

# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN QATAR

THE VIEW BOOK



A portrait of Safwan Masri, PhD, a middle-aged man with short grey hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a patterned tie with small blue and orange motifs. The background is a solid dark color.

**“GEORGETOWN’S  
CAMPUS IN QATAR  
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OF TWO WORLDS—  
THE EXPANSIVE  
RESOURCES OF A  
GLOBAL CITY AND  
THE INTIMACY OF  
A COMMUNITY  
OF SCHOLARS  
WHO CARE DEEPLY  
ABOUT THE WORLD  
AROUND THEM.”**

**Safwan Masri, PhD**

Dean, Georgetown University in Qatar

Distinguished Professor of the Practice, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University





## PROGRAMS

### Majors

- Culture and Politics
- International Economics
- International History
- International Politics

### Minors

- Arabic
- Economics
- Government
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology

### Certificates

- American Studies
- Arab and Regional Studies
- Energy Studies
- Media and Politics

## GU-Q AT A GLANCE

Georgetown University is one of the world's leading academic and research institutions with a long history of preparing students to lead by example and act in the service of humanity. The university's Qatar campus draws on the diverse economic, social, political, and cultural traditions of the region to provide a world-class education in international affairs.

2023-2024  
Enrollment

465

Student  
Nationalities

70+

Student-to-  
Faculty Ratio

10:1

Education City  
Universities

8

Graduates  
2009-2024

936

Average class  
size

15

# A LEGACY OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

## A Century of Service

Established in 1919, the Walsh School of Foreign Service has been preparing young men and women to lead and make a difference in the world for more than 100 years. Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) brings this academic tradition to the Middle East.

## Academic Excellence

GU-Q offers a liberal arts program that includes core and elective courses in a variety of subjects. Students earn a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS)—the same degree offered at Georgetown’s campus in Washington, DC.

## Georgetown Core

The core curriculum is rooted in a values-based tradition. Shared by all students, the core lays the foundation for writing, critical thinking, and self-reflection and provides the basis for a holistic education that encourages students to embody lifelong habits, including:

- Creatively participating in intellectual communities.
- Addressing complex issues and problems.
- Developing a value-based worldview that is both intellectually grounded and personally compelling.
- Engaging responsively in the world.

The Georgetown core contains courses in: Theology, Writing, Humanities, Engaging Diversity, Natural Sciences, and Philosophy.



“GU-Q provided me with a breadth of knowledge, broadening my interests and strengthening my ability to think and work across fields.”

—Alexander Wegner (GU-Q'14)  
Partner and Head of Public Policy, MENA, Instinctif Partners



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In the spirit of promoting ethical and intellectual understanding, GU-Q provides an educational experience that includes community service, travel, and experiential learning.

GU-Q students host Model United Nations events, teach English and financial literacy to members of the community, and travel with programs like Study Abroad, Zones of Conflict, Zones of Peace, or the Community Engagement Program.

## Close Interaction with the Washington, DC, Campus

From shared classes, to cross-campus sports tournaments, spring break trips, semesters abroad, and campus-to-campus dialogue trips, GU-Q students deeply engage with students and faculty from the DC campus.

GU-Q programs have taken students to more than

**30** COUNTRIES SINCE 2005

GU-Q students can choose from

**160** STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN 50 COUNTRIES

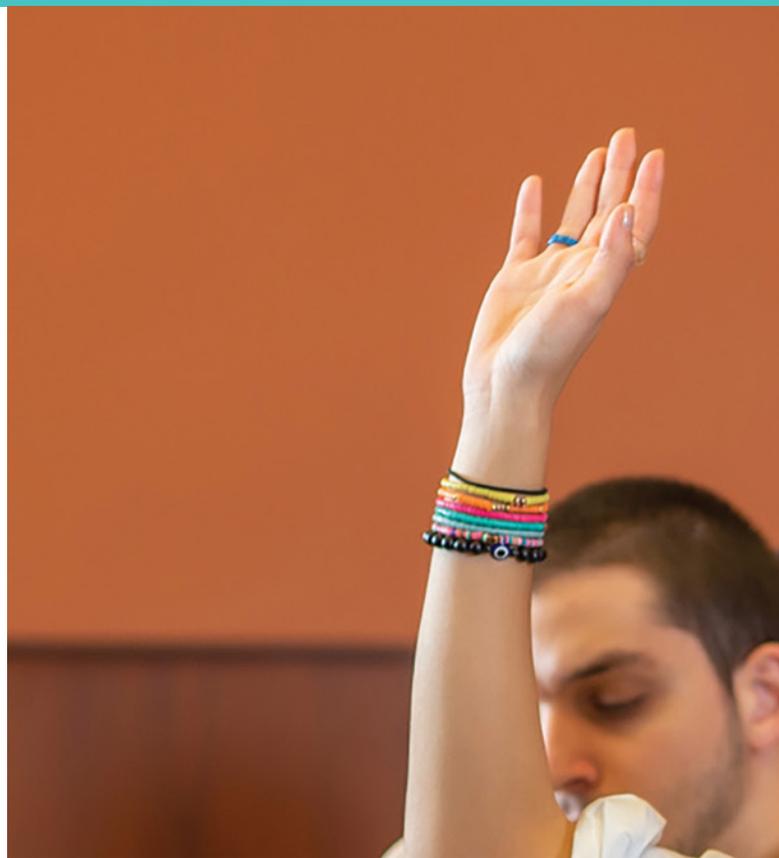


“GU-Q equipped me to be critical and introspective about complex global issues. It taught me how to study and ideate with an open mind to global cultures and affairs.”

