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I. TRAVEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

LOCATING SAIS

The SAIS campus is located in the Dupont Circle area of Northwest Washington, D.C. SAIS is found to the east of Dupont Circle on Massachusetts Avenue. If you are reaching SAIS by Metro, Washington, D.C.'s subway system, use the Dupont Circle South exit. Once you face the circle, SAIS will be to the right. Cross Connecticut Avenue and turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. The SAIS Nitze Building is less than two blocks away at #1740, on the right side of Massachusetts Avenue between 18th and 17th Streets. The Bernstein-Offit Building is across the street at #1717, and the Rome Building is down the street at #1619.

The following directions can be used if you are **driving** to SAIS from a point of origin outside Washington, D.C.

From the North:

Follow I-95 South to the Washington Capitol Beltway I-495 West. Take Exit 31 and turn left onto Route 97 South. Turn right onto 16th Street NW and proceed into Washington, D.C. Cross O Street NW, and turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue NW at Scott Circle. SAIS' Nitze Building will be on your left, about a block and a half from Dupont Circle.

From the South:

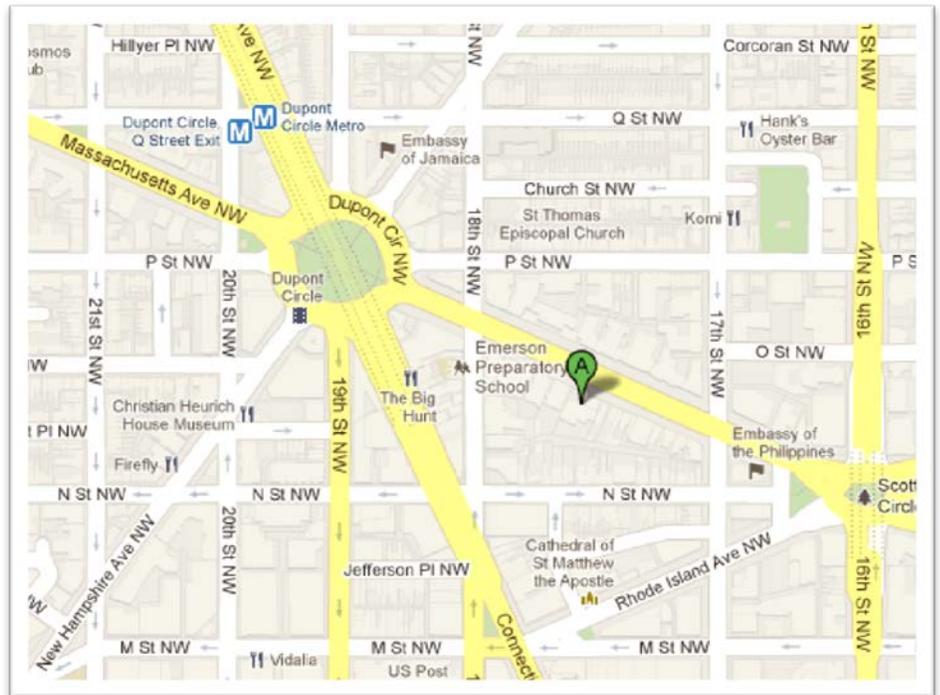
Follow I-95 North, which turns into I-395 North and leads to the 14th Street Bridge and downtown Washington. Once you have crossed the 14th Street Bridge, continue north on 14th Street to the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue at Thomas Circle. Enter the rotary, go two thirds of the way around the circle and take Massachusetts Avenue west. SAIS' Nitze Building will be on your left between 17th and 18th Streets.

From the West:

Follow Route 66 East over the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to Constitution Avenue, and turn left onto 18th Street. Travel north on 18th Street until you reach Massachusetts Avenue. Turn right and travel east for about half a block. SAIS' Nitze Building will be on your right.

From the East:

Follow Route 50 West, which leads to New York Avenue NW. New York Avenue NW becomes Mount Vernon Place NW, which becomes Massachusetts Avenue NW. Travel west on Massachusetts Avenue until you reach SAIS' Nitze Building, which will be on your left between 17th and 18th Streets.



AIR

Reagan National Airport is in Virginia, about 3 miles (5 km) to the southwest of downtown Washington, D.C. If you are not too loaded down with luggage, the most convenient and economical way of traveling into the city is by Metro, Washington, D.C.'s subway system. Take a Blue or Yellow line train from Reagan National Airport station and transfer to the Red Line heading towards Shady Grove. Get off at the Dupont Circle station. If you would rather not take the Metro, taxis are plentiful and will get you into the city for approximately \$15-20. Alternatively, you may take a *SuperShuttle* van to just about anywhere in D.C. for about \$14 (visit www.supershuttle.com for details).

Dulles International Airport is in Virginia, about 20 miles (33 km) west of Washington, D.C. There is currently no Metro rail service to the Dulles International Airport. Taking a taxi from Dulles can be very expensive, with fares as high as about \$75. You may also utilize the *SuperShuttle* van for about \$30, any additional guest pays only \$10 (visit www.supershuttle.com for details).

Additionally, Metrobus 5A travels from Dulles Airport to the L'Enfant Plaza and Rosslyn Metro stops. The schedule can be accessed via www.wmata.com/bus/timetables and the Express Fare is \$6. You must have exact change.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) is in Maryland, about 23 miles (38 km) north of the city. There is no Metro service to the BWI Airport, and taxi fares are about \$70. *SuperShuttle* service is available to travel to downtown D.C. for about \$37 and \$12 per additional passenger (visit www.supershuttle.com for details). Additionally, Amtrak and MARC commuter trains run between the BWI Rail Station and the Union Station Metro stop on the Red line. Upon taking a free shuttle bus from the terminal to the BWI Rail Station, you can travel to Union Station by MARC commuter rail for \$6 or by Amtrak for a fare ranging from about \$15 to \$57, depending on time of travel and type of train. Visit <http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train> or www.amtrak.com for more information. Alternatively, the BWI Express bus (B30) loops daily from the BWI Airport to the Greenbelt Metro station on the Green line. The schedule can be accessed via www.wmata.com/bus/timetables and the Express Fare is \$6. You must have exact change.

TRAIN

Amtrak and MARC commuter trains stop at Union Station, which is located approximately 20 blocks from SAIS at 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE. A taxi ride to SAIS costs about \$12-14. Alternatively, you can board the Red line of the Metro on the lower level of the terminal and proceed five stops toward Shady Grove. Exit the Metro at the Dupont Circle stop. See the [Locating SAIS](#) section above for further directions.

