



MOVING TO WASHINGTON, DC

The Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies is located in Chinatown, one of the most accessible areas of Washington, DC. With a perfect Transit Score of 100, all six Metro Rail lines, countless Metro Bus stops, the DC Circulator and more than 3,000 parking spaces are within a four-block radius. And with a Walk Score of 98—a “walker’s paradise”—our community has a convenient, walk-able neighborhood full of amenities and local culture.

The information provided in this document will provide an introduction to the area, and assist you in finding the right accommodation for your preferences. This document is not all-inclusive and there are many additional factors to consider based on your needs and wants.

CONSIDERATIONS

Cost of Living

The cost of living in Washington DC is among the highest in the United States. Take into consideration the cost of items like utilities, groceries, public transportation, and other expenses when establishing your budget for housing.

Transportation

With an excellent public transportation system, commuting to DC, Maryland, and Virginia (commonly referred to as DMV) is an excellent alternative to driving. Proximity to a Metro Station or bus stop can not only decrease commute time, but can be essential if you will not be bringing a car or bike. The School of Continuing Studies is conveniently located 3 blocks from the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro stop which is located on the Red, Yellow, and Green Lines, and a 10 minute walk from the Metro Center Metro stop which is located on the Red, Silver, Orange, and Blue Lines. Classes at the School of Continuing Studies run between 5:00pm and 10:00pm in the evening. Please be aware of transportation schedules, as some routes may not run past a certain time. A link to the Washington Metro website is provided in the ‘Helpful Resources’ section.

Timing Your Search

Washington, DC has a highly competitive housing market. Apartments listed now may not be available in a couple weeks, or even days. Please plan accordingly and maintain open and frequent communication with landlords, property management firms, or any other housing provider.



Safety

As with any large city, standard precautions should be taken. Please utilize the D.C. Police Department website (provided in the 'Helpful Resources' section) if you have any questions or concerns.

Utilities

Some housing options include some, or all, of utilities in the cost of rent. Be sure to discuss this with the property owner prior to your move.

CONSIDERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Furnished/Unfurnished

When searching for an apartment, it is important to specify whether you would like a furnished or unfurnished property. This may not be an option in all accommodations, however the opportunity to rent furniture may also be available.

Parking

Street parking is often difficult in the DC area. Ask if the property you are viewing has designated parking available or if street parking is the only option. The School of Continuing Studies does not have a designated parking lot for students, however, students may use the SCS parking lot for evening classes if a spot is available. Please note: there will often be an additional charge for parking.

Security Deposit

You will likely be required to pay a security deposit when you sign a lease and move into a new apartment. Security deposits range from \$500 to 3 months' rent.

PRICE RANGES

Studio/Efficiencys: \$1000 - \$2000

1 bedroom: \$1500 - \$2500

2 bedroom: \$1800 - \$2700+

Please note: prices vary depending on area, distance from public transportation, and distance from the DC Metropolitan area.

HOUSING TYPES

Apartments

Types of apartment vary within the city. There are older buildings, newly renovated buildings, and new buildings throughout the city. It is important to tour the properties prior to moving to establish the condition of the building, and discuss any additional fees that may be associated



with that property. Many apartment buildings may also provide additional services (i.e. pool, gym, laundry facility, 24-hour reception, etc.)

Apartment in a house

Common in residential areas, landlords may rent out a room or basement in their homes. These will include a private bathroom and kitchen. In the case of basement apartments, landlords will often require an interview with candidates.

Bedroom in a shared apartment

Frequently listed on Craigslist.org, tenants will advertise a 'Roommate Wanted' ad. These are often current tenants who have had a roommate move out, or are looking to sublet. Similar to the basement apartments, the current tenant will often want to meet with you beforehand. Having a roommate is a cost effective alternative to living in the city.

HOUSING TYPES (CONTINUED)

Group House

A private room in a house, a group home is common among young professionals and students. Each tenant has their own room, but common areas such as bathrooms, kitchens, and living rooms are shared. Utilities are also shared among the tenants. Group homes are both an economical and social option.

NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

The areas listed below are among the popular DC neighborhoods - however this list is not exhaustive and many alternatives are available in other areas. A neighborhood map is included in the Appendix.

Adams Morgan/U Street Corridor

- Popular among young professionals, young families, and students, Adams Morgan is a culturally diverse area with many shops and restaurants.
- Located near several parks, this area is a great location for those who enjoy running and being outdoors. Adams Morgan is also known for its popular nightlife.
- Getting to SCS: Dupont Circle Metro and Woodley Park Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 3-4 stops on the Red Line.
- U Street Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 3 stops on the Green and Yellow Lines.

