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Gallaudet University

Gallaudet University (Washington, USA) is the only university in which all programs and services are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students.

The university was named after Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, a notable figure in the advancement of deaf education.

The University was founded in 1864 by an Act of Congress (its Charter), which was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. Going from a school of 12 students in 1857 to over 1,500 students served in 2020, Gallaudet has always been a consistently growing and evolving university.

Gallaudet University was originally a grammar school for both deaf and blind children. It was the first school for the advanced education of the deaf and hard of hearing in the world and remains the only higher education institution in which all programs and services are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students

College-level courses were offered for the first time during the 1863–64 academic year. In early 1864, the 38th Congress authorized the institution to grant and confirm college degrees and an enabling act was signed by President Lincoln on April 8. Today, April 8 is celebrated at Gallaudet as Charter Day in commemoration of the official beginning of Gallaudet University.

In 1868–1869, the first students completed a full course of college studies, all three men graduating with bachelor's degrees in June

The University's undergraduate students can choose from more than 40 majors leading to bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees. The five most popular majors are business, visual and performing arts, communication studies, physical education, and psychology.



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Graduate programs at Gallaudet are open to deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students and offer certificates and master of arts, master of science, doctoral, and specialist degrees in a variety of fields involving professional service to deaf and hard of hearing people.

Gallaudet University is officially bilingual, with American Sign Language (ASL) and written English used for instruction and by the college community. Although there are no specific ASL proficiency requirements for undergraduate admission, many graduate programs require varying degrees of knowledge of the language as a prerequisite. It is classified among "R2: Doctoral Universities – High research activity". Classes are conducted in ASL with no spoken English, and curriculum materials are designed in both ASL and English. The classrooms are visually-oriented, and are organized around the philosophy of DeafSpace, such as all the desks arranged in a circle so that all students and teachers can see one another for discussions

Gallaudet University has led advances in education of deaf and hard of hearing students and deaf rights worldwide. Today, students from across the United States and more than 25 countries—diverse in perspective, backgrounds, interests and communication styles—form an exciting learning community as they prepare for dynamic careers and a lifetime of growth.