

GITAM Preferred Partnership Program Website for Course Equivalencies:

<https://graduate.engineering.gwu.edu/gandhi-institute-technology-management-gitam>

1. How do students apply to the special program with GITAM and GW? Do students apply directly from GW Website or should we process our applications through GITAM?

Depending on the type of program, all students will need to apply to GW Engineering directly. For students participating in the Preferred International Partnership Program you would apply to the masters degree program first and take your first semester of coursework in the program. During your first semester you would apply to GW Engineering.

For current GITAM BTech students applying to the Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AM), you would apply to GW during your fourth year while studying at GITAM (January 15).

2. What are the types of programs within the GW Engineering & GITAM Partnership?

Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AM)

- *For current 4th year bachelor's degree students at GITAM*
- *Program duration: 1.5 years (full-time)*
- *Credit hours: 30–36 credit hours*
- *Thesis: Optional*
- *Transferable courses: Depending on the number of required course credits, students can transfer in 2–3 courses for a total of 6–9 credit hours from GITAM.*



- *GPA Requirements: Students must earn a US equivalent a “B” grade or higher (a GITAM grade of 7.0 or higher) to be eligible to transfer credits to GW Engineering.*
- *Tuition discount: Students admitted to the program will receive a SEAS Merit Award which is a 25% tuition discount for all GW courses.*

Program Structure for AM Program:

4th & Final Year of Bachelor’s Degree at GITAM:

Enroll in 2-3 pre-approved courses to take during your 4th year, Apply for MS program at GW by the fall or spring semester deadline

First year of MS program:

1st semester: Enroll in courses in Washington, DC at GW

2nd semester: Continue studies in Washington, DC at GW

After completing semester 2 students become eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Second year of MS program:

3rd semester: Complete studies in Washington, DC at GW, enroll in 1 or 2 courses

Graduate with MS degree and become eligible to participate in Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Preferred International Partnership Program (PIP):

- *For master’s degree students at GITAM*
- *Program duration: 2 years (full-time)*
- *Credit hours: 30–36 credit hours*
- *Thesis: Optional*



- *Transferable courses: Depending on the number of required course credits, students can transfer in 2–3 courses for a total of 6–9 credit hours from GITAM.*
- *GPA Requirements: Students must earn a US equivalent a “B” grade or higher (a GITAM grade of 7.0 or higher) to be eligible to transfer credits to GW Engineering.*
- ***Tuition discount:** Students admitted to the program will receive a SEAS Merit Award which is a 25% tuition discount for all GW courses.*

Program Structure for PIP:

First year:

Apply to Master’s degree program at GITAM & GW Engineering:

1st semester: Enroll in 2–3 pre-approved courses taught at GITAM, Apply for F-1 student visa

2nd semester: Enroll in courses in Washington, DC at GW

Second year:

3rd semester: Continue studies in Washington, DC at GW

After completing semester 3 students become eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

4th semester: Complete studies in Washington, DC at GW

Graduate with MS degree and become eligible to participate in Optional Practical Training (OPT)

3. What are the supporting documents required for applying to GWU?

Online Application for GW Engineering MS program

*a. App fee waiver code: **GITAMPartner2024***

(App fee waiver instructions listed at the end of the FAQ)



Test Scores: TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo

- b. TOEFL: 100 or higher
- c. IETLS: 7.0 overall with nothing below 6.0
- d. Duolingo: 130 or higher

Letters of Recommendation

- e. Either 1 letter from a GITAM faculty member, or 2 letters from other academic or professional references

Statement of Purpose

Resume/CV

Transcript/Academic Records (unofficial)

- f. Individual semester marksheets including all backlogs

Bachelor's degree (4-year program)

For a full list of documents required to apply to our Master's degree programs, please visit the following website: <https://graduate.engineering.gwu.edu/masters-program-admissions-requirements>

4. How do I indicate on the application to GW that I am a student from GITAM applying for the PIP or AM program?

Under the financial aid section of the GW application, please select the "SEAS Preferred International Partner School" option under the question that says "Please indicate if you are associated with any of these organizations or activities."

(Screenshot at the end of FAQ)



5. What are the admissions deadlines for the GW program?

Fall semester start:

January 15: Students must submit and complete the online application for GW Engineering

March 1: Admissions decisions will be posted

April 15: Students must accept or decline admissions offer and submit necessary documents

August: Students will begin courses at GITAM (PIP) or GW (AM)

Spring semester start:

September 1: Students must submit and complete the online application for GW Engineering

October 1: Admissions decisions will be posted

November 1: Students must accept or decline admissions offer and submit necessary documents

December/January: Students will begin courses at GITAM (PIP, December) or GW (AM, January)

6. What is the process for admission to an International student at GW?

International students must first be admitted to a Master's degree program at GW. After admission, you will work with GW to submit necessary documents for your Form I-20. GW will create your Form I-20 and that is the document necessary for a student to schedule a student visa appointment at the nearest US embassy or consulate. After you go for your F-1 student visa appointment and receive your student visa, you will need to plan on arriving in the US by the reporting date listed on your I-20 form.

