

CONSORTIUM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) I sent my Consortium Registration Form awhile ago and I have not received a confirmation that I am registered for the course from the school I'm visiting. When can I expect to hear from them?

All Consortium schools process their registration just prior to the first day of classes. This is to ensure that each school has ample time to have their own students register for courses first.

2) Do I have to have permission from the school I want to attend?

It depends on the requirements of the visited institutions. You should check the Schedule of Classes at the school you would like to attend. If the Schedule indicates that permission is required, you must include that permission (an email from the professor/department from the visited school is fine) with your Consortium Registration Form before you submit it to the Office of the Registrar.

3) The class I want to take at the other school is full, what are my options?

You can contact the instructor of the course and see if they will give you permission. Submit that permission to the Consortium Coordinator at GW and they will forward that information to the other institution. If the instructor will not grant you permission, GW will try to work with the other school, but the final decision regarding your enrollment rests with the visited institution.

4) What is the GW equivalent for the course I want to take at the other school?

You would have to have the equivalent department at GW, your academic advisor, and your Dean's Office evaluate the direct equivalent. Often GW does not have direct equivalencies for all courses in the Consortium. Those courses which do not have direct equivalents are often articulated as elective or special topics credit.

5) I am on probation/suspension this semester; can I take courses through the Consortium?

Consortium registration is only open to students in good academic and financial standing with the university.

6) How can I access the other school's academic systems (e.g. Blackboard)?

The visited school's Consortium Coordinator will contact you with information on how to access the electronic systems at that institution. If you do not receive this information, contact the Registrar's Office at the visited institution for further guidance.

7) How can I access the other school's library?

Most Consortium libraries only require you to use your GWorld card to check out books. If you want to use the library at the University of Maryland you have to contact their Office of the Registrar to obtain a Maryland ID card.

8) I want to take a course through the Consortium that is offered at GW, but I cannot take the GW course because it conflicts with another class or my job. Can I take this course?

Unfortunately if the same course is offered at GW, the Consortium Coordinator is unable to approve a Consortium registration for that semester. You may wish to work with your academic advisor to determine if there are alternate course options for you.

9) I am graduating and my grades have not yet posted to my GW transcript yet. How long does it take for that to happen?

Grades post to your student record the same day that they are received from the other schools. During the grading period, the schools are exchanging grade information on a daily basis. If your grade is not appearing, check with your professor at the other school to see if they have submitted their grades. If they have submitted their grades, contact the Consortium Coordinator at the visited institution and ask them to send your grade to GW.

10) Can I take Nursing through the Consortium?

Nursing is currently an ineligible course of study for Consortium registration. Other disciplines that are not able to be taken through the Consortium include: Off-Campus courses, Independent Study, Study Abroad, Canon Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Physical Education, and Vocational Theology.

11) I am a law student; can I take courses through the Consortium?

Law students may take courses at the Georgetown University Law Center. Please contact the GW Law School Records Office for additional information and procedures.

12) I received a bill for a laboratory fee from the visited institution. Do I have to pay that?

Students are responsible for satisfying any applicable course fees with the visited institution. Failure to pay the visited institution may result on a hold being placed on your account which will prevent future registrations and transcript production.