

LEARN ABOUT THE GALLAUDET ADVANTAGE

Over **40 majors** and **minors**, plus a **self-directed major**

Classes taught by faculty members with high expectations for student performance

Networking opportunities at a university located less than two miles from the **U.S. Capitol** and within easy reach of some of the region's largest employers for internships, jobs and careers

Access to **interpreters** and **CART** services

33% OF NEW STUDENTS AT GALLAUDET ARE NEW SIGNERS



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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

NCAA DIVISION III
ATHLETICS AND A ROBUST INTRAMURAL PROGRAM



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GALLAUDET IS AFFORDABLE

Our tuition and fees are 38 percent lower than the national average for out-of-state tuition, and our students graduate with very low debt, nearly two-thirds less than the national average. It is no surprise that Gallaudet University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the #1 Best Value School—Regional Universities (North) for four years in a row.

Ninety-one percent of our undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid: merit scholarships, institutional grants and scholarships, and private scholarships. Our students also are eligible for federal grants, work-study, and subsidized federal loans.

“Take your high school years seriously, and you set the foundation for college. The ability to balance multiple responsibilities will prepare you well for the challenges ahead!”

—Mark A. Drolsbaugh, '92
Parent of deaf and hearing children
Published author

COLLEGE PREPARATION GUIDE

GET READY FOR THE **NEXT STEP.**



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GALLY THE BISON IS HERE TO HELP YOU START PLANNING FOR COLLEGE.



By planning out your high school academics and activities, you will be all ready to embark on your college adventure! Choose your courses carefully; participate in extracurricular activities; gain part-time work experience. Join academic competitions and summer enrichment programs. Study test-taking strategies for your standardized college entrance exams and start planning how you will pay for school. It's never too early to prepare!

Join **Gally the Bison** on a “road trip” from freshman to senior year. Share this brochure with your family, too, because they will play a big role in your decision-making!

We hope you will make Gallaudet University your first choice! **Gally the Bison** loves meeting new students!





MAKE YOUR WAY TOWARD COLLEGE APPLICATION SUCCESS



THROUGHOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

Take challenging courses in core academic subjects to meet your state requirements for a standard diploma. Round out your courseload with classes in computer science and the arts. Consider taking Honors/AP/IB coursework to get an early start on college.

Get involved in school- or community-based activities that appeal to you or allow you to explore career interests. Consider working, volunteering, and/or participating in academic enrichment programs (such as Academic Bowl and the National Literary Competition), summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses such as performing arts, science or technology. Remember—it's quality, not quantity, that counts.

Keep a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Update it throughout high school.

Continue your extracurricular activities and take on additional responsibilities and leadership roles.

Know your various personal and academic goals. Be aware of academic programs that interest you and meet your personal needs.

Talk with your Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselor about Gallaudet's Summer Youth Camps and find out whether VR can sponsor your attendance through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Open a case with your VR counselor as early as possible. Your counselor can assist you with the transition from school services to VR services, payment of fees for college entrance examinations, summer camps sponsored by Gallaudet, and your application to Gallaudet.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Explore dual enrollment opportunities.

Meet with your school counselor to discuss your graduation requirements and career/transition plans.

Take advantage of youth program opportunities for high school students offered through Gallaudet to connect with your peers, pursue academic challenges, and experience personal and academic development.

Begin your research about what Gallaudet University has to offer

- Admissions requirements
- Degree programs
- Housing
- Student body profile

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Take the ACT PLAN or PSAT. These tests will help prepare you to take the ACT or SAT during your junior year.

Take some elective courses if offered by your school.

Think strategically about which academic teachers to ask for letters of recommendation. Cultivate relationships with these teachers before asking them to write letters on your behalf.

- Academic support services
- Financial aid/scholarships/tuition
- Plan a campus visit
- New Signers/JumpStart Program

JUNIOR YEAR

Attend a Gallaudet University Open House and talk with admissions and financial aid staff, students, and faculty.

Explore scholarship opportunities (for example, Rotary Club, Lions Club, special interests/affiliations, local scholarships, etc.)

Attend college presentations, college fairs, and college-hosted events for families.

Take the ACT or SAT to assess your knowledge (consider taking multiple times as needed).

SENIOR YEAR

Research application requirements and gather materials to submit your application.

Retake the ACT or SAT if you want to improve your score.

Learn more about obtaining federal financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Submit the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov on or after October 1.

Gallaudet Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applicants will automatically be considered for merit scholarships.

If you apply before December 1, your application fee will be waived!

Apply by February 15 to be eligible for Honors scholarship consideration.

PREPARATION LINKS

Campus Tours and Open Houses
www.gallaudet.edu/about/explore-campus/visit

Financial Aid
www.gallaudet.edu/financial-aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov

Honors Program
www.gallaudet.edu/honors-program

Merit Scholarship Eligibility
www.gallaudet.edu/merit-based-scholarship-awards/find-out-your-merit-scholarship-eligibility

New Signers/JumpStart
www.gallaudet.edu/student-success/jumpstart

Office of National Outreach
www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-national-outreach

Scholarships
www.finaid.org

Vocational Rehabilitation
www.gallaudet.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/undergraduates/vocational-rehabilitation

Youth Programs
www.gallaudet.edu/youth-programs