BUS

In addition to the [commercial bus station](#) at 1005 1st Street NE, additional buses depart from the upper level of Union Station to cities like New York and Philadelphia. Visit www.unionstationdc.com/info/groundTransportation for details and see the [Train](#) section for directions to SAIS. Additional inexpensive buses to various East Coast cities operate from points across D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

CAR

Owning a car in the Washington, D.C. area can be a daunting experience, and many students prefer to use public transportation. Parking in D.C. is extremely limited, and the police are conscientious about ticketing cars that are parked illegally. Parking is expensive in lots and garages, and free street parking is virtually impossible to find on weekdays. Although SAIS has a parking lot behind the Nitze Building, it is reserved for full-time SAIS employees on weekdays until after 5 p.m.

If you bring a car, be sure to research the registration and operating requirements, which can be found on the [DC Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\) website](#). Be aware that students living in Washington temporarily are not subject to the same registration rules as permanent residents. Most residential neighborhoods within the District require parking permits, which can be obtained from the DMV. Temporary residents of Washington D.C. who are also full-time students can obtain [reciprocity parking permits](#), which allow those with out-of-state license plates and registrations to park in residential areas for one year. This pass costs \$338 and is renewable.

All non-U.S. citizens, as well as those who have lived in the District of Columbia more than 60 days, must obtain a U.S. driver's license to drive in the District. A driver's license will allow you to operate an automobile, as well as purchase and consume alcohol in public establishments throughout the U.S. as well as at SAIS.

METRO

The Metro is Washington, D.C.'s subway Rail system. The Metrorail consists of five color-coded lines that provide transport throughout the District of Columbia and into Virginia and Maryland. The lines are connected to each other, and some destinations require a line change. Maps are available at each station, online at www.wmata.com and at the end of this section. Metro's [Trip Planner feature](#) allows you to map and price your subway and bus options for travel between any two destinations in the D.C. metro area.

At every station, you will find a map showing the neighborhood near the station, a Fare Chart showing costs to and from any station during peak and off-peak times, and farecard machines to purchase temporary declining-balance tickets or short-term passes, and to reload your [SmarTrip Card](#).

A one-way subway trip costs between \$1.70 and \$5.75, depending on your travel distance and time of travel. There is also a \$1 surcharge per trip if a paper farecard is used. The Metro opens at 5 a.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. on weekends. It closes at 12 midnight Sunday through Thursday, and at 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The time of last departure is posted at each station. The DC Metro Transit "app" for smart phones provides real-time updates on schedules, disruptions and more.

METROBUS

Metrobus stops have tall red, white and blue signs. The list of stops and departure times is sometimes listed on the sign. To be safe, try to obtain a schedule for each bus that you plan to ride. The Metrobus system operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week but service

intervals vary by time of day and by day of the week. Consult [Metrobus schedules](#) for more information or call 202.637.7000. You can use the “Next Bus” phone feature or smart phone “App” to check when the bus will arrive.

Bus fare is \$1.60 with a [SmarTrip](#) card or \$1.80 using cash. For Express routes (non-Airport), fares are \$3.65 with SmarTrip or \$4 cash. Free bus-to-bus transfers and discounted rail-to-bus or bus-to-rail transfers within a two-hour period are available using SmarTrip.

SMARTRIP CARD

A SmarTrip Card is a convenient and cost-effective way of using Metro rail and bus. It cuts down on travel time, allows you to store money on a sturdier plastic card, and provides a discount on fares. The card is rechargeable, and embedded with a computer chip that keeps track of the value of the card. You can tap the SmarTrip box on Metro and Metrobus to pay your fare. Fares are reduced (\$1.00 for Metro and \$0.20 for Bus) when using SmarTrip. If you register your card and later lose it, you can get your balance back.

You can purchase a SmarTrip Card online by credit card, at the Metro Center subway stop, at most CVS stores in D.C., or other outlets found [here](#). SmarTrip cards cost a minimum of \$10 (\$2 for the card and \$8 pre-loaded value).

TAXI

Taxis operate everywhere and anywhere in Washington, D.C. Taxis begin charging \$3.25 per person and meters will run \$0.27 per each additional 1/8 mile. There are also extra charges for additional travelers and other factors (visit <http://dctaxi.dc.gov/page/taxicab-fares> for details). Tips should be about 10-15% of the total fare. Before you get in a taxi, check for a license and photo ID for your taxi driver and ask for an estimated fare. [Uber](#) is emerging as alternative popular option to DC taxis.

BICYCLE

Many students have bicycles, which are convenient modes of transportation anywhere in the city. There are bike racks outside the Nitze and Rome buildings. It is suggested that cyclists wear protective helmets and use a U-Lock mechanism to secure their bikes. Secure the frame of your bike to a solid object. If you have a releasable wheel or bicycle seat, it also should be secured. However, individuals should be aware that no matter how sophisticated your lock, your bike will not be immune to theft. Students are encouraged to register their bicycles with the National Bicycle Registry (NBR). Visit www.nationalbikeregistry.com or call 1.800.848.BIKE for details.

Although Washington is a bike-friendly city, traffic accidents involving bicycles happen frequently and can result in serious injuries. In addition to wearing a helmet, you can minimize your risk of injury by taking steps like utilizing bike lanes, using proper hand signals, equipping bikes with reflectors, headlights, taillights, horns and mirrors, riding with the flow of traffic, and always staying alert.

You can take your bike on Metro, except on weekdays from 7-10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. You can bring your bike on Metrobus anytime as long as there is space on the rack in front of the bus. No additional fees apply.

Bike-sharing programs allow you to rent a bike from one of many stations around town and return it to that or any other station. For example, through [Capital Bikeshare](#), you can sign up for a year-long membership (\$75), for 30 days (\$25) or daily (\$10 initially, then \$7 to renew). Up-to-the-minute status updates on bike availability may be available online or through smart phones.

FOOT

A great advantage of attending graduate school in Washington, D.C. is that it is easy to get around on foot. It takes about 20 minutes to walk to SAIS from several neighborhoods, including Adams Morgan, Georgetown and Woodley Park (see the [Neighborhoods](#) section for more information). Many students find walking to school preferable to taking public transportation.

SAIS SHUTTLE

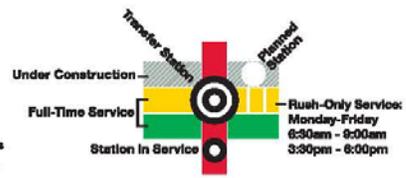
SAIS offers a van service that brings students to nearby surrounding Metro stops after hours. Currently, rides are available Sunday through Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10 p.m., and 11:15 p.m. Stops include Farragut North, Farragut West, Mount Vernon Square and Columbia Heights. If you would like to take advantage of this service, be sure to sign up day-of on the sheet located at the Nitze Building security front desk. The shuttle operates only when school is in session. Shuttle service times are subject to change.

