



MILITARY & VETERAN SERVICES

Orientation
FALL 2023

DEMOGRAPHICS 2022-2023

MILITARY STATUS

1,487 STUDENTS

VETERANS 43.6% ACTIVE DUTY 13.4% DEPENDENT 29.7%



RESERVIST 8.6% NATIONAL GUARD 3.7% OTHER 1%

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

FOGGY BOTTOM 45%

GW ONLINE 41%

5% OFF CAMPUS

VSTC 9%

DEMOGRAPHICS 2022-2023

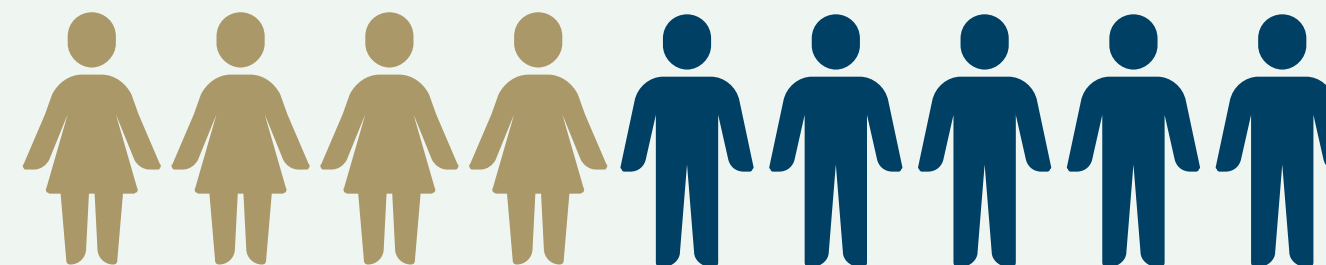
TOP FOUR

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- 1 Nursing
- 2 International Affairs
- 3 Cybersecurity
- 4 Political Science

GRADUATE MAJORS

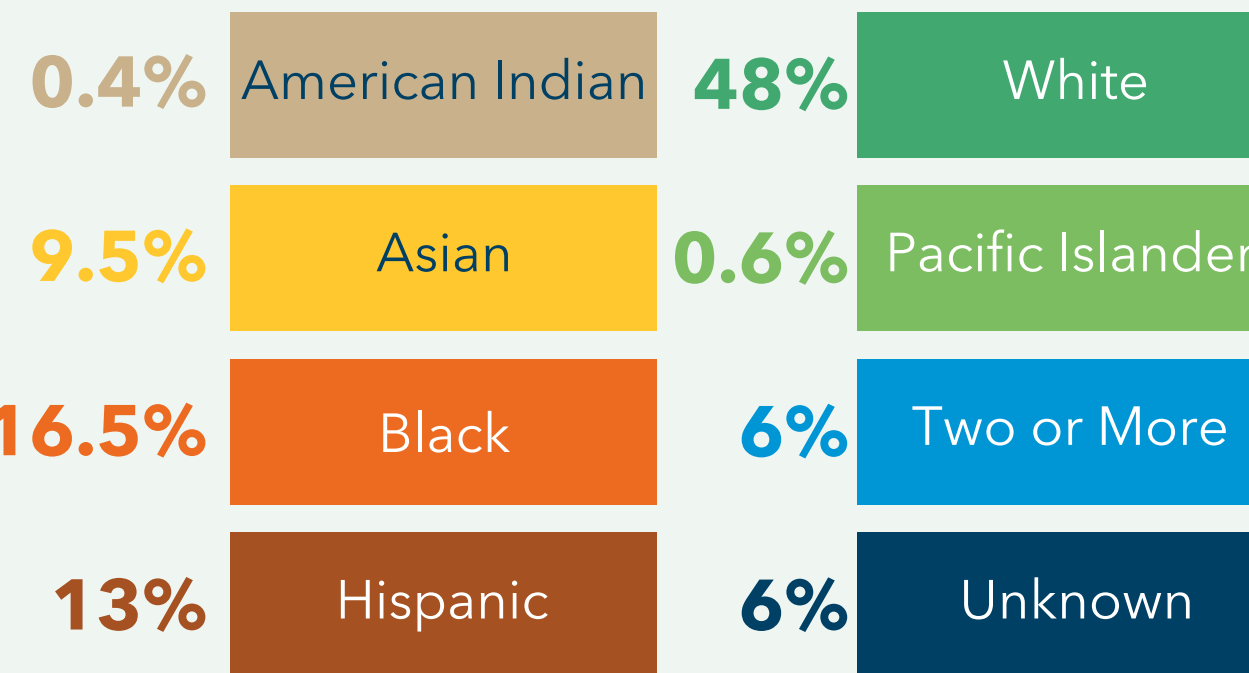
- 1 Public Health
- 2 Business Administration
- 3 Engineering Management
- 4 Cybersecurity



