

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

2009 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Who is eligible to apply to a Georgetown Summer Program?

We accept applications from rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school who are in good academic standing.

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When is the application deadline?

Admissions are made on a rolling basis, but it is best to apply early since programs fill up quickly.

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Does a student need to complete two applications if he or she is applying to more than one program?

No; the student should simply check on the application form all the programs to which he or she is applying.

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Do students need to send in all their application components at once?

Since our Admissions Office maintains a working file for each applicant, students can send the various application pieces in separately. However, please note that a file will not be reviewed until it is complete. Students should be sure to contact their recommenders and schools to verify that their recommendation letters and transcripts were sent to the School of Continuing Studies office.

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How many letters of recommendation does a student need?

Only one recommendation is necessary. Please be sure the recommendation comes from a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, or another individual who has worked with the student in an academic environment.

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What if a student has not yet taken the SAT or PSAT?

The student should send in the rest of the application components and indicate on the application that he or she has not yet taken these exams.

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Are scholarship opportunities available?

Partial tuition scholarship awards are available to eligible students applying for all programs except International Relations, American Politics & Public Affairs, and Discover China. Students should submit their scholarship applications along with their program applications.

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Can international students apply to summer programs?

Yes, international students are encouraged to apply. Please note that all Summer College F-1 visa holders must maintain a minimum of six credits per session. The eight-day workshops are not eligible for I-20 issuance and Fundamentals of Business is not eligible for I-20 issuance either unless the student is full-time and enrolls in a second class.

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Which programs offer college credits?

Summer College and Fundamentals of Business: Leadership in a Global Economy are the two summer programs that offer college credits. Fundamentals of Business is a three-credit program, and students have the option of earning more credits by enrolling in an additional course from Summer College. Students who participate in Summer College take one to two classes (usually three to four credits) per session.

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When will students hear from the Admissions Office about their application status?

Admissions are on a rolling basis. A student will receive an acceptance or denial e-mail within a month after his or her application file is completed (so please be sure to list a frequently used e-mail address on the application). An acceptance letter will then be mailed to the student's home address. After the student electronically registers for his or her program by following the directions contained in the acceptance e-mail, he or she will have access to important acceptance documents through the online [Blackboard system](#).

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What are the acceptance packet documents and why are they important?

Students receive an acceptance letter in the mail shortly after being admitted to their summer program. Once a student electronically registers for a program, he or she should immediately log on to [Blackboard](#) and review the acceptance documents. These documents include a medical permission form, an immunization form, a roommate questionnaire, a campus map, an occupancy agreement, a campus regulations form, and a HoyaAlert sign-up sheet. These forms must be printed, completed, and returned to the School of Continuing Studies as quickly as possible. Once a high school student is enrolled and has sent back his or her acceptance documents, he or she is known around campus as a Summer Hoya!

Approximately two to three weeks before their program begins, Summer Hoyas will be able to access their orientation documents through Blackboard. These documents include a general information sheet, residence hall assignment, a campus map, a list of hotels and restaurants in the Georgetown area, and a checklist of items to bring to the program.

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PREPARING FOR GEORGETOWN

Does Georgetown University provide transportation to campus?

Georgetown University does not pick up students and bring them to campus. To get to campus, students must independently make arrangements to travel to and from area airports, train stations, and bus stations. The address of the main gates at Georgetown University is 37th and O Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20057. Students can take a taxicab or arrange to be picked up by [Super Shuttle](#).

There are three area airports from which students can easily arrange ground transportation:

[Reagan National Airport](#) is located just minutes from Georgetown.

[Dulles International Airport](#) is located about 25 miles from Washington, DC.

[Baltimore/Washington International Airport](#) is located about 40 miles from Washington, DC.

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How do Summer Hoyas sign up for on-campus housing?

Students who want to live in Georgetown residence halls must complete a [housing request form](#). Once the housing request form is completed, students will be sent an e-mail stating that they have been signed up for Georgetown housing and must now pay their bill. Students must complete and submit an Occupancy Agreement that will be available on Blackboard.

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How do students pay for their housing and tuition?

Summer Hoyas can make payment through a variety of methods, the easiest being online through [Student Access +](#). Please refer to the [Student Accounts](#) Web site for additional information about payment options. Students must complete their registration and payments by the following deadlines:

Students admitted between January 1, 2009, and March 1, 2009, will need to make full payment by March 15, 2009.

Students admitted between March 2, 2009, and May 1, 2009, will need to make full payment by May 15, 2009.

Students admitted between May 2, 2009, and June 1, 2009, will need to make full payment by June 15, 2009 (or at least two weeks before their program begins).