Metro System Map

wmata.com
 Customer Information Service: 202-637-7000
 TTY Phone: 202-638-3780

- ### Legend
- RD** Red Line • Glenmont to Shady Grove
 - OR** Orange Line • New Carrollton to Vienna
 - BL** Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield to Largo Town Center
 - GR** Green Line • Branch Ave to Greenbelt
 - YL** Yellow Line • Huntington to Fort Totten
 - SV** Silver Line • Future Dulles Corridor Line

- ### Station Features
- Bus to Airport
 - Parking
 - Hospital
 - Airport
- ### Connecting Rail Systems
- VRE
 - AMBC



MetroRail Operating Times
Mon-Thu
 6am-midnight
Fri
 5am-3am
Sat
 7am-3am
Sun
 7am-midnight

- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Littering or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items

II. HOUSING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHEN TO ARRIVE

It is recommended that you have your living situation arranged at least one month prior to your arrival in Washington, D.C., if possible. To find a place to live, you may need to visit several apartments, put in an application and wait for a credit check, make a deposit and sign a lease. Please note that international students with F1 or J1 visas may enter the U.S. in student status no earlier than 30 days prior to the first day of classes. Be wary of offers that sound too good to be true – many property managers may be trying to take advantage of you, particularly if you are not in Washington or not familiar with the housing market here.

TEMPORARY HOUSING

The ideal situation while looking for a permanent residence is to stay with friends or relatives living in the area. For those of you who are not this fortunate, there are convenient alternatives, such as renting temporary furnished housing. One option is [Attache Corporate Housing](#), which offers studio condos up to five-bedroom townhouses. Rates are based on a 30-day stay; call 202.787.1885 for details or email info@StayAttache.com, and be sure to mention you are a student at Johns Hopkins SAIS. Another company is [Oakwood Temporary Housing](#), which offers one- and two-bedroom apartments in Washington and Virginia. A third option is www.justlikehome.com. Temporary housing is in high demand in the D.C. area. Be aware that some individuals may be offering fraudulent living situations through various online sources, particularly if you are out of the D.C. area or the U.S. and you are asked to give out personal information and enter into agreements quickly.

Other students choose to stay in hotels. Note that all hotels must charge 14.5% D.C. tax in addition to the nightly rates. Rates will vary depending on date and season of arrival, length of stay, and booking source. Be sure to ask about any special deals they may have. Here are the hotels near SAIS that are on the school's list of preferred vendors.

Kimpton Hotels: Visit <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=26763&Chain=10179&promo=JHU> to book. Includes the [Hotel Palomar](#), [Topaz Hotel](#) and [Hotel Madera](#). Contact: Mai-Lan Smith, mai-lan.smith@kimptonhotels.com, 202.448.1873.

The Fairfax at Embassy Row: Contact [Jennifer Logsdon](#) for individual reservations at 202.835.2199, or [Summer Belman](#) for groups of more than 10 at 202.835.2158.

FINDING PERMANENT HOUSING

Washington, D.C. is an expensive place to live. Washington and its suburbs have a high turnover rate, which gives rise to inflated housing prices and a competitive market. Apartments in the Dupont Circle area are highly sought after by professionals and SAIS students alike. Bargains are few and far between.

When choosing a place to live, it is wise to consider how accessible the location is by foot or by public transportation, and nearby crime statistics. Many SAIS students live within walking or biking distance of SAIS in neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle, Logan Circle, Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, Kalorama and Mount Pleasant, if they can afford it. See the [Neighborhoods](#) section below for more information.

Some students, particularly those with families, choose to live outside the District in areas such as Arlington, Rosslyn, Falls Church, Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Silver Spring. If you choose to live away from the hustle and bustle of downtown D.C., it is best to make sure that your location is easily accessible by public transportation. To find out how public transportation-friendly a potential residence is, use the [Metro website's Trip Planner feature](#) to find available bus and subway routes, as well as expected travel times and fare prices. The related travel costs of living outside the District may well outweigh the cheaper rental prices of housing.

Above all, be careful as you go through your housing search. There will be people who do not have your best interests at heart, and who will try to offer you fraudulent living situations that are not what they might appear. Even internet search results for reviews of living situations may not tell you the full story as a company or private landlord may have changed their names following a negative incident or incidents.

HOW TO LOOK FOR HOUSING

SAIS has contracted with Off Campus Partners to provide a housing website to serve the SAIS community. This [Housing site](#) offers the following:

- Fully-searchable, user-friendly **housing listings** of D.C.-area properties.
- A **Roommates** feature that allows you to post your profile and search for potential roommates based on social habits, cleanliness, gender and much more. If you already have a place to live, you can post the property details to show your place to potential roommates.

- **Message Boards** for students to post on topics like Pre-Term or Summer sublets and Tips for International Students.

SAIS students, faculty and staff may access the site at <https://housing.sais-jhu.edu> and post listings at no cost with their JHED ID and password. This is the school’s only centralized housing resource, so we try to encourage everyone to use this site to reach as wide an audience as possible.

Beginning in mid-May, SAIS connects students via informal electronic social media forums that can be used for tips on the housing search or specific neighborhoods in D.C. To provide students with an idea of where SAIS students have lived in the past and how much they paid, SAIS has developed a Google map that students will receive. Students who would like to discuss their specific situation further, should call the Director of Student Life at 202.663.5705 or email saisstudentlife@jhu.edu.

RENTAL ADVICE

Apartments come in three basic sizes: efficiency/studio, one bedroom and two bedrooms. In the Dupont Circle area, for example, you can expect to pay at a minimum \$1400 per month for an efficiency, over \$2000 for a one-bedroom, and over \$2400 for a two-bedroom. These figures do not necessarily include the cost of utilities such as gas, electricity, water and telephone. Cable, internet and phone packages are often available and a lower cost than contracting separately for each of these services. Sharing a group house with several other people can bring costs down, depending on the location and condition of the house. In general, it is recommended that your housing costs do not exceed 30 to 40 percent of your income or monthly loan budget.

According to SAIS survey data, students tend to live in the NW quadrant of DC, most often in the Dupont Circle, Logan Circle, Adams Morgan and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. The data below shows a breakdown in the types of living situations and average costs based on a 26% student response rate. These figures do not reflect location, whether bedrooms are shared, and any additional costs for expenses like utilities, cable and internet, and furniture.

	Studio (1 room)	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom	5+ Bedrooms
% of Respondents	24%	17%	21%	17%	10%	11%
Average Approximate Total Monthly Rent	\$1,415	\$1,868	\$2,397	\$2,894	\$3,513	\$5,902
Average Approximate Individual Share of Rent	\$1,362	\$1,209	\$1,085	\$1,132	\$1,070	\$999

In general, Washington the market is highly competitive and moves very fast. Read and understand your lease. If necessary, have someone translate the lease for you before signing. Tenants’ lack of awareness of the obligations they agree to in their leases can create problems before, during and after the time of residence. To avoid surprises, obtain written copies of all your agreements and refer to them when questions arise. Most leases are for one year, which can be inconvenient for students who wish to spend the summer between their first and second years at SAIS out of the country. If your lease allows, you might investigate subletting your apartment during this period and posting the listing on the [SAIS Housing site](#).

