

# STUDENT LIFE

Johns Hopkins is an active and supportive community, filled with students of different viewpoints, different cultures, and different backgrounds. The thing that brings them all together is their desire to be here and to celebrate everything Johns Hopkins has to offer. The following section details campus resources specifically relevant to the graduate student experience.

## J-Card

The J-Card is the multi-use identification card used for Johns Hopkins students, faculty and staff. It is issued to students after registering for the first time. The Office of ID Card Services is located on the lower level of Garland Hall.

The card features typical identification information such as the person's name, photograph, classification (student, faculty or staff) and a randomly generated ID number.

The J-Card acts as the individual's library card for the Sheridan Library network. It allows the student to enter the MSE Library beyond Q-Level, to reserve and borrow books and to pay for photocopies or document printing on library printers.

Students must show their J-Card in order to gain access to any campus computer lab. Additionally, student employees need to present their J-Card to pick up their paychecks from the Student Payroll Office.

The J-Card is also used for identification if a student has purchased a campus dining plan. J-Cash can be used at a number of restaurants and vending machines, on and off-campus. Money can be added to any J-Card account by mail or in person at the Student Accounts Office, located at 31 Garland Hall. For a full list of locations where J-Cash can be used, visit their website: <http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/jcard/>.

Lost or stolen J-Cards should be reported to the Office of ID Card Services by calling (410) 516-5121 (weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.) or the Office of Security by calling (410) 516-4600 (all other times). The account will be temporarily suspended and a new J-Card will need to be issued for a nominal fee.

## Bookstore

The University's bookstore is located at the Barnes & Noble in Charles Commons on Saint Paul Street. Graduate students can purchase textbooks and supplies at this location. Please visit their store website (<http://johns-hopkins.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/BNCBHomePage?storeId=18053&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>) for hours of operation and other pertinent information.

## Computer Access

Computers available to all faculty, staff, and students are located in several public computer labs and kiosks across the Homewood Campus. Labs in Krieger Hall and the Milton S. Eisenhower Library feature extensive software allowing users to print, access email and the Internet and perform other general tasks as well as more advanced computing required for coursework and research. Computer kiosk locations in Krieger, the Mattin Center, Hodson Hall, Levering Hall and throughout the MSE library are more limited.

The largest of all the Homewood labs is the Krieger Academic Computing Lab, located in 160 Krieger Hall. To gain access to the lab, students must swipe their J-Card at the locked gate. A lab consultant can be

contacted during working hours by calling (410) 516-4242 or emailing [consult@jhu.edu](mailto:consult@jhu.edu).

## Security, Shuttles and Transportation

### Security

The Johns Hopkins University Campus Safety and Security Office is dedicated to establishing and maintaining a safe and secure environment in which to work and visit. The Homewood Communication Center operates 24-hours a day seven days a week at the Homewood Campus. In keeping with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the Campus Safety and Security Office publishes crime reports and security bulletins. These may be found on their Campus Safety and Security Website (<http://www.jhu.edu/security>).

Campus Security and local emergency services including Baltimore City Police, Fire or Ambulance can be summoned through Homewood's Communication Center from any campus phone by dialing 6-7777. The universal 911 number may also be used to reach Homewood's Communication Center from any on-campus phone. From off-campus, dial (410) 516-4600 to reach security. Crime and safety concerns may be reported to Campus Safety and Security by calling on-campus emergency numbers, (410) 516-7777 or 911. Additional services include the following:

- Anonymous Tip Hotline
- Crime Prevention Tips
- Escorts
- Lost and Found
- Property Registration
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)

Visit the Campus Safety and Security Website for more information.

### Shuttles and Transportation

Homewood Parking and Transportation provides several services to faculty, staff and students. The primary services include:

- Homewood - Peabody - JHMI Shuttle
- Keswick - Homewood - Eastern - JHMI Shuttle
- Blue Jay Shuttle
- Carey Business School - Homewood (evening) Shuttle
- Disabled Services

Visit their website (<http://www.parking.jhu.edu/transportation.html>) for schedules, locations and more information.