46% FEMALE

54% MALE

DIVERSITY





MVS TEAM



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President, GW Vets

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CAREER SERVICES

CAREER SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **The Pitch**
- **Career Services**
- **Resource Fairs**
- **and so much more!**



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**VETSUCCESS
ON CAMPUS
(VSOCC)**



VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS (VSOC)

- Inform students on VA education/employment benefit
- Support Chapter 31 students in realizing their individualized goals
- Guide students in military to civilian/college transition
- Assist in contacting Veteran Readiness Counselors (VRCs)

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A photograph of a university campus with a central statue on a pedestal, surrounded by green lawns, trees, and brick buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. On the right side, there are several horizontal, overlapping gold-colored bars of varying lengths, creating a decorative graphic element.

BENEFITS PROCESSING

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- Typically obtained during admission process or by completing FAFSA
- If your SSN is missing or incorrect, add or update your SSN with GW.
- If using DEA (Chapter 35), include sponsor's FULL SSN on "Request for Certification" as claim number

PROOF OF VA EDUCATION BENEFIT

- Contact the VA Education Call Center (888-442-4551 or VA.gov)
- Request proof of VA education benefit:
 - GI Bill (Ch 1606/30/33) - VA mails COE/Statement of Benefits
 - DEA (Ch 35) - VA mails/emails COE/award letter
 - VR&E (Ch 31) - VRC submits Purchase Order (PO)
- Send proof of benefit, dated within the last 2 years, with GWID to vetserve@gwu.edu

REQUEST CERTIFICATION

- All benefits users **MUST** request certification via GWeb prior to starts of each semester (Fall/Spring/Summer)
 - REQUEST as soon as you REGISTER
- If using VR&E (Chapter 31), this action also initiates your request for a book voucher
- Requesting certification **ON TIME** prevents late fees, interest, and financial holds on your GW account

MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA) & BOOK STIPEND

- MHA is not paid to active duty or spouse receiving BAH
- Based on E-5 with dependent BAH rate and zip code of class location
- Must be enrolled MORE THAN HALF TIME with at least 1 “in person” class
- Full-time student at Foggy Bottom campus - approximately \$2600
- Full-time student at Ashburn campus - approximately \$2500
- Students enrolled in online programs receive half the national average - approximately \$900
- VA requires students to verify their enrollment each month
- VA pays a month behind and pro-rated, when applicable
- Book stipend pays ~\$42/credit up to \$1000 for the academic year



YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM (YRP) AND ELIGIBILITY



GW has partnered with the VA in the YRP to help close the gap in the cost of education.

GW students automatically qualify for YRP when:

- Actively using Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)
- Eligibility rate is 100%

This is NOT a disability rating and NOT percent transferred

2023-24 POST 9/11 GI BILL AND YRP CAPS

POST 9/11 GI BILL CAPS

50%	\$13,560.02
60%	\$16,272.03
70%	\$18,984.03
80%	\$21,696.04
90%	\$24,408.04
100%	\$27,120.05

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM CAPS

Undergraduate	\$25,750 Matched	\$51,500 Total YRP	\$78,620.05 Total Benefit
Graduate	\$17,000 Matched	\$34,000 Total YRP	\$61,120.05 Total Benefit
Law	\$21,310 Matched	\$42,620 Total YRP	\$69,740.05 Total Benefit

YRP EXAMPLE

General Washington is using the Post 9/11 GI Bill towards an undergraduate degree at GW. Their eligibility rating is 100%.

