

Information for Exchange Students

2025-2026 Academic Year

(Subject to change)

Nomination Process:

The application form for next year will be provided in February and is due to the Office of Transnational Programs no later than April 1, 2025. Students or home school administrators must also submit a current transcript showing all law school classes and grades received.

Academic Calendar:

The Academic Calendar for AY 2025-2026 will be available via the link below in May or June 2025. See <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-resources/registrar/academic-calendars/>.

Orientation:

Exchange students follow the orientation program for foreign-educated LLM students. Orientation is mandatory and takes place from Monday, August 18 to Friday, August 22, 2025. When available, an updated schedule will be posted online.

Visas

A J-1 visa is the appropriate visa for most exchange students. Information about the visa application process can be found on the [New F-1 or J-1 Students page](#). Please note that, among other supporting materials, J-1 students are required to provide specific proof of English Proficiency prior to issuance of the Form DS-2019 (the form required to apply for a J-1 visa). Please review the [Proof of J-1 English Proficiency](#) page for more information.

Costs:

Estimated costs for living expenses including Georgetown University Health Insurance, rent, course materials, food, and entertainment for 2025-2026 is \$17,460 USD. When available, updated information for 2025-2026 can be found at <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-aid/international-students/new-students/supporting-documents/proof-of-funding/>. See “J-1 Students” under “Proof of Funding.”

Health Insurance:

Students enrolled on a full time basis (8 or more credit hours per semester at the Law Center) are required to have health insurance coverage. [Students holding a J1 or F1 visa](#) will be required to purchase Georgetown University’s student health plan ([the Premier Plan](#)). There are very few exceptions to waive the Plan, e.g., if you are covered under a group employer or group embassy plan that meets the University Requirements. The cost of fall only coverage under the Premier Plan for fall 2025 is estimated to be \$1765. The insurance charge will be posted to student bills in late July.

Housing Information:

Georgetown Law does not offer on-campus housing. You may find the following resources helpful as you look for an apartment in Washington:

- *The Law Center’s Office of Housing and Residence Life* has a website with information about off-campus housing options at <https://offcampushousing.law.georgetown.edu/>.
- *Georgetown University’s Office of Global Services* on the main campus of Georgetown University provides housing search assistance to international graduate students and graduate-level exchange students, on a space-available basis during August. For more information about the services provided see their website at <http://internationalservices.georgetown.edu/before/housing/>.

Course and Registration Information:

Students are invited to visit our [online curriculum guide](#) to get a sense of the courses available at Georgetown Law. Students should keep in mind that course offerings can vary from year to year. You will be provided with registration guidance and instructions in June or July. At that point, students will be directed to the 2025-2026 course schedule, which will be available via the curriculum guide.

International exchange visitors are full-time students:

- The minimum number of academic credits exchange students may carry is 8 credits; a standard load would be 8 to 11 credits;
- The maximum number of credits exchange students may take during the semester is 12.

Exchange students are eligible for most J.D (LAWJ) and LL.M (LAWG) courses. They may not enroll in first-year J.D courses, clinical or practicum offerings, or externships. Other limitations may apply.

NOTE: Credits earned through a Georgetown exchange program CANNOT be applied to a future Georgetown degree.

Proof of English Language Proficiency:

J-1 students must provide one of the following documents to establish English proficiency:

- Minimum TOEFL score: Internet-based: 80; Paper-based: 550
- Minimum IELTS score: 7.0

*(*TOEFL and IELTS tests must be administered within two years of the J-1 program start date)*

- Official transcript, school report, or letter (signed and dated) from a higher education institution where:
 - English was the language of instruction for all coursework and
 - The student achieved a minimum, cumulative U.S. GPA equivalency of 3.0.
- Attestation of proficiency (signed and dated) from an English language school (a school that teaches English language to non-native speakers) or an English language instructor (an instructor who teaches English language to non-native speakers).
- A document (signed and dated) interview conducted in-person or by video-conferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option, by Georgetown University staff or faculty in the admitting department/office.

Students who cannot present qualifying proof of English language proficiency will not be able to study in J-1 status.