WE BRING STUDENTS TOGETHER FROM AROUND THE GLOBE.

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Imagine a Degree That Leads to Limitless Pathways to Success

Gallaudet offers a wide variety of exciting opportunities for international students to enhance their classroom studies and prepare them for successful careers after they graduate. Wherever their interests lie, Gallaudet is the place where international students can take courses, engage in internships and research studies, and participate in community projects and advocacy work to stimulate their imagination and motivate them to find personal fulfillment. Many international students return home as leaders, working to improve lives for deaf people. Here are a few examples of what international Gallaudet graduates from the past year are doing: a Vietnamese graduate used her master’s degree in Sign Language Education to return home and teach sign language at a university and train sign language teachers. An Iranian Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Studies recipient is pursuing a doctorate in linguistics at Gallaudet. A Chinese student with a Bachelor of Science degree was hired by Microsoft. Two graduates accepted jobs at Gallaudet—a Ghanaian who earned her undergraduate degree in accounting is working in the Payroll Office of the University’s Human Resources Services, and a Chinese Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree holder who went on to earn her Master’s in Public Administration is working in the University’s Finance Office until she realizes her dream of becoming an accounting team manager and a corporation leader. Regardless of your dream, Gallaudet empowers you to make it come true.
“AT GALLAUDET, I GOT A LIBERAL EDUCATION, MAJORED IN ACCOUNTING, AND ABSORBED THE UNIQUE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES DEAF COMMUNITY. I HAVE ENJOYED ACCESS I DID NOT HAVE BACK HOME IN CHINA. I LOOK FORWARD TO GRADUATING AND RETURNING HOME TO SPREAD DEAF AWARENESS THROUGHOUT MY COUNTRY.”

Yudan Liu
Chengdu, Sichuan, China
Current Student, Accounting Major

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**General Studies Program**

Gallaudet’s General Studies program is planned with the university’s liberal education philosophy in mind. During your first year, you will complete a cluster of four first-year foundation courses that comprise the basis of the critical thinking, reasoning, language and communication skills that you’ll use for the rest of your collegiate career and beyond.

After the first year, take integrated courses that challenge you. Faculty members develop interdisciplinary courses around a central topic that allow you to connect skills and knowledge from multiple fields.

Finally, cultivate your scholarly skills in a capstone course, where you team up with classmates to tackle a real-life problem through a project or work experience.

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**A Barrier-free Campus**

Central to the university’s mission is direct, visual access to communication with fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

The International Affairs unit of the Office of Research Support and International Affairs (RSIA) includes International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), which eases international students’ transition to life in the United States and at Gallaudet University, and assists current international students who seek advice on immigration regulations.

The Gallaudet University Library is a member of the Washington Research Library Consortium. Students, faculty and staff have free access to print and electronic resources at other area universities.

The Office for Students With Disabilities (OSWD) offers individually tailored, comprehensive support services to promote equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities.

eLearning provides Internet support and training and manages centralized computer labs. You can also walk into the eLearning Lab for on-the-spot computer help and participate in computer-based training sessions.

Gallaudet Interpreting Service provides ASL and spoken English interpreting and captioning services that support educational needs in the classroom and at campus events.

Tutorial and Instructional Programs provides a safe and open learning environment for students who request tutorial assistance.
Internationally known faculty in:
- American Sign Language
- Business
- Deaf Studies
- Educational Neuroscience
- Interpretation
- Linguistics
- Psychology

More than 21,000 alumni making a difference throughout the world

102 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

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International service projects and internships in (partial list):
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- China
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- India
- Italy
- Kenya
- Mexico
- Nepal
- Phillippines
- Thailand
Undergraduate Programs

An undergraduate education at Gallaudet features a unique mix of interdisciplinary courses, study abroad and internship opportunities. Here, high academic expectations are paired with direct access and support services specifically designed to make sure you make the most of your own liberal arts experience and prepare for the workforce or postgraduate education.

Undergraduate Majors and Minors

Accounting, B.S.  
American Sign Language, B.A.  
Art and Media Design, B.A.  
Art History Minor  
Athletic Coaching Minor  
Biology, B.A. and B.S.  
Business Administration, B.S.  
Chemistry, B.A. and B.S.  
Communication Studies, B.A.  
Dance Minor  
Deaf Studies, B.A.  
Digital Media Minor  
Education, B.A., B.S. and 5-year B.A./M.A. Option  

English, B.A.  
Ethics Minor  
Family Studies Minor  
Government, B.A.  
Graphic Design Minor  
History, B.A.  
Information Technology, B.S.  
International Studies, B.A.  
Interpretation, B.A.  
Linguistics Minor  
Mathematics, B.A. and B.S.  
Philosophy, B.A.  
Photography Minor

Many of the majors listed above are also offered as minors.