Students admitted after June 1 will have to pay in full two weeks prior to the start of their program. Students who do not complete the registration process by the deadlines will be dropped and must apply again. Students who do not pay their housing bill and fill out the Occupancy Agreement will lose their housing reservation, be unable to check into the residence halls, and will need to find housing independently.

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What is the "Pre-College Fee"?

We assess the \$398.00 Pre-College fee to all Summer Hoyas in credit programs, whether or not they are residents.

The fee is used for additional campus support that the high school programs warrant due to the younger age of student participants. All Summer Hoyas, whether residents or nonresidents,

benefit from the additional counselors who are present on campus during the day, the orientation, the closing events, and the additional social events that are set up for the students, such as ice cream socials. They can also use the Yates Field House fitness facility. All Summer Hoyas are entitled to enjoy additional academic high school programming, including exciting campus lectures. This year, we are holding the LaFarge Lecture series, designed for College Preparatory students but open and advertised to all Summer Hoyas.

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When will students know their residence hall assignments?

A student learns the residence hall in which he or she will be staying two to three weeks prior to the start of his or her program. This residence hall assignment will be included in the orientation e-mail and orientation packet.

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What happens if a Summer Hoya forgets the classes for which he or she is registered?

Through Student Access +, students have Internet access to their own academic records. A Summer Hoya may view his or her address, class schedule, grades, billing statement, and other personal data. Students who do not recall if they signed up for housing can verify by checking their billing statements. Student Access + is also used for course registration.

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Can a student arrive late to the summer program?

Students admitted to Summer College and/or Fundamentals of Business may not miss any class meetings. Students admitted to an eight-day workshop are encouraged not to arrive to the program late and are not permitted to arrive after the first full day of the workshop.

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Where can students find information about refund policies?

Tuition Refunds: The refund policy for Fundamentals of Business: Leadership in a Global Economy, and Summer College I and II is as follows:

- Within the first three days of classes in a given session: 100% refund
- Within the first six days of classes: 75% refund
- Within the first ten days of classes: 50% refund
- After the first ten days of classes: NONE

For College Preparatory and all the workshops (with the exception of Discover China), students can cancel up to two weeks (14 calendar days) prior to the start date of their program and receive a full tuition refund. After that time, an \$800.00 cancellation fee will be withheld from the refund.

For Discover China, students are required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 within two weeks of acceptance. The cancellation policy for this program is as follows: Cancellation between 31 and 60 days before the start date=90% of program fee refunded less the \$1,500 deposit. Cancellation after 30 days before the start date is non-refundable.

Students who withdraw or are dismissed from a Summer Program for any reason do not receive a refund.

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Can a Summer Hoya request a roommate?

Yes, all Summer Hoyas are able to request a specific roommate by noting the request on the roommate questionnaire form included in their acceptance packet. However, Georgetown University is unable to guarantee that the request will be honored.

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Are residence halls air-conditioned?

Yes, residence halls are air-conditioned; however, students may bring fans if they wish. Every room is carpeted and furnished with a bed, a desk, and a chair for each resident. Bookshelves, drawers, and closets are built-in in the rooms. Residence halls have laundry facilities available to students. Males and females are separated, usually by floor. To read more about student housing, please refer to the following Web site: <http://housing.georgetown.edu/summer/index.cfm>.

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Where can I send my Summer Hoya packages and letters?

Please address packages and letters to your Summer Hoya's Residence Hall Office (e.g., New South Residence Hall Office) at 37th and O Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20057. Summer Hoyas will need to present a photo I.D. when picking up a package.

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What kinds of social events and activities are available to Summer Hoyas?

Students are permitted to engage in the rich and varied cultural life of the university during the summer. For Summer Hoyas in particular, supervision and direction are provided by the Hall Directors and Counselors. Students are encouraged to participate in organized ice cream socials, dances, movie nights, and other activities. Commuter students are welcome at all events.

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What is the extent of supervision students receive?

All students are closely supervised by their assigned Hall Directors and Counselors. There are two Hall Directors, an Activities Director, and one Counselor per every 20 students in each program. Additional staff members are added as enrollments warrant. The Counselors live with the students. Both the Hall Directors and Counselors receive extensive training. Additionally, the Summer Hoya staff conducts a room check and head count each night.

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Do students need to bring their own bedding?

For the eight-day workshops, linen service is provided. For the longer programs, students are required to bring their own linens.

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Is there a dress code?

Generally, dress is informal. Please be aware that summer in Washington can be very hot and humid, so be sure to bring cool, comfortable clothing. A good pair of walking shoes is highly recommended. Laundry facilities are available in residence halls. For programs that have off-site visits, business dress is required for both men and women. Again, a good pair of walking shoes is highly recommended for all off-site visits.

