Mission Statement

The George Washington University, an independent academic institution chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1821, dedicates itself to furthering human well-being. The University values a dynamic, student-focused community stimulated by cultural and intellectual diversity and built upon a foundation of integrity, creativity, and openness to the exploration of new ideas.

The George Washington University, centered in the national and international crossroads of Washington, DC, commits itself to excellence in the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge.

To promote the process of lifelong learning from both global and integrative perspectives, the University provides a stimulating intellectual environment for its diverse students and faculty. By fostering excellence in teaching, the University offers outstanding learning experiences for full-time and part-time students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in Washington, DC, the nation, and abroad. As a center for intellectual inquiry and research, the University emphasizes the linkage between basic and applied scholarship, insisting that the practical be grounded in knowledge and theory. The University acts as a catalyst for creativity in the arts, the sciences, and the professions by encouraging interaction among its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the communities it serves.

The George Washington University draws upon the rich array of resources from the National Capital Area to enhance its educational endeavors. In return, the University, through its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, contributes talent and knowledge to improve the quality of life in metropolitan Washington, DC.

The Schools

The George Washington University includes nine academic units:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Forensic Sciences, Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science, Master of Science in Forensic Science, Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Psychology.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Master of Science in Health Sciences, and Doctor of Medicine.

The Law School offers programs leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor, Master of Laws, and Doctor of Juridical Science.
The School of Engineering and Applied Science offers undergraduate programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts. Graduate programs lead to the degrees of Master of Science, Master of Engineering Management and Doctor of Science. The School also offers Professional Degrees (Engineer, Applied Scientist).

The Graduate School of Education and Human Development offers programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in Education and Human Development, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Education, Education Specialist, and Doctor of Education.

The School of Business offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Accountancy, Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Accountancy, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Finance, Master of Science in Information Systems Technology, Master of Science in Project Management, Master of Tourism Administration, and Doctor of Philosophy.

The Elliott School of International Affairs offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of International Policy and Practice, and Master of International Studies.

The School of Public Health and Health Services offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Master of Public Health, Master of Health Services Administration, Specialist in Health Services Administration, and Doctor of Public Health.

The College of Professional Studies has been authorized to offer programs leading to the degrees of Associate in Professional Studies, Bachelor of Professional Studies, and Master of Professional Studies.

Accreditation

The George Washington University is accredited by its regional accrediting agency, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The University is on the approved list of the American Association of University Women and is a member of the College Board.

The Law School is a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences has had continuous approval by its accrediting body, which is currently the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, sponsored jointly by the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The clinical laboratory science program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs has accredited the programs in sonography and physician assistant in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the athletic training program in the School of Public
Health and Health Services. The public health programs have full accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health. The program in health services administration is accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration.

All Bachelor of Science engineering curricula of the School of Engineering and Applied Science (excluding systems engineering) are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The Bachelor of Science computer science curriculum is accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board.

The Graduate School of Education and Human Development is a charter member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for its eligible master's and doctoral degree programs; the master's programs in school and community counseling and the doctoral program in counseling are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; the master's program in rehabilitation counseling is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education.

The School of Business and Public Management is a member of AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; the Association accredits its undergraduate and graduate business administration and accountancy programs. The programs in accountancy satisfy the educational requirements for the Certified Public Accountant and the Certified Management Accountant professional examinations.

The Elliott School of International Affairs is a member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs.

In Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, the B.F.A. with a major in interior design is accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research. The Department of Chemistry is on the approved list of the American Chemical Society. The Department of Music is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. The Ph.D. program in clinical psychology in the Department of Psychology and the Psy.D. program in the Center for Professional Psychology are on the approved list of the American Psychological Association. The M.A. program in speech-language pathology is accredited by the Education and Training Board of the Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The M.P.A. program is on the approved list of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

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