

If you want to schedule an appointment with the Quantitative Skills Center, you have to set up a profile on the appointment system using your Washington College email and password.

<https://washcoll.mywconline.com/>

Office of Academic Skills, (OAS) https://www.washcoll.edu/people_departments/offices/academic-skills/academic_services.php

The Office of Academic Skills is available to help all students succeed academically in their classes. If you do not know how to approach studying for a course, if you have time management problems, or if you feel your skills need improvement, Hillary Bateman, hbateman2@washcoll.edu, will be happy to meet with you and help you with any problems relating to study skills. This office can also help you find a peer tutor in any of your courses. The OAS is located in the second floor of the Miller Library.

If you want to schedule an appointment with the Office of Academic Skills, you have to set up a profile on the appointment system using your Washington College email and password.

<https://washcoll.mywconline.com/>

Center for Career Development https://www.washcoll.edu/academics/career-development/students_careerdev/international-students.php Email: career_center@washcoll.edu

The Center for Career Development assists students in preparing for their future goals by helping them define their personal and professional objectives. They also help students gain experience that will help them achieve their goals by helping students find internships and jobs. All on campus employment is coordinated here as well.

The Career Center is located beside Goldstein Hall. Nanette Cooley, Executive Director for Career Development, and/or other staff meet one-on-one with students to discuss career exploration, internships and jobs. The library in the Career Center contains information on employment, from possible careers in every field to internships available for undergraduate and graduate students.

Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center

The Benjamin Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center provides an array of activities and fitness options for the Washington College Community. The facility is dedicated to meeting the strength, aerobic, and fitness needs of the college community through its variety of activities, programs, and state of the art equipment. To view the fitness class schedule and hours of the JFC: <https://www.washcoll.edu/athletics/index.php>

Intramural Sports ****Intramural sports may not be available due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

Do you like to play soccer, football, or basketball? Join an intramural sports team! Student coordinators handle the logistics of paperwork, scheduling, and facilitation of events. Students create their own teams by filling out an IM Roster Form and submitting it to the Intramural Coordinators. Teams then elect captains; these captains are in charge of seasonal meetings and providing the proper intramural schedules to their teams. Both men and women play on the same team. Intramural seasons typically consist of two games a week,

which are very flexible and do not take away from your academics. The IM schedule is broken into fall, winter, and spring seasons with 2 sports a season.

College Athletics ****Some College athletics may not be available due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

<https://washingtoncollegesports.com/landing/index> In addition to Intramural Sports, the College also has a Varsity Athletics program. Washington College competes against other colleges in Field Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Rowing and Sailing. Students that participate in these sports practice and compete weekly during their competitive season.

Things to do in Chestertown

****Some of these may be limited or not be available due to the Coronavirus pandemic****

Farmer's Market (Weekly)

Located in downtown Chestertown, you'll find fresh home-grown fruits and vegetables, bread and crafts. It is open every Saturday 8 a.m. to noon year round.

First Fridays (Monthly)

Meander the red-brick, tree-lined sidewalks of Historic Chestertown, while enjoying art gallery openings, extended shop hours and entertainment throughout Downtown.

Down-rigging Weekend (October)

An annual festival that has become one of the largest "Tall Ship" gatherings on the East Coast. Down-rigging marks the close of the Sultana Schooner's sailing season and the beginning of Down-rigging for many of the region's traditional sailing vessels. The weekend will afford the public opportunities to view, board and sail on the assembled fleet of more than 40 historic vessels.

Shopping Downtown

There are a variety of shops where you can find anything from antiques to clothes. Browsing through the shops is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Restaurants and Coffee Shops

For being a small town, Chestertown offers a great deal of variety when it comes to food and drinks. There are restaurants dedicated to Eastern Shore cuisine, Italian, Chinese, Mexican and of course fast-food. There are also several coffee shops that offer free internet and are a great place to relax.

Restaurants: 98 Cannon, Luisa's Café, Stam's Luncheonette, The Kitchen, Ellen's Coffee Shop, China House, Germaine's, O'Connor's Pub, Uncle Charlie's Bistro, Procolino's Pizzeria, Café Sado, etc.

Coffee Shops: Play it Again Sam, Dunkin Donuts, and Evergrain Bread Company.



A view from on-board one of the ships at Down-rigging Weekend

Practical information – it’s all about the math...

In the end of the handbook, we thought it would be helpful to give you some conversions to serve as a reference.

Temperature conversion

Below are some temperatures to use as a guide.

Celsius	Fahrenheit
-17.80	0
0 (water freezing)	32
10	50
15.6	60
21.1	70
26.7	80
32.3	90
100 (water boiling)	212

The normal body temperature in humans is 98.6°F (

CONVERSION CHART

<i>Liquid Measure</i>	<i>Dry Measure</i>	<i>Linear Measure</i>
8 ounces = 1 cup	2 pints = 1 quart	12 inches = 1 foot
2 cups = 1 pint	4 quarts = 1 gallon	3 feet = 1 yard
16 ounces = 1 pint	8 quarts = 2 gallons or 1 peck	5.5 yards = 1 rod
4 cups = 1 quart	4 pecks = 8 gallons or 1 bushel	40 rods = 1 furlong
1 gill = 1/2 cup or 1/4 pint	16 ounces = 1 pound	8 furlongs (5280 feet) = 1 mile
2 pints = 1 quart	2000 lbs. = 1 ton	6080 feet = 1 nautical mile
4 quarts = 1 gallon		
31.5 gal. = 1 barrel		
3 tsp = 1 tbsp	<i>Conversion of US Weight and Mass Measure to Metric System</i>	<i>Conversion of US Linear Measure to Metric System</i>
2 tbsp = 1/8 cup or 1 fluid ounce	.0353 ounces = 1 gram	1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
4 tbsp = 1/4 cup	1/4 ounce = 7 grams	1 foot = .3048 meters
8 tbsp = 1/2 cup	1 ounce = 28.35 grams	1 yard = .9144 meters
1 pinch = 1/8 tsp or less	4 ounces = 113.4 grams	1 mile = 1609.3 meters or 1.6093 kilometers
1 tsp = 60 drops	8 ounces = 226.8 grams	
	1 pound = 454 grams	.03937 in. = 1 millimeter
<i>Conversion of US Liquid Measure to Metric System</i>	2.2046 pounds = 1 kilogram	.3937 in. = 1 centimeter
1 fluid oz. = 29.573 milliliters	.98421 long ton or 1.1023 short tons = 1 metric ton	3.937 in. = 1 decimeter
1 cup = 230 milliliters		39.37 in. = 1 meter
1 quart = .94635 liters		3280.8 ft. or .62137 miles = 1 kilometer
1 gallon = 3.7854 liters		
.033814 fluid ounce = 1 milliliter		
3.3814 fluid ounces = 1 deciliter		
33.814 fluid oz. or 1.0567 qt. = 1 liter		

To convert a Fahrenheit temperature to Centigrade, do the following:
 a. Subtract 32 b. Multiply by 5 c. Divide by 9
 To convert Centigrade to Fahrenheit, do the following:
 a. Multiply by 9 b. Divide by 5 c. Add 32

