

GET READY FOR THE NEXT STEP.

COLLEGE PREPARATION GUIDE



INFORMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Over 40
majors and minors,
and a self-directed
major option

8:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

**AT GALLAUDET, YOU WILL
NEVER GET LOST IN THE CROWD**

Deaf Space

Innovative architecture
and universal design to
create an optimum visual
environment for deaf and
hard of hearing learners



Join a variety

of student organizations,
such as Bison TV, the Black
Student Union or the Gallaudet
Dance Company



NCAA Division III athletics
and a robust intramural program



Gally the Bison is Here to Help You Start Planning for College.

By choosing your high school courses carefully; participating in extracurricular activities, academic competitions, and summer enrichment programs; gaining work experience, taking standardized college entrance examinations, and starting to plan how to pay for school, you will be all ready to embark on your college adventure!

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

And, oh, yes, we hope you will make Gallaudet your first choice!
Gally the Bison **LOVES** meeting new students!





THROUGHOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

- Take challenging courses in core academic subjects to meet your state requirements for a standard diploma. Round out your course load 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 interest you or let you 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 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 vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor. 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.

MAKE YOUR WAY TOW



FRESHMAN YEAR

- Explore dual enrollment opportunities.
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss your graduation requirements and career/transition plans.
- Gallaudet offers Youth Programs opportunities for middle and high school students to connect with each other, pursue academic challenges, and experience personal and academic development.

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 consumer education coursework.
- 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.

Begin your research about Gallaudet

- Admissions requirements
- Degree programs
- Housing
- Student body profile
- Financial aid/scholarships/tuition (for example, our Net Price Calculator)
- Plan a campus visit
- New Signers/JumpStart Program

YARD COLLEGE APPLICATION



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).

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 will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year and will automatically be considered for merit scholarships.
- Apply by February 15 to be eligible for Honors Scholarship consideration.

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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

Learn about the Gallaudet Advantage

- Extensive student-faculty collaboration, with direct communication in both American Sign Language and English
- 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

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 three 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.

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