- Tuition + fees for the fall semester is \$30,000
- MVS bills the VA \$30,000
- VA would pay out \$27,120.05 (GI) + \$1439.97 (YRP)
- GW would match \$1439.97 (YRP)
- The out-of-pocket cost for the fall semester is \$0.01
- GI Bill cap is exhausted; remaining YRP cap is \$48,620.06
- Caps reset each academic year



36-MONTH WINDOW

- Students have a 36-month window of entitlement
- Full-time students use approximately 4.5 months of GI Bill each semester
- 4.5 months x 8 semesters (equivalent to 4 years of school) is 36
- Students who are 100% eligible and start GW with 36 months of entitlement should be able to graduate with little to no out-of-pocket costs.
- The VA only counts time you are enrolled; breaks over 7 days do not count
- Part-time students use a fraction of the time; enrolled half-time uses 50% fewer months of entitlement
- Best way for MVS to help you maximize your benefits--send updated COE
- Contact us if you have questions about your entitlement window

CERTIFICATION PROCESS



- First, we "Zero Cert"
 - This certification process begin after registration opens but before classes start
 - Certifies your enrollment without the tuition charges
 - Triggers MHA payments and book stipend (Post 9/11 only)
- Then, we "Certifying for Tuition"
 - This certification process begins after the add/drop period*
 - VA sends tuition payments to school or stipend student (depending on benefit)

*MUST contact us anytime # of credits changes (including withdraws/leaves of absence)

TUITION PAYOUTS "WHEN IS MY BILL DUE?"

- Typically, bills for GW are due by the first day of class
- **"Do I need to pay the entire bill before the semester, if I am using VA benefits, before the first day of classes?"**
 - No. As long as the student requests certification before the term begins, the MVS Office will work with Student Accounts to prevent any late fees or finance charges while waiting for the VA Benefits to come through.
 - The only payments the student is responsible for are "out-of-pocket" expenses including: housing, dining, study abroad, etc. Please contact the office directly with questions regarding certification status, your bill, or payment.



VA POLICIES

STUDY ABROAD

- **Study Abroad must be REQUIRED for graduation.**
- If approved, the VA will pay:
 - Tuition and fees
 - Books and supplies
 - MHA based on home school's program location
- The VA will NOT pay:
 - costs related to travel (airfare, lodging, and meals)
 - Third party charges
- Most GW programs do not have a study abroad requirement.



ONE DEGREE & ROUND OUT

- **The VA will pay for ONE DEGREE at a time unless:**

- Course(s) required for admission to the next level

*Can take course(s) at more than one school (with parent letter)

- **ROUND OUT can be used for the purpose of being full-time**

- Allowed only in the final academic term
- Must be included within the program
- Would count towards graduation requirement

Example: As a requirement, student has a choice to take 2 of 4 courses during their last term. They decide to take all 4 to be considered full-time. The additional courses are not required to graduate but the VA will allow the round out because the courses are specifically named in the curriculum.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- SAP is the minimum standard for an institution to be eligible for university funds.
- Students who do not meet minimum standards of SAP risk losing institutional funds and will not be eligible to use YRP.
- Undergrad students SAP GPA is 2.0 | Graduate Student SAP GPA is 3.0
- Students will receive SAP warning after one semester.
- **Thinking about withdrawing from a class? Will this impact my VA benefits?**
 - YES!

Please, notify MVS as soon as possible. Depending on the timing, you may be eligible for a tuition refund. If too much time has passed, the student may become responsible for payment.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Mitigating Circumstances are

- beyond the student's control that prevent the student from continuing in school or
- that cause the student to reduce credits. Having a mitigating circumstance may still mean you have a debt to GW.
- Examples may include:
 - Illness/death in the immediate family
 - Student's illness/injury during enrollment period
 - Family/financial obligations, childcare arrangements
 - Unanticipated active military service, including active duty for training

Contact us immediately if you believe you have mitigating circumstances affecting your enrollment.

STUDENT RESOURCES & GW VETS





MILITARY COMMUNITY CENTER 2035 F STREET

In Fall 2016, GW opened the Military Community Center in order to enrich the support for military affiliated students

- Lounge
- Kitchen (refrigerator, microwave, coffee machine, tea, etc.)
- Study area and group study rooms
- Outdoor patio
- Outdoor gym area

[REQUEST TAP ACCESS](#)



DOG TAGS

- Bi-Monthly newsletter with:
 - Important policy reminders
 - Upcoming events in/around GW
 - Scholarship info
 - Job/internship postings
- Newsletter sent on the 1st and 15th every month (Just the 1st for June and July)
- Email dogtags@gwu.edu to subscribe





SOCIAL MEDIA



@GWWETS



GW Vets on
Engage



THANK YOU!

Military & Veteran Services

University Student Center (USC) - Ground Floor

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Be sure to check out our Student Checklists and FAQs!