Arlington, Virginia

- Located across the Potomac River to the west of DC, Arlington is a popular suburb of the DC area.
- With a large supply of retail, nightlife, and restaurants, and easy access to public transportation, Arlington is a popular location for young professionals working in the DC area.



- Arlington offers both old and new buildings that help to offer both a suburban and urban atmosphere.
- Getting to SCS: Ballston, Clarendon, Court House, or Rosslyn Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro
 - 5 to 9 stops on the Orange Line.

Chinatown

- Located in downtown DC, the School of Continuing Studies is just steps away from Chinatown housing options.
- A historical neighborhood, Chinatown offers a variety of retail shops, restaurants, and bars.
- Chinatown can be very noisy, but if you are looking for a short commute to classes, Chinatown will be your best option.
- Getting to SCS: 3 blocks North of Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro.

Columbia Heights

- An up and coming area, Columbia Heights offers many retail options including Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, and many shops and restaurants.
- Columbia Heights is a readily accessible area that is popular among young professionals, and with close proximity to many Rock Creek Park, it is a popular choice for outdoor enthusiasts.
- Getting to SCS: Columbia Heights Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 4 stops on the Green Line.

Crystal City/Pentagon City, Virginia

- Just south of Arlington, Crystal City/Pentagon City can be a less expensive alternative to living in DC.
- Many residents in this area are federal employees, but there is also a large population of commuters to the DC Area.
- Pentagon City offers a mall, a variety of restaurants, and multiple public transportation options.
- Getting to SCS: Crystal City or Pentagon City Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 4-5 stops on the Yellow Line.

NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE (CONTINUED)

Dupont Circle

- Getting to SCS: Dupont Circle Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 3 stops on the Red Line.
- A busy and popular area, Dupont Circle is a hub for offices, restaurants, nightlife, and apartments for both young and experienced professionals. Parking can be an issue in this area.



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Other Areas to Consider

Georgetown

- Although it is a beautiful and historic area, Georgetown is not easily accessible by public transportation.
- Many students at Georgetown University Main Campus will choose to live in this area, along with longtime DC residents.

Maryland

- As suburbs of the DC area, cities in Maryland can be a cost effective option that also offer many conveniences such as grocery stores, retail, restaurants, bars, and larger apartments among other things.
- These cities are popular among a variety of different people including families and single professionals.
- Popular Maryland cities include Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Grosvenor, Rockville, Silver Spring.
- Getting to SCS:
 - **Bethesda/Chevy Chase** – Bethesda Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 9 stops on the Red Line.
 - **Grosvenor** – Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 11 stops on the Red Line.
 - **Rockville** – Rockville Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 14 stops on the Red Line.
 - **Silver Spring** – Silver Spring Metro to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro – 8 stops on the Red Line.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Georgetown University Students Living Off Campus

<http://studentliving.georgetown.edu/off-campus/>

Living in Washington DC

<http://living-in-washingtondc.com/>

Washington, D.C. Metro System

www.wmata.com

DC Circulator bus

<http://www.dccirculator.com/>

DC Crime Map

<http://crimemap.dc.gov/>



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Cost of Living Calculator

<http://money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living/>

POPULAR HOUSING WEBSITES

Notice: These websites and their agents are not endorsed by Georgetown University.

Craigslist

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org>

The Washington Post

http://www.washingtonpost.com/rentals/?nid=top_rentals

Zillow Rentals

<http://www.zillow.com/washington-dc/rent/>

Trulia

http://www.trulia.com/real_estate/Washington-District_Of_Columbia/

<http://www.trulia.com/>

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

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Borger Management Inc.