If at all possible, it is highly recommended that you visit your apartment prior to signing a contract or making payment, or having someone you trust visit on your behalf. Sometimes what looks great online is not the same in person. Also, some individuals may be offering fraudulent living situations, particularly if you are out of the D.C. area or the U.S. and you are asked to give out personal information and entering into agreements quickly.

While in D.C., another strategy is to walk into nearby apartment buildings and request information on current vacancies. Many buildings maintain listings which are not available elsewhere. Signs are often posted outside buildings if there are vacancies. Non-U.S. citizens may encounter obstacles when signing a lease because they might not have a credit history or social security number in the U.S., for example. SAIS makes every effort to vouch for its students to landlords and building managers. Please [contact the Office of Student Life](#) for more information.

The following information might be required when applying for a lease:

- your previous address and phone number
- previous landlord's address and phone number
- address and phone number of SAIS (1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202.663.5600)
- previous employer's address and phone number
- your income for the past two years
- bank account and credit card information
- driver's license information
- checkbook or cash to pay a possible application fee (typically around \$70)

The following questions are important to ask of your landlord or realtor before signing a lease:

- Is the apartment furnished, and if so, is there an extra deposit? If not, is there a furniture rental option through the agency?
Note: Most housing in D.C. is unfurnished. See the [Shopping - Home Furnishings](#) section for some furnishing store options.
- Which utilities are included in the rent?
- On average, how much are the utilities per month?
- Are there laundry facilities available?
- How much is the security deposit?
- Is air conditioning available, and if so, how much does it cost on average?
- Is it permissible to sublet the apartment to another renter?
- Is residential or visitor parking available, and if so, what is the extra cost?
- Is public transportation nearby?
- Is grocery shopping available nearby?
- Is the neighborhood safe?

To help protect you against theft or damage from a fire or flood, or if someone injures themselves in your apartment, it is recommended that you purchase **renter's insurance**. Most policies cost less than \$200 a year. Call around to get various quotes and decide what works best for your living situation.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Securing affordable rental prices should be balanced with concerns for safety. Neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. can change dramatically from block to block, and the safety of a particular area may vary at different times of the day. When conducting your housing search, consider both the block where you plan to live and the blocks that you will have to walk through to get there. Consult local police precincts for more information about D.C. neighborhoods. Crime reports are also available at <http://crimemap.dc.gov>. See www.ncpc.org for more information on urban crime.



The basic layout of the District of Columbia is a quadrant system. It is centered around the Capitol Building (see picture) which makes it easy to orient yourself. There are four quadrants – NW, NE, SE and SW. The letter streets (C, D, E, etc.) run east to west, starting at the Capitol. The number streets (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) run north to south, increasing as you move away from the Capitol. Avenues named after states (Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Connecticut, etc.) run diagonally.

Additionally, it is helpful to know how D.C. streets are organized following the end of the alphabet. The first letter of subsequent street names follow an alphabetical order, with each alphabet set repeating with an additional syllable. For example, Buchanan Street is between Allison and Crittenden Streets. Buchanan has three syllables, so it is three alphabet sets away from the Capitol. Also, having an address gives you an idea of the location because the street number indicates the cross streets. For example, 1740

Massachusetts Avenue is between 17th and 18th Streets. Also, 514 9th Street is between E and F Streets because E is the fifth letter of the alphabet and F is the sixth. Note that D.C. does not have a J Street, so do not include J in your numerical count.

The following neighborhood descriptions are meant to serve as guidelines to orient you. SAIS does not investigate, endorse or guarantee any of these neighborhoods or the housing opportunities within them.

ADAMS MORGAN: As close to one of New York City's colorful ethnic neighborhoods as Washington has to offer. Boasts an astounding array of resident nationalities and a high concentration of exotic restaurants and food stores. Prices range between about \$1200-1600 for a studio, \$1600-2600 for a one-bedroom and \$2600-3100 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan. Metrobus: Adams-Morgan-U Street Line, Route 98. Walk from SAIS: 10-20 minutes.

CAPITOL HILL: Capitol Hill composes the area east of the Capitol bounded by 14th Street in the west, H Street to the north, and the Southeast Freeway to the south. Like a small town somewhat cut off from the rest of D.C., it lacks the nightlife and commercial vitality of Northwest but compensates with charming tree-lined streets and an old-fashioned neighborhood ambiance. Prices range between about \$1300-1600 for a studio, \$1100-2000 for a one-bedroom and \$2100-3100 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Union Station; Capitol South; Eastern Market. Walk: 60-65 minutes.

CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS: Geographically centered around the Washington National Cathedral near the intersection of Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues NW, this quiet and safe area has an abundance of expensive housing. Prices range between \$1400-1600 for a studio, \$1500-\$2100 for a one-bedroom and \$2800-3100 for a two-bedroom. Metrobus: N2, N3, 37. Walk: 60-65 minutes.

CLEVELAND PARK: Dominated by large, expensive homes and neighborhood hangouts. There are a number of apartment complexes in the area, and it is possible to find accommodations at a reasonable price. There are several good bars and restaurants in the area. Prices range between about \$1300-1700 for a studio, \$1500-2200 for a one-bedroom and \$2500-3200 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Cleveland Park. Walk: 35-40 minutes.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS: Over the past few years a revitalization plan has dramatically changed the area, though there is still transition. Many major retailers as well as restaurants opened and today, it is one of Washington's most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods, with a mixture of high-priced condominiums and townhouses and public and middle-income housing. Prices range between \$1100-1500 for a studio, \$1000-2500 for a one-bedroom and \$1500-2600 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Columbia Heights Station. Metrobus: S1, S2, S4, S9. Walk: 30-35 minutes.

DUPONT CIRCLE: An expensive neighborhood where SAIS is located. With luck and hard work, reasonably-priced housing is available. Its shops, houses and apartment buildings reflect the "artsy" and upwardly-mobile nature of its inhabitants. Prices range between \$1400-2400 for a studio, \$2000-2900 for a one-bedroom and \$2400-3600 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Dupont Circle. Walk: 0-10 minutes.

FOGGY BOTTOM: Home of the State Department, Kennedy Center, Watergate Hotel and George Washington University. Although there are plenty of apartment buildings and townhouses, this location is known as being one of the most expensive residential areas. Prices range between \$1600-2100 for a studio, \$2100-3400 for a one-bedroom and \$3000-3600 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Foggy Bottom. Walk: 25 minutes.

