

GUIDE TO STUDENT CONSUMER INFORMATION

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Goucher College is an independent, selective, coeducational institution dedicated to the interdisciplinary traditions of the liberal arts and a broad international perspective on education. The first college in the nation to pair required study abroad with a special travel stipend of \$1,200 for every undergraduate, Goucher believes in complementing its strong majors and rigorous curriculum with abundant opportunities for hands-on experience in the world.

In accordance with federal regulations under the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1965, as amended, this guide is made available to all prospective and enrolled students to inform them of specific types of consumer information. It is available on line at www.goucher.edu/consumerinfo, and a hard copy can be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Financial Aid at 410-337-6141 or finaid@goucher.edu.

GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Accreditation, Approval, and Licensure of Institution

www.goucher.edu/middlestates1

Goucher is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Career Development Office

www.goucher.edu/cdo

The Career Development Office assists students and alumnae/i in finding and pursuing career paths that combine their values, interests, and skills.

Copyright Infringement, Policies, and Sanctions

www.goucher.edu/copyright

(copyright policy)

www.goucher.edu/dmca

(Digital Millennium Copyright Act compliance)

www.goucher.edu/filessharing

(peer-to-peer file sharing)

www.goucher.edu/computeruse

(computer-use policy)

It is the policy of Goucher College to comply with the United States Copyright Law of 1976, as amended (Title 17, United States Code). All faculty, staff, and students of Goucher College are required to respect the proprietary rights of owners of copyrights and refrain from actions that infringe the rights of copyright owners.

Cost of Attendance

www.goucher.edu/tuition

(undergraduate program)

www.goucher.edu/gradtuition

(graduate programs and post-baccalaureate premedical program)

Diversity

www.goucher.edu/diversedata

The college's commitment to diversity and multiculturalism informs all aspects of the institution, including curriculum, co-curricular activities, community governance, and campus culture.

Educational Programs

www.goucher.edu/academics

(undergraduate program)

www.goucher.edu/graduate

(graduate programs)

www.goucher.edu/postbac

(post-baccalaureate premedical program)

www.goucher.edu/academicprogram

(academic program improvements)

www.goucher.edu/instructional

(instructional facilities and labs)

www.goucher.edu/academiccatalogue

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Privacy of Student Records, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

www.goucher.edu/ferpa

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (commonly referred to as the Buckley Amendment or FERPA) is designed to protect the confidentiality of education records and to give students access to their records to assure the accuracy of their contents. The Act affords students certain rights with respect to their education records.

Program Articulation Agreements

www.goucher.edu/articulation

Goucher has a number of articulation agreements with other institutions that permit Goucher students to take classes at those institutions.

Refund Policy

www.goucher.edu/withdrawal

www.goucher.edu/returnfunds

Institutional and federal aid as well as tuition, room and board, and fees will be adjusted in accordance with the Federal Return to Title IV calculation.

Services for Students with Disabilities

www.goucher.edu/disabilities

Although Goucher College does not have a structured program for students with disabilities, the college will make reasonable academic adjustments or provide necessary auxiliary aids to accommodate students with documented disabilities, as required by federal law. The college evaluates requests for accommodations on an individual basis, and reasonable academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids are provided for students with disabilities on a case-by-case basis.

Textbook Information

www.goucher.bncollege.com

Transfer of Credit Policy

<http://www.goucher.edu/transfercredit>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have questions about financial aid, please visit www.goucher.edu/financialaid, or contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 410-337-6141 or finaid@goucher.edu.

Assistance Available from Federal, State, Local, and Institutional Programs

For information about procedures, eligibility, selection, disbursements, amounts, terms, and conditions of such assistance, see the following links:

www.goucher.edu/undergradawardguide

(Undergraduate Financial Aid Award Guide 2010-2011)

www.goucher.edu/gradawardguide

(Graduate Financial Aid Award Guide 2010-2011)

www.goucher.edu/pbpmawardguide

(Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program Financial Aid Award Guide 2010-11)

Federal Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

www.goucher.edu/drugpolicy

Loan Information

www.goucher.edu/loans

Goucher's website provides information about loan counseling for student borrowers and the Institutional Code of Conduct for Education Loans.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (measures of satisfactory academic progress and how a student who failed to maintain satisfactory progress may reestablish eligibility for federal financial aid)

www.goucher.edu/progresspolicy

Student Employment as Part of the Financial Aid Package

www.goucher.edu/studentemployment

Study-Abroad Programs and Availability of Federal Student Aid

www.goucher.edu/abroadaid

Withdrawal and Return of Federal Financial Aid

www.goucher.edu/returntitleIV

<http://www.goucher.edu/withdraw>

If a recipient of Federal Title IV aid withdraws during a period of enrollment, Goucher College must calculate the amount of Title IV aid the student earned. Unearned Title IV funds must be returned to the Title IV programs.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Policy

www.goucher.edu/atd

The college's policy prohibiting alcohol abuse, smoking in college buildings, and the illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol and illicit drugs is designed to promote both the health and safety of all members of the community and their rights to an environment free from the effects of substance abuse. All students and employees are required to comply with this policy, which is adopted in compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, and the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations.

Campus security policies and crime statistics (Clery Act Report)

www.goucher.edu/cleryact

In accordance with the Clery Act, Goucher College publishes an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years of selected crime statistics, as well as information about crimes that might pose a threat to the community, basic rights that must be accorded to victims of sexual assault, the college policy regarding alcoholic beverages and substance abuse, and the Missing Students Policy and Procedures. A printed copy of the Clery Act is available, upon request, at the Office of Public Safety.

Fire Safety Policies and Fire Statistics

www.goucher.edu/firereport

The college prepares an Annual Fire Safety Report on Student Housing, which includes required information about student housing, fire safety systems, fire drills, fire safety policies, fire log, and education and training programs. This report also includes information about the college's emergency response and evacuation procedures.

Emergency Action Plan

www.goucher.edu/emergencyplan

Student Health and Counseling Center

www.goucher.edu/health

Vaccination Policy

www.goucher.edu/immunizations

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Intercollegiate Athletic Program Participation Rates and Financial Support Data

www.goucher.edu/eada

The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) is designed to make prospective students aware of a school's commitment to providing equitable athletic opportunities for its male and female students. Any coeducational institution of higher education that participates in a federal student aid program must prepare an EADA report each October. A hard copy of Goucher's report is available upon request.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

www.goucher.edu/outcomes

Goucher College's Office of Institutional Research prepares statistics about graduation rates and retention rates.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM REPORT

Graduate Program Teacher Preparation

www.goucher.edu/gpecatalogue

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Goucher College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, sex, age, disability, or genetic information in its programs and activities. The college has adopted a Non-discrimination Policy and Grievance Procedure.

www.goucher.edu/documents/Legal/GOUCHER_NONDISCRIMINATION.Pdf