<http://www.borgermanagement.com/>

Bozzuto

<http://www.bozzuto.com/apartments>

Daro Realty

<http://www.daroapartments.com/>

EJF Real Estate Services

<http://ejfrealestate.com/>

Equity Residential

<http://www.equityapartments.com/>

Fitzgerald Properties

<http://www.fitzprop.com/>

Gables

<http://gables.com/>



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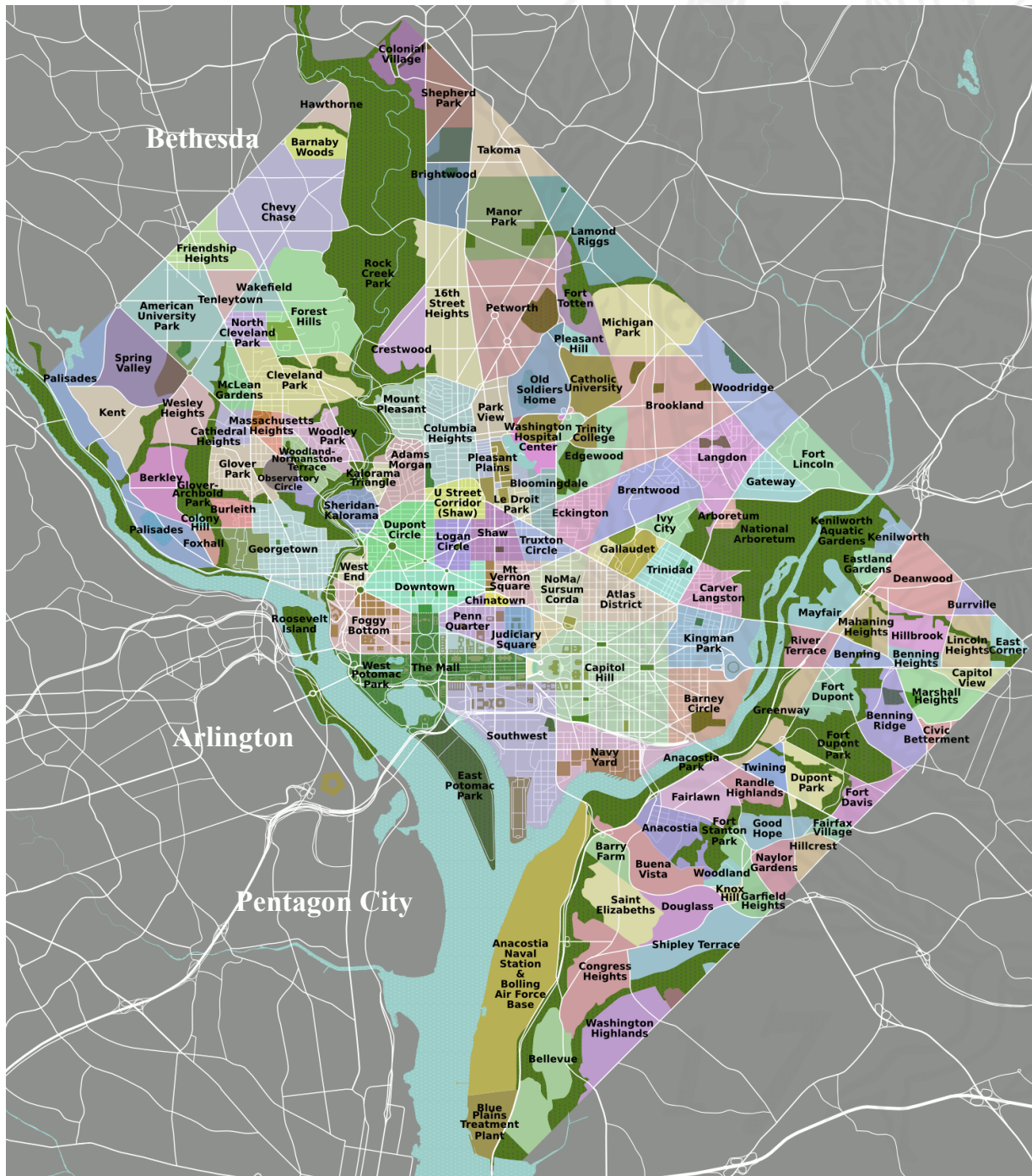
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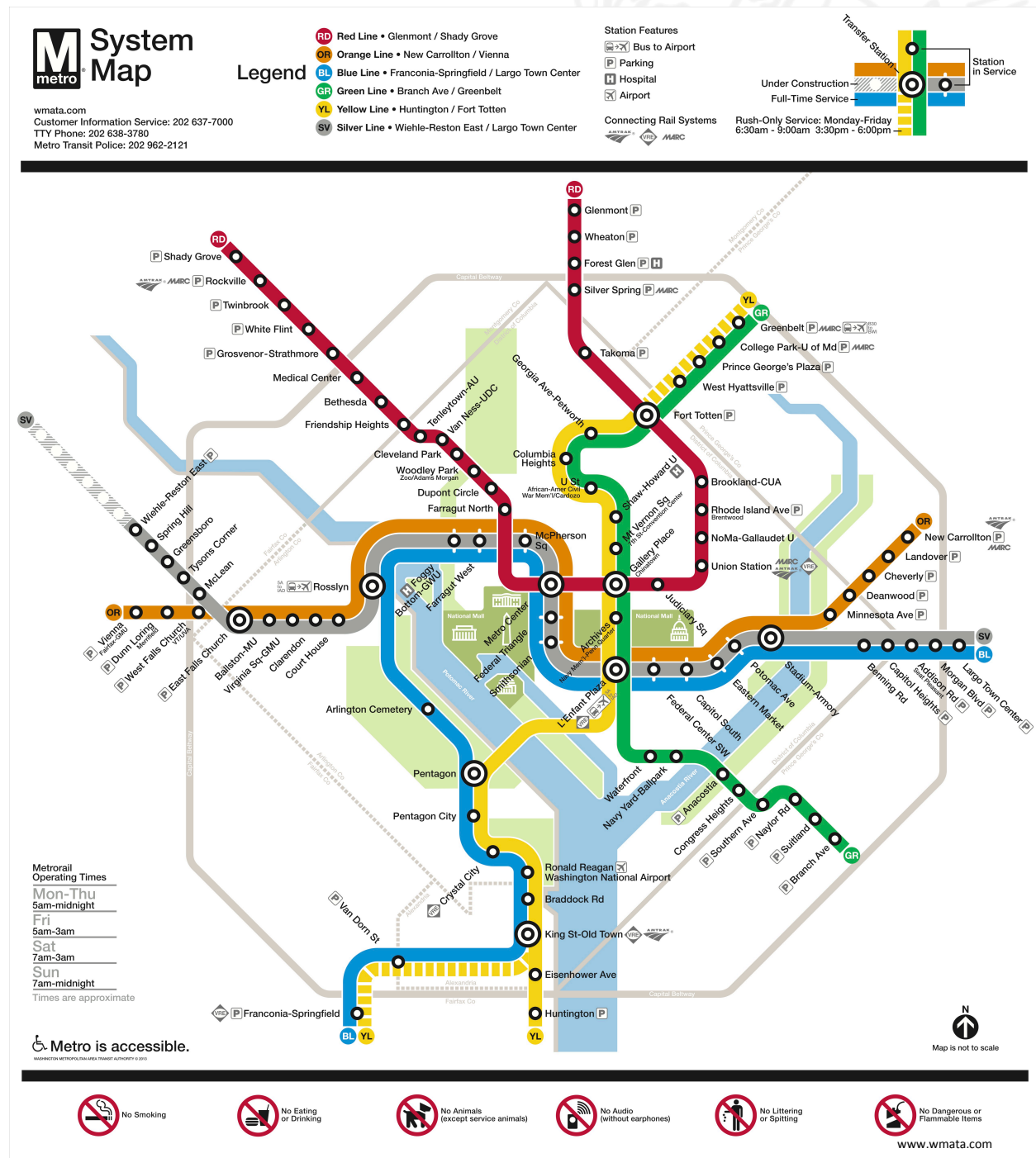
Washington, D.C. Neighborhood Map