GEORGETOWN: One of the highest per-capita-income neighborhoods in the nation. Politicians, diplomats and top-level executives, as well as students, populate Georgetown. The neighborhood boasts fabulous shopping and nightlife concentrated along M Street and Wisconsin Ave. Prices range between \$1200-1800 for a studio, \$1400-2700 for a one-bedroom and \$2100-3600 for a two-bedroom. Metrobus: G2, D2. Also try the Circulator's Rosslyn-Georgetown-Dupont route (www.dccirculator.com). Walk: 20-30 minutes.

GLOVER PARK: A pleasant and quiet residential neighborhood adjacent to and cheaper than Georgetown. Prices range between \$1300-1500 for a studio, \$1800-2000 for a one-bedroom and \$2000-2800 for a two-bedroom. Metrobus: Glover Park-Dupont Circle Line, Route D2. Walk: 50-55 minutes.

LOGAN CIRCLE: A developing neighborhood bounded by S Street and Massachusetts Avenue to the north and south and 9th and 16th Streets at the east and west. Locale of several jazz clubs, theaters, cafes and the Whole Foods grocery store. Prices range between \$1300-1900 for a studio, \$2200-2900 for a one-bedroom and \$2900-3700 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Shaw/Howard University, McPherson Square. Metrobus: G2. Walk: 10-15 minutes.

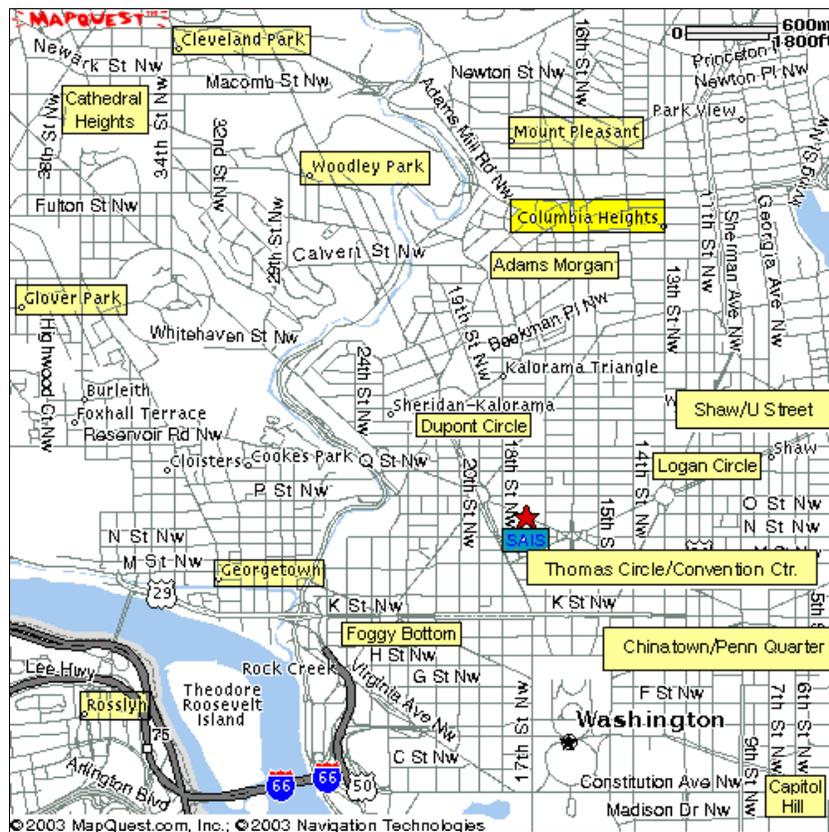
MOUNT PLEASANT: A lower to middle income ethnically diverse residential neighborhood. Historical district adjacent to Adams Morgan and the National Zoo. There are lots of options for rooms in shared row houses. Prices are about \$900-1500 for a one-bedroom. Metrobus: H1 to Brookland Station or 42 to Mount Pleasant. Metro: Colombia Heights. Walk: 25-30 minutes.

PENN QUARTER/CHINATOWN: This neighborhood just north of Pennsylvania Avenue downtown has been revitalized with museums, restaurants, upscale hotels and theaters. Prices range between \$1900-2200 for a studio, \$2500-2700 for a one-bedroom and \$3000-4900 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown. Walk: 25-30 minutes.

THOMAS CIRCLE/CONVENTION CENTER: This area is in walking distance to many nice neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Dupont and U Street. It does not have much nightlife to offer but several big apartment buildings. Prices range between \$1300-1800 for a studio, \$1900-2500 for a one-bedroom and \$2900-3200 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Mt. Vernon Square, McPherson Square, Metro Center. Walk: 10-20 minutes.

U STREET/SHAW: A mostly residential neighborhood of 19th-century Victorian row houses. It is a notable place in African American history and has changed in recent years through the beginning of gentrification. Located around the U Street corridor, which is the commercial hub of the Shaw area, extending westward to 16th Street NW. Prices range between \$1100-1600 for a studio, \$1600-3000 for a one-bedroom and \$1800-3500 for a two-bedroom. Metro: U Street-Cardozo; Mt. Vernon Sq. 7th St-Convention Center Station. Metrobus: G2. Walk: 15-20 minutes.

WOODLEY PARK: Residential neighborhoods dominated by large apartment buildings, condominiums and many row houses with single family homes on the side streets. Very close to the nightlife of Adams Morgan, boasts many fine restaurants on Connecticut Avenue and is a must for zoo lovers and those who want easy access to Rock Creek Park. Prices range between \$1450-1900 for a studio, \$1900-2600 for a one-bedroom and \$2700-3300 for a two-bedroom. Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan. Walk: 20-30 minutes.



III. LIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEATHER

The weather in Washington, D.C. varies considerably by season and can be unpredictable on any given day. The summer months (June, July, August) tend to be very hot and humid, with average temperatures ranging from 65 to 88 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 31 Celsius). During the fall/autumn (September, October, November), average temperatures range from 40 to 79 Fahrenheit (4 to 26 Celsius). It can get quite cold in the winter (December, January, February), with average temperatures of 27 to 47 Fahrenheit (-2 to 8 Celsius). Snowfall will be heavy or light, depending on the year, but count on it snowing at some point. We recommend a sturdy pair of waterproof boots and a heavy jacket, which can be purchased in D.C. In the spring (March, April, May), average temperatures range from 37 to 75 Fahrenheit (3 to 7 Celsius). The spring is lovely in D.C. with blooming flowers and the famous Cherry Blossom Festival. But allergies in the area can be severe year-round.

HEALTH CARE

The University's health insurance plan offered by SAIS is obligatory for students, unless you can show proof of comparable U.S.-based coverage. Details about SAIS policies and this plan, including locating medical providers and pharmacies, fees and co-insurance, will be found online once the 2014-2015 plan information is updated.