7. How will the courses that students take a GITAM be transferred to GW?



Pre-approved courses any student takes at GITAM will not officially transfer to GW until your first semester you are enrolled in coursework in Washington, DC. Students must have received a grade of "B" (7.0) or better for the course to be transferred to GW.

Students will work with their professional advisor to complete the necessary paperwork for the courses to be transferred.

For a list of courses that are pre-approved that will be eligible to be transferred to GW, please visit the GITAM Partnership Website: <https://graduate.engineering.gwu.edu/gandhi-institute-technology-management-gitam>

8. What opportunities for funding or scholarship are available for students who participate in the program?

Students who are admitted to the PIP or the AM program from GITAM are awarded a 25% tuition discount scholarship that will be applied to all coursework they take at GW.

9. What is the expected tuition expenses for the MS program?

Tuition Credit hour rate for Academic Year 2024-2025: \$2,130.00

1 course = 3 credit hours

Total credit hours for MS programs at GW range between 30-36 credit hours (10-12 courses)

Students who participate in the AM or PIP, will need to be registered for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester while they are studying at GW until their final semester in the program. Seeing as how you are allowed to transfer in 2 courses (6 credit hours), for an MS program that is a total of 30 credit hours, you



will only be required to pay tuition for the credit hours you are enrolled in at GW. Students pay their tuition at the beginning of each semester based on the total credit hours you are registered for.

Example of Expected Tuition Expense for Accelerated MS Program Student:

4th & Final Year of Bachelor's Degree at GITAM:

Enroll in 2-3 pre-approved courses to take during your 4th year

First year of MS program:

1st semester: Enroll in 9 credit hours of coursework at GW

1 credit hour = \$2,130.00 * This rate is for the current academic year. Tuition expected to increase slightly for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 but exact credit hour rate has not been released.

9 credit hours = \$19,170.00 total without discount

25% tuition discount = \$4,792.500

Approximate total tuition for first semester at GW = \$14,377.50

2nd semester: Enroll in 9 credit hours of coursework at GW

1 credit hour = \$2,130.00 * This rate is for the current academic year. Tuition expected to increase slightly for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 but exact credit hour rate has not been released.

9 credit hours = \$19,170.00 total without discount

25% tuition discount = \$4,792.500

Approximate total tuition for second semester at GW = \$14,377.50

Second year of MS program:

3rd semester: Enroll in 6 credit hours of coursework at GW



1 credit hour = \$2,130.00 * This rate is for the current academic year. Tuition expected to increase slightly for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 but exact credit hour rate has not been released.

6 credit hours = \$12,780.00 total without discount

25% tuition discount = \$3,195

Approximate total tuition for final semester at GW = \$9,585.00

**Total Approximate Tuition Fees for MS program based on 2024-2025 credit hour rate would be:
\$38,339.00**

10. What is the cost of living in DC? Do you provide on-campus housing for graduate students?

Students are required to certify that they have sufficient funds available for their academic and living expenses through the duration of their academic program. The following amount of living expenses is estimated costs for 2024-2025. Tuition, fees and health insurance expenses can be expected to increase yearly:

Living expenses (food, housing, utilities): \$20,250 (twelve months)

Books and supplies: \$500

Health insurance: \$2,800 (twelve months)

GW does not provide on-campus house for graduate students. Many of our international students live in apartments near campus in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood or in neighborhoods accessible by metro in Northern Virginia. Please visit the following resource specifically tailored for international students looking to relocate to the DC area: https://internationalservices.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs6431/files/Housing_Options_for_International_Students.pdf and <https://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/finding-home>



Instructions for GITAM students to select "SEAS Preferred International Partner School" in order to indicate your interest in applying for the PIP or AM Program.

< GW GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Sign Out REVIEW APPLICATION

Area of Focus

Financial Aid Information

Do you plan to apply for US federal financial aid?

Yes

No

Do you want to be considered for a school-based fellowship, merit-based scholarship, or teaching assistantship if available for your program?

Yes

No

*Please indicate if you are associated with any of these organizations or activities. If you are not associated with any of these, please choose None.

Please select an option

Please select an option

FAA Program Participant

Fulbright Fellow

McNair Program Scholars

National Research Trainee (NRT)

None

NYU Tandon Bridge Program Participant

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Employment Information



Instructions for submitting Application Fee Waiver Code:

At the end of the application please choose "save and pay" and then select "request a waiver." You will then see an open text box where you can enter the code "GITAM Partner2024". Our office will approve your request within 1–2 business days.

The screenshot shows a web form for requesting an application fee waiver. At the top left is the George Washington University logo and name. At the top right is a "Sign Out" button. The form contains the following elements:

- Application Fee**: A dropdown menu with "Request a Waiver" selected. A red box with the instruction "1. Choose 'Request a Waiver' as the payment method." points to this dropdown.
- Fee Waiver Request Reason**: A large text input field. A red box with the instruction "2. Enter the application fee waiver code here." points to this field.
- SUBMIT WAIVER REQUEST**: A blue button. A red box with the instruction "3. Submit your fee waiver request!" points to this button.