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Washington, DC Metrorail Map





Temporary Accommodations & Inexpensive Hostel Options

Name	Location/ Distance from Georgetown SCS	Price Range per night	Link
Downtown Washington Hotel	506 H Street NE, Washington, DC 15 min (public) 7 min (taxi)	\$24 - \$50	http://downtowndchotel.com/
Hostelling International	1009 11 th Street NW, Washington, DC 8 min (walking) 3 min (taxi)	\$29 - \$119	http://hiwashingtondc.org/
Capital View	301 I Street NW, Washington, DC 10 min (walking) 3 min (taxi)	\$31 - \$50	http://www.capitalhostels.com/
Duo Housing	1223 11 th Street NW, Washington, DC 10 min (public) 5 min (taxi)	\$30 - \$40	http://duohousing.com/
Hilltop Hostel	300 Carroll Street NW, Washington, DC 23 min (public) 22 min (taxi)	\$24	http://www.hostel_dc.com/
International House Of United Tel Inc.	1110 6 th Street NW, Washington, DC 6 min (walking)	\$40 - \$52	http://www.ihouseofuti.hostel.com/
International Guest House	1441 Kennedy Street NW, Washington, DC 37 min (public) 17 min (taxi)	\$45	http://igh-dc.com/
Oakwood Worldwide	1800 North Oak Street Arlington, VA 22209 1550 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22209 24 min (public) 12 min (taxi)	\$155+	http://www.oakwood.com/
International Student House	1825 R Street NW, Washington, DC 17 min (public) 11 min (taxi)	\$1200 - \$1600 monthly	http://ishdc.org/
DC Lofty - Convention Center	1335 11th st NW, Washington, DC 20001 14 min (walking) 4 min (taxi)	\$28 - \$40	http://www.dclofty.hostel.com/