Over-the-counter medications (like aspirin) can be purchased at any drugstore or pharmacy in the U.S. [CVS stores](#) have the most locations in D.C.

General questions or concerns about health insurance and waivers, mental and physical health, and disabilities can be directed to the Director of Student Life, Nitze 504, saisstudentlife@jhu.edu or 202.663.5705.

If you need emergency treatment, please be aware that area hospitals include:

The George Washington University Hospital 900 23rd St. NW 202.715.4000	Georgetown University Hospital Center 3800 Reservoir Rd. NW 202.444.2000	The Howard University Hospital 2041 Georgia Ave. NW 202.865.6100
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METROPOLITAN TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency: Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance	911
D.C. Citywide Call Center (non-emergency)	311
Metropolitan Police Department (2 nd District)	202.715.7300
Alcoholics Anonymous	202.966.9115
D.C. Department of Public Works	202.673.6833
D.C. Emergency Management Agency	202.727.6161
D.C. Water and Sewer Authority	202.787.2000
PEPCO Energy	202.833.7500
Planned Parenthood	202.347.8512
Poison Control (emergency)	800.222.1222
Rape Crisis Center	202.232.0789
Social Services Referral	202.463.6211
Suicide Prevention (National Hopeline Network)	800.784.2433
Washington Gas	800.752.7520

BANKING, PERSONAL FINANCES AND TAXES

There are many banks in Washington, D.C. Rates associated with bank accounts may be initially deceiving. For example, although a bank may require a minimum savings balance of \$100, you may be fined a monthly service charge if you keep a balance of less than \$500. These service charges can be exorbitant, so always ask about them before opening an account. Also be sure to ask whether you can open a student account at these institutions. You may need to request a verification of enrollment from the [SAIS Registrar's Office](#).

Banks' policies regarding the use of automated teller machines (ATM) vary. Most banks allow you to use their branches' ATMs at no cost, as long as you have an account with them. However, using an ATM machine at another bank may incur a fee of at least \$1 per transaction.

The following is a sample list of financial institutions with branches in the Dupont Circle area:

Bank of America (www.bankofamerica.com) 3 Dupont Circle, 202.624.4370 or 800.333.6262	CapitalOne Bank (www.capitalone.com) 1800 M St. NW, 202.463.1470
Citibank (www.citibank.com) 1225 Connecticut Ave. NW, 800.627.3999, 202.857.1550	Sun Trust Bank (www.suntrust.com) 1369 Connecticut Ave NW (on Dupont Circle), 202.296.5527
TD Bank (www.tdbank.com) 1753 Connecticut Ave NW, 202.232.4837	Wells Fargo (www.wellsfargo.com) 1300 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.637.2509

Johns Hopkins University has partnered with HigherOne to process electronic refunds to students receiving more than the cost of tuition in federal loans and fellowships. HigherOne will email every new student requesting an address validation. If correct,

HigherOne will mail you a plastic debit card in a bright green envelope. Do not shred your card if there is any chance you may be eligible for a future refund. This card will need to be activated to receive a refund from SAIS, once the funds become available. HigherOne offers you three refund methods: using a HigherOne checking account, transferring money to your own U.S. bank account, or having a check mailed to you. The OneAccount from HigherOne is an FDIC-insured checking account with no minimum balance requirement and no monthly fees. A HigherOne ATM is located in the basement of the Nitze Building for HigherOne account holders (all other users pay standard usage fees).

Johns Hopkins University has engaged Western Union Business Solutions to facilitate the receipt of student fees from international students. This payment option allows students to pay the university their student account balance in the currency of your choice and provides a simple and secure method for initiating payments electronically. We encourage all international students to choose this cost effective and efficient method of payment. However, international students are strongly encouraged to bring enough currency or American Express Travelers' Checks to last throughout their initial stay in the U.S. If you plan on sending funds to SAIS via international wire transfer, you can do so via [Western Union](#) at the domestic wire transfer rate, rather than having to pay for the international wire. Note that non-U.S. citizens will need to show valid forms of identification in order to cash checks at U.S. banks. You may need to have an American bank account in order to cash checks that you receive for any type of payment or refund. If you wish to transfer money to the United States, you may need to purchase a U.S. dollar draft from a bank in your country that has a corresponding relationship with a U.S. bank in New York. Request that the dollar draft be payable to you, and deposit the draft into the bank account that you establish once you arrive in the U.S.

Debit and credit cards are also widely used in the U.S. and are necessary for many things, such as making reservations for hotels and rental cars and getting discounted airfares over the Internet. Banks may provide debit cards to international students, but may not be able to issue credit cards because of a lack of credit and debt history in the U.S. International students may be able to use credit cards and ATM cards from their home countries (particularly MasterCard or Visa) in the U.S., but fees are likely to be applied for each transaction.

All students should be aware that the deadline for filing federal and state tax returns is April 15. Tax forms are available online at www.irs.gov/formspubs and www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/forms.html, as well as at United States Postal Offices and public libraries. Helpful information can also be found through the [Johns Hopkins University Tax Office](#) at 443.997.8688 or tax@jhu.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

All non-U.S. citizens who are admitted to SAIS and submit matriculation materials will receive instructions on applying for student visas from the Office of International Services at Washington, D.C. (OIS). Once international students arrive at the SAIS campus, OIS becomes your main resource for information regarding maintenance of legal status and employment options in the U.S. OIS can also provide instructions for applying for a U.S. Social Security Number, obtaining a driver's license and filing federal and state tax returns. Please contact OIS via email at sais-iss@jhu.edu or phone at 202.663.5672 for more information. OIS is located at 1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 3rd Floor, Rooms 331 and 325.

All international students who receive U.S. income during their study at SAIS may be subject to paying federal and state taxes. Sources of U.S. income include on-campus employment, scholarships, fellowships, graduate assistantships, practical or academic training, and any compensation received for labor. Income also includes that portion of a scholarship, fellowship, or assistantship that is applied directly to housing and meal expenses. The portion applied directly to tuition, fees and books is not considered income. However, funds provided to students by check or cash are fully taxable regardless of how the student intends to use them.

In the U.S., federal income taxes are prepaid by the employer based on the estimate of liability provided by the employee on the Form W-4. Since the withholding is only an estimate, employees are given a yearly opportunity to reconcile the amount taken out with how much was owed on a "Tax Return" form. The Tax Office has purchased a license for GLACIER federal tax preparation software for all international students. Details can be found at <http://finance.jhu.edu/depts/tax/students.html>.

