

Freshmen

Answers for freshmen

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Freshmen, welcome to the Webb! You probably have many questions and no answers. The first year at college is a time where you will face big changes. It takes a lot of adjustment, which can be hard. Here are a few answers to questions that I asked after arriving at Gardner-Webb pertaining to academics, dorm life, the basics of college life and campus involvement. Hopefully, these will help you feel more at ease while you start your life in college.

One of the first questions I asked was, "Where do I buy my books?" The campus shop in the bottom of the DCC (Dover Campus Center - near your mailbox) sells all the books professors' use, school supplies and GWU apparel. However, if you will look on the bulletin board near the mailboxes, students will be selling used books for a discounted price.

Who can help me if I need a schedule change? Each student is assigned an advisor, who will help make schedule changes if needed. They also help you sign up for classes for the spring semester. They are here to guide you and help you make the best course selections over the years that you are at GWU.

What if I don't get along with my roommate? One adjustment freshmen have to make is learning how to live with someone in close quarters. This is not an easy task and some people are not compatible as roommates. If this is your case, there is a free room change period three weeks after school starts. If you move during any other time in the semester, there is a fee.

Should I keep my door locked? Yes, you should lock your door when you are out of the room. Your dorm room is like your house. All your stuff is valuable, so keep it safe and lock your room.

Where can you go to get items you need? Two words - Wally World. Yes, we have a 24 hour Super Wal-Mart in Shelby, less than 15 minutes away. Find a few people to go with you and make it an outing. I promise you will

not be the only one going to Wal-Mart in the first week, even if it happens to be 1 a.m.

The next few points are basic information that might be useful to you, as a GWU student.

First, there is no infirmary on campus, but GWU will refer you to Boiling Springs Medical Associates, which is right down the road. More detailed information is listed in your student handbook on policies dealing with medical emergencies.

Secondly, what are ID cards used for? ID cards are used for meals, access to your dorm building, renting library books, for attendance purposes at Dimensions (chapel), to use the wellness center and free entrance to home sporting events, campus concerts and plays. It is a good idea to keep your ID card with you at all times.

Have you noticed the different colored parking spaces? Students are only allowed to park in the white spaces and in the gravel parking lots. The red ones are for professors and you will be fined if Campus Police find your car parked in a professor's spot during school hours.

What happens if I cannot make it to the cafeteria one night? There is a program called Meal Exchange that is open shortly before and after meals where students can use their ID cards to get

something to eat if the cafeteria is closed. There are also places to eat such as Hardees, Taco Bell and KFC only minutes from campus.

Is there a Church I can attend on campus? No, there is not a Church on campus; however, there is a wide variety of denominations in the surrounding area. So you don't have a car? No problem! Find someone who does and go "Church hunting" with them. But where do I go? Again, ask around. Most students who have been here for a while know where many of the local churches are and will be glad for you to join them.

Just remember, college is a chance for you to spread your wings and to learn a little about life. Do not be afraid to ask someone for help if you have a question, even if it seems silly. It is all part of the learning experience.

Helpful Reminders

Campus Police
x4444

GWU Directory
x4000

Learning shortcuts

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It seems as if there are endless lists of things to remember your first year of college. Each student gets an ID number, new phone number, address, passwords, etc. Added to that, students have to figure out where everything is as well as the abbreviation for each of Gardner-Webb's buildings.

During my first week at college I carried a schedule with all the classes I had, what building they were in and the abbreviations for each building. It was confusing at first, but with a little help from friends, I quickly learned where to go for each class.

For a complete list of building abbreviations, go to <http://www.reg.gardner-webb.edu/buildingabbrev.htm>. From there, you can access a complete list of course abbreviations as well. However, here are a few abbreviations you might come across that are not on that list, along with a title and explanation for each abbreviation listed.

Two key buildings you need to know are the LYCC and the DCC. The LYCC is the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. Our basketball team plays in this auditorium. Also, Dimensions is held in the LYCC every Tuesday. This is where you spent

much of your time during Orientation. The Dover Campus Center (DCC) is probably one of the first buildings you will learn. The top floor of the DCC is where the admission offices are as well as the cafeteria. In the bottom of the DCC you will find the Campus Store, your mailbox, the snack bar, a student lounge and classroom.

There are also many associations that students can take part in. Some of them include Student Government Association (SGA), Student Alumni Council (SAC), Honors Student Association (HSA) and Student Admissions Associates (SAA). The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is an additional organization in which students can help plan dorm events and activities alongside their Resident Advisers (RA). Each dorm also has a GRD, or Graduate Resident Assistant, who helps students check in and out of dorms for holidays and breaks. Along with the RAs and GRD, each dorm is assigned a Residence Technician or ResTech. These students will help their fellow students with internet connection problems and other computer problems. Student Entertainment Association (SEA) involves a panel of students that helps plan activities for the school as well as chooses movies for the Gardner-

Webb channel each month.

Many clubs in which students can have an impact in the surrounding community are also available. These include Campus Ministries United (CMU), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Student Volunteer Corps (SVC), God and People (GaP) and Fellowship of Christians United in Service (FOCUS). Many students attend GaP, which is a prayer and bible study led by their fellow peers. FOCUS also includes a large number of students on campus. Those involved are divided into teams that prepare to visit churches in the area to lead bible studies, retreats or Sunday services mainly for youth groups.

Other familiar abbreviations you might come across relate to our athletics department. GWU is part of the A-Sun Conference and has recently moved to Division I in many athletic events. You will also see students who are learning to be ATs, or Athletic Trainers helping before, during and after each game.

Although almost everything on campus has an abbreviation, it is not difficult to remember. Students on campus can give you more detailed information about the different clubs and organizations they are involved in.

<p>common campus acronyms</p>	SAC	Student Alumni Council
	RHA	Residence Hall Association
	SGA	Student Government Association
	SEA	Student Entertainment Association
	RA	Resident Advisor
	FOCUS	Fellowship of Christians United in Service
	CMU	Campus Ministries United
	LYCC	Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center
	DCC	Dover Campus Center
	OMG	O. Max Gardner Hall (Music)
	CSH	Communication Studies Hall
	CHP	Chapel