The Columbian College of Arts and Sciences is GW’s intellectual and creative backbone—a place where research thrives, critical thinking is encouraged, collaboration is constant and real-world training goes hand-in-hand with learning.

**THIS IS THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES AND WHAT WE MAKE IS HISTORY.**

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Columbian College was chartered by an Act of Congress. Its name was changed to the George Washington University in 1904.

**4 BLOCKS**
from the White House and walking distance to major government and non-governmental agencies, making research, internship and career opportunities easily accessible.

**67 MAJORS**

**68 MINORS**

**91 GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

**20 RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES**

GW’S LARGEST ACADEMIC UNIT & CORE OF THE UNIVERSITY

A HUB FOR THE ENGAGED LIBERAL ARTS

- We are home to the state-of-the-art Science & Engineering Hall, an innovative teaching and research space for cross-disciplinary collaboration in chemistry, biology, physics, human paleobiology, engineering and public health.
- Our Corcoran School of the Arts & Design is a hub for the arts on campus and beyond. The school was named one of the 5 best art schools in the Southeast by Art & Object.
- Our nationally-ranked Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration is one of only two U.S. schools to have its public policy and public administration graduate programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.
- Columbian College faculty receive multi-million dollar grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and other renowned research centers to uncover age-old mysteries and seek solutions to 21st century challenges.
- We are pioneers in offering academic programs in Art Therapy, Political Communication, and Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies.
- Our School of Media & Public Affairs hosts public platforms featuring prominent politicians and journalists who engage students on issues impacting the world.
- We use D.C. as a classroom like no other academic institution, hosting classes at such venerable sites as the U.S. Capitol and George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate. Plus, through a variety of partnerships, students have access to research opportunities with federal agencies and multilateral groups, including NASA and the World Bank.
- We boast a century-long research collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, and our expertise in systematics, evolution of gait, and primate brain and dental morphology led to the creation of the Smithsonian’s acclaimed Hall of Origins exhibit.
- Our Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project – which works to publish digital and print editions of Eleanor Roosevelt’s massive collection of political papers – is part of UNESCO’s Memory of the World registry.

To learn more about how the GW Arts & Sciences makes history, visit us at [columbian.gwu.edu](http://columbian.gwu.edu).
MAKING A DIFFERENCE through the Engaged Liberal Arts

Arts & the Humanities
Creative and humanistic scholarship enlighten our understanding of how we form, articulate and debate issues of religious, philosophical and cultural importance. From performances and exhibitions to language and literature, our students are challenged to think critically as they engage and interpret the world around us.

Science & Quantitative Analysis
In the classroom and lab, our biologists, physicists, chemists and mathematicians are seeking actionable solutions to today’s most pressing challenges. Faculty engage students in every step of the discovery process to mitigate climate change, treat disease, meet global energy needs, address cybersecurity and more.

Social Science
Studying how we have evolved, the way we interact, live and govern and how we move forward as a society all reflect the essence of what makes up the social sciences. The knowledge we create through such disciplines as policy, psychology, communication and anthropology sheds new light on our past while helping us navigate the path ahead.

16 professional graduate certificates
35 combined undergraduate/graduate degrees
$19.7M annual research expenditures
151 research proposals
346 endowments, including 153 that support student scholarships and 21 that fund professorships

• Our Political Science Graduate Program was ranked 12th in the United States and 15th in the world in the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects by Shanghai Ranking.
• We are home to the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, created to encourage diversity in leadership, and the John L. Loeb Jr. Institute for Religious Freedom, established to foster dialogue and religious understanding.
• We boast internationally acclaimed scholars, including Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Known World Edward P. Jones, and cutting-edge scientists like Akos Vertes, named a top-ten innovator by The Scientist magazine for research on the rapid identification of biological and chemical threats.
• Our Commencement is held on the National Mall, and speakers have included First Lady Michelle Obama, Apple CEO Tim Cook and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.
• GW is the top provider of Peace Corps volunteers among medium-size universities in the U.S.
• Our alumni are making their mark in the echelons of power and prestige. They include Daniel Weiss, BA ’79, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Kerry Washington, BA ’98, Golden Globe and Emmy Award-nominated actress; Mark Warner, BA ’77, U.S. senator and former governor of Virginia; Dana Bash, BA ’93, CNN chief political correspondent; and Randy Levine, BA ’77, president of the New York Yankees.
• We are a top producer of internships, with placements at Amazon, National Geographic, the White House, National Science Foundation, PBS, Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, AARP and more.
• Our faculty have garnered prestigious fellowships in recognition of their scholarship. In just the past five years, 20 Fulbright, five Guggenheim, two Woodrow Wilson and 22 NEH fellowships have been awarded. In addition, 12 faculty members have been named to the American Council of Learned Societies.