Miscellaneous Note: Electrical sockets are different in the U.S. than in most other countries. We recommend you purchase a transmitter prior to your arrival in D.C. Sockets in the U.S. are 120 volts, whereas European sockets are 220. Converters cost approximately \$20.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Rather than having a telephone line installed in your apartment ("landline") and arranging for long distance coverage, it may be more convenient and cost-efficient to use a mobile phone ("cell") for local and long distance calls. Student discounts through Johns Hopkins University may be available for AT&T as well as Verizon wireless service. See www.it.johnshopkins.edu/restricted/telecom/services/cellular/index.html for details.

Some international cell phones will work in the U.S. but will require setting changes and/or new SIM cards. Alternatively, some providers offer free phones when you purchase a plan. You will need a social security number to contract with a cell phone company.

To set up a landline, you will need to call a customer service representative of a local service provider. The customer service representative will ask for your preference in regards to a long distance service provider and will coordinate with the company of your choice on your behalf. Be prepared to spend about thirty minutes on the phone and to provide the following information to the representative: current address; previous address and phone number; current or previous employer; desired date of activation for telephone service; number of lines needed (telephone; internet connection, fax line); long distance service you intend to use; options such as calling waiting or answering service that you may or may not want. Expect service fees for installation, deposits and additional phone jacks.

From landlines, most telephone calls placed within the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and Maryland metropolitan area are considered local and accrue no additional charges. Dial the area code first. Local area codes include 202 (DC), 703 (Northern Virginia) and 301 (Maryland). Phone numbers with 1.800, 1.888 and 1.877 prefixes are toll free and paid for by the receiving party. Long-distance calls require dialing "1" before the remaining ten digits of the phone number. To place an international call, dial 011+ country code + city code + phone number. If you do not know the country code of the country you are calling, dial "0" and the operator will assist you.

SHOPPING (TEXTBOOKS, GROCERIES, AND HOME FURNISHINGS)

TEXTBOOKS

SAIS does not have its own bookstore. Required texts for courses will be listed online through [MBS Direct](#). All required readings are also placed on reserve in the SAIS Library. Most professors post required readings electronically through the Library's Electronic Reserves on [Blackboard](#). New or used texts may also be purchased online through sites like [www.amazon.com](#), <http://www.bookfinder.com> or <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>, or perhaps in person at local bookstores such as:

- Barnes & Noble 555 12th St. NW, 202.347.0176
- Books-A-Million 11 Dupont Circle NW, 202.319.1374

GROCERIES

- Safeway [www.safeway.com](#): 1701 Corcoran St. NW; 1747 Columbia Rd. NW; 1855 Wisconsin Ave. NW and more
- Giant [www.giantfood.com](#): 4303 Connecticut Ave. NW (Van Ness). Giant also provides home delivery through [Peapod](#)
- Whole Foods Market [www.wholefoods.com](#): 1440 P St. NW; 2323 Wisconsin Ave. NW (Tenleytown)
- Trader Joe's [www.traderjoes.com](#): 1101 25th St. NW; 1914 14th St. NW
- Fresh produce: daily (except Monday) at Eastern Market [www.easternmarket.net](#); year-round Sunday market in Dupont Circle behind bank at 20th and Q Streets NW; and seasonal Saturday markets in Adams Morgan (18th St. & Columbia Rd) and U Street (14th & U Streets).

HOME FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES

- Target [www.target.com](#): 3100 14th St. NW (Columbia Heights)
- IKEA [www.ikea.com](#): 10100 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD
- Mattress Discounters [www.mattressdiscounters.com](#): 3100 14th St. NW (Columbia Heights)
- True Value Hardware [www.truevalue.com](#): 1623 17th St. NW
- RadioShack [www.radioshack.com](#): 1150 Connecticut Ave. NW, 1830 K St. NW, 1100 15th St. NW
- Macy's [www.macys.com](#): 1201 G St. NW (Metro Center)
- Bed Bath and Beyond [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](#): 709 7th St. NW (Gallery Place); 3100 14th St. NW (Columbia Heights)

For those without a car, as one example, **Zipcar** offers a convenient way to rent cars by the hour (gas and insurance are included). You will need to apply with your driver's license number, which can take some time, so be sure to sign up in advance. For more information, visit [www.zipcar.com](#). For larger purchases, moves, or trips coordinated with groups of students, you may want to consider renting something like a **U-Haul** truck. See [www.uhaul.com](#) for details.

ATHLETICS – GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS

The following options are for gyms and fitness centers in the Washington, D.C. area. Often rates are negotiable and free guest passes are available so you can try out the facilities before committing to membership.

- [YMCA National Capital](#): located close to SAIS at 1711 Rhode Island Ave. NW (\$59 monthly SAIS student rate). This location features a pool, weight room, aerobic classes, indoor basketball court, saunas, indoor track, circuit weights, and nautilus and life cycle equipment. Call 202.862.9622.
- [Balance Gym](#): nearest location is Thomas Circle (\$64 student monthly rate, no contract required); enroll in person at 1111 14th St. NW with your student ID card.
- [Gold's Gym](#): locations include Dupont Circle, Van Ness, Capitol Hill (approximate \$28 monthly student rate for one location or \$32 for all locations; enrollment fee \$40-100 depending on contract length). Enroll in person with your student ID card.
- [LA Fitness](#): nearest location is Farragut North (\$44.99 general monthly rate for all locations, plus \$99 enrollment fee); enroll in person at 1101 Connecticut Ave. NW or online.
- [Mint](#): locations are 1724 California St. NW (Dupont Circle) and 1001 16th St. NW (Downtown); membership is \$84 monthly with special \$0 enrollment fee for SAIS students. Email Gabe Oran at gabe@mintdc.com with inquiries and bring your student ID to enroll in person.
- [Vida Fitness](#): locations include 601 F St. NW, 1515 15th St. NW (Logan Circle) (\$91 special SAIS monthly student rate and reduced enrollment fee). Call Travis Smith at 202.588.5559 with questions.
- [Washington Sports Clubs](#): DC locations include Dupont Circle, Connecticut Avenue, Columbia Heights, Glover Park, Capitol Hill and several more (\$64.99 monthly Passport Membership to all 160 clubs, plus joining and processing fees). Joining fee may be lower with promotion. Contact Brendon Hill for more details at Brendon.Hill@tsiclubs.com or 212.246.6700 extension 1542. Join [online](#) only with your JHU email to get the discount.
- [District of Columbia Jewish Community Center](#) (DCJCC): located at 1529 16th St. NW (\$58-69 monthly student rate plus any enrollment fees). Enroll in person with a copy of your full-time student class schedule.

In addition to participating in SAIS Activity Clubs for sports like soccer, you have the opportunity to join a variety of informal sports leagues that are organized and managed by Washington, D.C., community members. Many teams use the public area between the National Mall and the Lincoln Memorial for evening and weekend practices and games. The following websites are provided as an introduction to local team sports:

- Neighborhood Athletic Association: www.recleagues.com
- The World Adult Kickball Association: www.kickball.com
- Independent Flag Football League: www.iff1.us
- DCJCC: <http://washingtondcjcc.org/sport-and-fitness/leagues>

The following parks and trails accommodate running, bicycling and hiking. See also the Recreational Bicycling Guide to the D.C. area at www.bikewashington.org.

- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Park: www.nps.gov/choh
- George Washington Memorial Parkway: www.nps.gov/gwmp
- Rock Creek Park: www.nps.gov/rocr
- Capital Crescent Trail: www.cctrail.org

MOVIE THEATERS

Here are some of the theatres closest to SAIS. For showtimes, use Google (e.g. Movie Theatres 20036) or call the numbers indicated below.

AMC LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14 3111 K St. NW 202.342.6033	AMC LOEWS UPTOWN 1 3426 Connecticut Ave. NW 202.966.5401
LANDMARK E STREET CINEMAS 555 11 th St. NW. 202.783.9494	IMAX THEATER - NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM 6 th St. and Independence Ave. SW 202.633.1000
IMAX THEATER – NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY 10th St. and Constitution Ave. NW 202.633.4629	REGAL CINEMAS GALLERY PLACE 707 7 th St. NW 202. 393.2121

IV. STUDENT LIFE AT SAIS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Numerous opportunities exist for students to form meaningful connections with each other, and enjoy personal and professional development experiences outside the classroom.

As one pathway, the SAIS Student Government Association (SGA) is the official umbrella organization for all student groups and student-based initiatives at SAIS. SGA officers are elected by the student body to manage student advocacy, help coordinate and communicate academic, cultural, social and career-related activities, and serve as liaisons between the student body and the administration and faculty. Your participation is essential for an active and responsive student government.

To become a member of any SGA Committee or to get involved, email saissga@jhu.edu or visit www.sais-jhu.edu/resources/student-life/student-organizationssga. All students are encouraged to present ideas and concerns.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There is an exciting variety of SAIS Career Clubs, Activity and Regional Clubs, and student publications, [described online here](#). SGA also organizes several hallmark school-wide events during the year, such as the International Dinner, Cherry Blossom Ball, SAISAPALOOZA talent show and weekly Friday happy hours.

- **SAIS Career Clubs:** These clubs work with the Career Services Office and focus on particular fields, including Consulting, and Finance.
- **SAIS Activity Clubs:** These clubs work with the Office of Student Life and include the SAIS Corps volunteer service club, China Club and Soccer Club.
- **SAIS Publications:** Student publications include the [SAIS Observer](#) newspaper and [SAIS Review](#) journal of international affairs.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES

Internet Access: There are two wireless networks available to SAIS students: “JHGuestnet” for basic internet access and “Hopkins” for secured access to administrative applications. Assistance connecting laptops to the networks is provided at the beginning of the semester. [Click here](#) for more information. For more information on the various technology options available to SAIS students, including discounts, visit www.sais-jhu.edu/about/office/information-technology.

JHED Account: Each student is assigned a JHED account and should monitor their email for notification and instructions in May. This login ID (LID) is required to access various applications and resources within the Johns Hopkins organization, including the [Library](#), [Blackboard](#), and the [Integrated Student Information System \(ISIS\)](#).

Email: A Johns Hopkins University email address is provided by SAIS free of charge and is the primary way faculty and staff communicates with students. You may access your mailbox from any location with Internet access. If you choose to use an email account other than your JHU account, be certain to either forward the JHU account to your primary account or continue to check the JHU account frequently. To set up your Outlook Live (OL) mailbox, login to <http://my.jhu.edu>.

Johns Hopkins Student ID card (J-Card): This card will get you access to all SAIS buildings, allow you to check out materials from the Library and make copies, for example. Please upload your J-Card picture so you can pick up your J-Card upon arrival for Pre-Term or Orientation. Otherwise, visit Nitze 418 to have your picture taken for your card.

Contact saishelp@jhu.edu or 202.663.5666 if you have any questions or problems with the services above. Additional information can be found on the [SAIS Insider Portal](#).

Student Lounges: Currently, there is a lounge in the basement of the Nitze Building where students can relax, study, play pool or ping pong and catch up on the latest news on TV. Vending machines and a student refrigerator are available. There is also a lounge adjacent to the cafeteria on the first floor of the Nitze Building, where study groups often meet. In the Rome Building, there are vending machines and a small lounge area on the first floor. The Bernstein-Offit Building features the Johns Hopkins D.C. Learning Commons on the 3rd floor for study and social space.

SAIS Library: The Library is located on the sixth, seventh and eighth floors of the Nitze Building. A professional and friendly staff will be glad to assist you with general questions about SAIS or JHU libraries, and detailed research and reference queries. The entrance to the Library is on the sixth floor via the elevator, and the stacks and quiet study space on the seventh and eighth floors are accessible through an internal staircase. All incoming students are encouraged to attend a Library tour conducted by library staff when

you arrive at SAIS. A schedule will be provided during Pre-Term and Orientation. For more information on hours, services and resources, visit www.sais-jhu.edu/library.

Cafeteria: A small café is located on the first floor of the Nitze building. Currently, breakfast is served from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Snacks are available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Currently, students are required to pay a \$100 cafeteria fee per semester. Purchases made with the J-Card are tax-free and are debited from your balance. You can add funds to your J-Card by using a credit card machine in the Library on the sixth floor.

MAIL

You may receive mail at SAIS while you are in the process of securing a permanent residence in the D.C. area. Individuals wishing to send materials to your attention at SAIS should address mail in the following manner: Your Name, SAIS Student, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Mail can be picked up in the Mailroom, Nitze 401, Monday through Friday, between 8:30-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 3-4:00 p.m. You should receive an email when your package has been received. Students can also send mail via FedEx Prepaid, USPS and UPS at the Mailroom.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2014-2015

Visit the online [Academic Calendar](#) for registration deadlines, class start and end dates, exam dates, school breaks and other information. Note that the calendar is subject to change.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND INFORMATION (HONOR CODE)

Many important policies, behavioral standards, deadlines, regulations and procedures for SAIS students are compiled in the Academic Procedures Manual, also known as “The Red Book.” Of particular importance is the Honor Code, which covers all activities in which a student presents information as his/her own, whether this information be in written papers, examinations, oral presentations, or materials submitted to potential employers or other educational institutions. It requires that students be truthful and exercise integrity and honesty in their dealings with others, both inside SAIS and in the larger community. See <http://sais-jhu.edu/resources/academic-affairs/academic-procedures-manual> for the full policy.

DIRECTORY OF ADMINISTRATION

Visit the SAIS Facebook tab at <http://my.jhu.edu> for Faculty and Staff contact information. Or dial the school’s main number at 202.663.5600 to be directed to the appropriate office.