—Dana Al Anzy (GU-Q'17)  
Head of Strategic Partnerships, Education Above All

# PATHWAYS TO GLOBAL CAREERS

The BSFS curriculum prepares students for a range of careers by developing their critical thinking, communication, research, and problem solving skills.



## Start your Career

Since GU-Q's first class graduated in 2009, alumni have taken challenging roles in leading international organizations, the public sector, and nonprofits. From energy, finance, and diplomatic service to marketing, education, and technology, they have applied their studies to a range of exciting industries in Qatar and beyond. GU-Q offers assistance with networking, CV and cover letter writing, interview preparation, career counseling, and employer engagement.

## Higher Education

GU-Q graduates have earned graduate and doctoral degrees from top schools including:

- Georgetown University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- University of Chicago
- University College London

## Work Experience

GU-Q graduates work in a variety of professions.

Many have worked for:

- Google
- US Embassies in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Pakistan
- McKinsey & Co.
- PwC
- Qatar Foundation
- Qatar Airways
- United Nations
- Uber
- Shell
- Vodafone
- World Bank

GU-Q graduates  
join a community  
of more than  
**215,000** GU  
alumni living  
around the world.





“There aren't a lot of places in the world where you can get the education and support that Georgetown offers, combined with the networking and EdTech incubators and accelerator programs offered by QF and WISE.”

—Haroon Yasin (GU-Q'16)  
Co-founder and CEO, Taleemabad, recipient of the 2021 WISE Award and Queen's Young Leaders Award



# STUDENT LIFE

Our vibrant community life offers student leadership and service opportunities, expeditions around Qatar, art activities and cultural celebrations, and scholarly talks throughout the year.

## 40+

Student Clubs and Organizations

## 200+

student support related events a year



Student Wellness and Counseling Center



Gym and Fitness Classes



“GU-Q gave me a world-class education with so many resources and at the same time I was still able to stay in the Middle East, close to my family. I did the International Politics major...and I can tell you that without those statistics classes which I built on later at Stanford, I would absolutely not be where I am today.”

—Salma Mousa (GU-Q'12)  
Assistant Professor, Yale University



## Education City

With multiple universities and schools in one location, students experience an astonishing diversity of events on the Education City campus. Our students not only partake in extracurricular activities offered by GU-Q, but can also get involved in combined events, collaborative initiatives, or the shared amenities and services of our campus.

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Universities in  
Education City

# 10,600

students attend Education  
City universities and schools



### Campus Amenities

- Male and Female LEED-certified sustainable student housing
- State-of-the-art student center
- Minaratain Mosque and Islamic center
- Al Mujadilah Center and Mosque for Women
- Recreational facilities and spa
- Restaurants, cafes, and grocery stores
- Farmer's market
- Park and botanical gardens
- Mathaf Museum
- Equestrian Center
- Qatar National Library
- Golf Course



“Attending GU-Q builds your confidence to unleash yourself onto this world.”

—Ibrahim Al-Derbasti (GU-Q'09)  
Executive Vice President, Offshore and Marine, Milaha



## LIVING IN QATAR

Explore the history and art preserved in Qatar's many museums. Kayak through the mangroves, or take a dhow cruise in the Arabian Gulf. See live theater at Doha Players or take in the Philharmonic Orchestra. Explore the winding streets of Souq Waqif or stroll the Marina at the Pearl for a late night Karak. Watch the National Day parade and traditional Ardha dance of Qatar. Attend a global summit with opposing world leaders. Celebrate Eid with fireworks and parades at Katara. Culture, politics, and people come together in Doha.



“I remember the discussions in class. I'd leave wanting to read more, talk more, look up something that I never understood, or [reflect on] the emotions from an opposing opinion. Empathy is so important in creating complex characters in films.”

—Israa Al-Kamali (GU-Q17)  
Screenwriter and Director; Founder, Iraq Independent Film Festival



## Where Great Minds Converge

Georgetown Qatar is a major hub for dialogue across industries, disciplines, and ideologies. Heads of state, cultural icons, and humanitarian leaders regularly address Georgetown students on campus through large lectures and small group discussions. Past speakers have included:

- Nobel peace laureate Malala Yousafzai
- International Monetary Fund Chief Kristalina Georgieva
- Qatar Ministers of State including H.E. Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed Al Attiyah, H.E. Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, and H.E. Dr. Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari
- Broadcaster and author Mehdi Hasan
- 8th President of Iraq Barham Salih
- Acclaimed author Malcom Gladwell





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