Graduate Degree Programs

Audiology, Au.D.  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.  
Clinical Psychology, Ph.D.  
Deaf Education, Ph.D., Ed.S., M.A.  
Deaf Studies, M.A.  
Educational Neuroscience, Ph.D.  

Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences, Ph.D. and M.S.  
International Development, M.A.  
Interpretation, Ph.D. and M.A.  
Linguistics, Ph.D. and M.A.  
Public Administration, M.P.A. 

School Counseling, M.A.  
School Psychology, Psy.S.  
Sign Language Education, M.A.  
Social Work, M.S.W.  
Speech-Language Pathology, M.S.  

“BEING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HAS OPENED MY EYES IN INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY, AND WHO COMMUNICATE IN ASL, I KNOW THIS IS DEFINITELY MY SECOND HOME WHEN A SERVER...
International Student Programs
In addition to its undergraduate and graduate degree programs, Gallaudet offers two special programs for international students. Either can be a stepping stone to a degree program.

English Language Institute
The mission of Gallaudet University’s English Language Institute (ELI) is to provide an intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program for American and international deaf and hard of hearing students. Bilingual instruction in both American Sign Language and written English provides a multicultural environment for ELI students to achieve academic, professional and personal language goals.

Students come to the ELI program in order to develop the English literacy skills needed to prepare for college. This pre-college program does not offer college credit. In addition to English, other subjects are provided as needed. These include American Sign Language, basic mathematics and cross-cultural studies.

At the end of each semester, students have the option of taking a college entrance examination known as the ACT. If a student achieves the required score, then he or she can apply for admission to the undergraduate program at Gallaudet University.

International Special Student Program
Many students with a professional interest in the education of deaf and hard of hearing people, their language, and their history and culture find the International Special Student Program (ISSP) an ideal “bridge” option. ISSP is a one- or two-semester program, designed to meet the needs of each person by allowing them to take courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
Alejandra Silva Rosas
Hermosillo, Sonora, México, Current Student, Graphic Design Major

“I am a young Mexican woman who came to the United States to fulfill my great dream, to be able to study at Gallaudet University. The road has been long and hard but everything has been worth it and I feel very proud and happy to have been able to achieve it and know that there are no limits when you fight for what you want. You can do it, too!”

Stephanie Bettencourt
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Current Student, Business Administration and Risk Management and Insurance Major

“College is a time for self-discovery, to find who you are as a person and what you want to do in life. Coming to Gallaudet has opened my eyes to new career paths with countless opportunities. My investment in education at Gallaudet University has definitely had a positive impact on me, and I hope to make a difference for others in my chosen field.”

Chike Ijemba
Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria, Current Student, Information Technology Major

“At Gallaudet, I have learned and experienced so much in and out of the classroom. My peers provide intellectual and social stimulation. The faculty and staff make me feel welcome, and alumni from my home country provide a wonderful support system. If you are from another country and want a Gallaudet education, do not let anything stop you. It will be worth it!”

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Thinaja Nadarajah, ’17
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
B.A., Psychology
International Student Application Checklist

- Completed online application
- Secondary school transcripts, including any external examinations
- College transcript(s), if applicable
- One letter of recommendation
- One essay
- ACT/SAT or TOEFL/IELTS test scores
- Audiogram


- Sponsor’s Affidavit of Annual Support form
- Copy of passport
- F-1 Transfer Request Form (if transferring from a college in the U.S.)

English Proficiency

All international undergraduate applicants must demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency to be admitted to the university. Applicants should take the ACT or SAT or the TOEFL or IELTS, and have their scores sent to the university. If you are taking the ACT, refer to [www.actstudent.org/regist/outside.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/outside.html) for the nearest testing center. If one cannot be found, the international admissions counselor can assist. Email the counselor at [international@gallaudet.edu](mailto:international@gallaudet.edu).

Note: All original documents submitted with applications that are not in English must be accompanied by certified English translations. See the World Education Services site ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) for translation services.

Application Deadlines

International applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible (10 months is ideal) prior to the semester they wish to begin their studies at Gallaudet to ensure a smooth admissions process.

**Undergraduate Admission**

- May 30 for the Fall semester (begins in August of each year)
- October 30 for the Spring semester (begins in January of each year)

**International Special Student Program**

- April 1 for the Fall semester (begins in August of each year)
- October 1 for the Spring semester (begins in January of each year)