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What time is check-in/check-out?

Summer Hoyas may check into residence halls any time after 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday they arrive at Georgetown. After check-in, students can get their GOCards, (Georgetown ID Cards) and walk around campus. Students in College Prep and the 8-day workshops will then meet as a group at 7:00 p.m. for a campus tour and program introductions. Students in Summer College and Fundamentals of Business will meet at 5:00pm in the [Intercultural Center Auditorium](#) for an orientation. Check-out time is 10:00 a.m. on either the Saturday or Sunday the student's program ends.

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Where can a student's parents park on arrival day?

Other than side-street parking, there are two options. After making a right into the Georgetown Canal Road entrance, drive straight into the Southwest Quad Parking Garage. Alternatively, Parking Lot C, which is located near McDonough Gym and the tennis courts, is also available. Parking on weekends is free. Please refer to the [campus map](#).

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WHILE ON CAMPUS

Is a laptop computer required?

A laptop computer is not required, and all Summer Hoyas have library access. However, students are allowed to bring their own computers to campus. All rooms have access to the Internet using an Ethernet or wireless connection. Those wishing to use an Ethernet connection will need to bring an Ethernet cable or purchase one at the University Bookstore. Furthermore, the Lauinger Library and other buildings on campus have wireless Internet access if the student wishes to bring a wireless card.

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Are Summer Hoyas allowed to stay overnight off-campus with family or friends?

Students are not allowed to leave campus overnight except in special circumstances approved in advance by the Office of Residence Life.

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Do all Summer Hoyas need to purchase a meal plan?

Meals are included in the tuition for all the eight-day programs, both for commuter and resident students. Students enrolled in Summer College, College Preparatory, and Fundamentals of Business have the option of signing up with Georgetown's meal plan. Commuter students are also welcome to register for a meal plan. Please visit the [Summer Meal Plan Web site](#) to view meal plan options and registration instructions. Anyone with questions related to meal plan options and payment must call Dining Services at 202-687-5379 .

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Do students have access to a fitness facility on campus?

Yes. Students are encouraged to enjoy the university athletic facilities at the [Yates Field House](#).

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What if a student has an allergy or needs to take a certain medication?

Students will have access to important medical forms on Blackboard once they enroll in their program. The Medical Permission form, which goes to Student Health and program counselors, provides the opportunity to explain any medical issues or concerns.

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What time should commuter students arrive to campus each morning?

Schedules for the eight-day workshops vary; however, Summer Hoyas should plan on coming to campus between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. every day and staying until 9:00 p.m. Students will find out where to meet their fellow program students at orientation. Students in Summer College, College Preparatory, and Fundamentals of Business should arrive to campus in time for their individual classes.

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Will students need to purchase books?

Students who are in Summer College I, Summer College II, Fundamentals of Business, and the College Preparatory Program have required texts. Students will find out textbook titles either at orientation or at their first class meeting. Books may be purchased at the [Georgetown University Bookstore](#) located in the Leavey Center. Students should plan to budget approximately \$150.00 for textbooks. Please click [here](#) to view a map for directions to the bookstore.

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How do students find out where their classes meet?

Summer College students will need to visit the [Registrar's Web site](#) to determine the location of their classes. A map of campus will be included in the orientation documents and can also be viewed here: <http://maps.georgetown.edu/>. For the remaining programs, schedules are posted to Blackboard approximately two weeks prior to the start of the specific program.

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Do students receive any form of identification?

All Summer Hoyas will receive GOCards, student I.D., and access cards. Students should get their [GOCards](#) on the day they arrive. More information about obtaining GOCards will be posted on this Web site shortly.

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What happens if a student forgets his or her NetID and/or password?

A university NetID is an automatically assigned, unique electronic identifier for each authorized user at Georgetown. A student who forgets his or her NetID or password must call the [University Information Services \(UIS\)](#) help desk at 202-687-4577 .

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AFTER THE PROGRAM HAS ENDED

Do students receive grades?

Students in Summer College and Fundamentals of Business receive grades that can be accessed online through Student Access +. Students in eight-day noncredit workshops will receive completion certificates. College Preparatory students will receive their grades by mail approximately three to four weeks after the program has ended.

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How do Summer College and Fundamentals of Business students receive transcripts?

Students in these two college-credit programs can obtain transcripts by submitting a [transcript request](#) form to the University Registrar, who can be reached at 202-687-4020 . Students should first verify through Student Access that their grades are available before contacting the University Registrar's office.

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