## Student Employment

Student Employment Services is the human resources and employment center for full-time Homewood students who work for or wish to work for the University during their enrollment at Hopkins. Student Employment processes all student paychecks and maintains employment records and supporting documents. The office also supports a web based job search program which students can access through the Student Employment Services website. Students on Nonresident status must keep in mind that they can be paid at an hourly rate only and the number of hours worked on campus may not exceed 19.9 per week.

A student job fair, hosted by Student Employment, is held annually in September. Students have the opportunity to meet and interview with a variety of on- and off-campus employers at the fair. All tax forms and any other required paperwork must be filed with the Student Employment office before students are eligible to receive their first paycheck from the

University. Volunteer opportunities and community-service information can also be found at this office.

**Federal Work Study:** Graduate students who meet certain financial-aid requirements have the option of applying for Federal Work Study (FWS) positions. FWS is a federally funded program that allocates funds to the University to pay a portion of the student's salary. Approximately one-third of Hopkins students receive FWS funding. Eligibility for FWS positions is based on both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the JHU Application for Financial Aid. The Office of Student Financial Services determines eligibility based on federal regulations. An FWS award is valid for one academic year. Students must reapply each year. The maximum FWS award is \$2,000. Awards may be less, depending on the type and amount of other financial assistance a given student receives. FWS employees are limited to 20 hours of work per week.

Jobs posted on the Student Employment Services website indicate whether the position is FWS or non-FWS. Job fairs and student-employment orientations also offer opportunities for students seeking FWS employment. Positions are available both on and off-campus and encompass a wide variety of skills and interests, including lab work, web design, research, and many more. Students in FWS positions are not prevented from working other paying jobs.

For more information about Student Employment or to view current job postings and policies, please visit their website (<http://www.jhu.edu/stujob>).

## Travel Resources

As graduate students prepare to go overseas for research or to attend a conference it is helpful to consider administrative, health, and safety issues before leaving the country. Graduate students are also urged to complete the Johns Hopkins Travel Registry. Though this service is optional, travel registration can facilitate faster support in the event of an overseas emergency.

For more information and resources, visit <http://homewoodgrad.jhu.edu/student-services/travel-resources/>.

## Career Center

The Career Center (<http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/careers>) has services ranging from resume and curriculum vitae development to on-campus recruiting. As graduate students begin thinking about professional opportunities to pursue with their degree, the Career Center can help explore how skills, values, interests, and personality fit into this decision-making process.

## Disabilities

Johns Hopkins University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic in any student program, activity administered by the University, admission or employment.

A person with a disability is defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

## Student Disability Services Office (SDS)

Assists the University in compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), ADA Amendments Act (2008) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for full-time undergraduate and graduate students in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering.

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<http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/disabilities/>

## Tax Information

Student earnings are NOT automatically exempt from tax withholding, including Federal Work-Study earnings. All students are encouraged to complete/submit Tax Withholding Exemption Forms. For more information, please visit: <http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/studentemployment/student-information/handbook/tax-information/>. (<https://orchid.hosts.jhmi.edu/stujob/tax.cfm>) The JHU Tax Office ([http://www.controller.jhu.edu/depts/tax/about\\_tax.html](http://www.controller.jhu.edu/depts/tax/about_tax.html)) is available for general questions and to point students to tax resources.

Please note that the Tax Office is unable to advise specifically on or prepare tax returns for JHU affiliates.

## Parking on Campus

Parking is available for graduate students on campus at the San Martin and Decker Garages at monthly rates. Graduate students receiving a paycheck from the University are eligible for payroll deduction to pay for parking. Hang tags for free evening and weekend parking along academic buildings are also available. Hang tags can be purchased for a nominal fee which are valid for a maximum of 3 years. Go to the Parking Office (located in the South Garage (under Mason Hall and the Decker Quad)), with your J-Card, to pick up your hang tag.

In addition to these spaces, there are a number of metered and timed parking zones around campus. Check the ordinances governing these roadside spaces. Many have two-hour time limits.

## Orientation and Welcome Events for New Graduate Students

There are many resources available to assist new students in their acclimation to the Johns Hopkins Community. Orientation and Welcome Events information can be found at <http://grad.jhu.edu/student-life/orientation/>, and resources on getting settled in Baltimore as a new graduate student can be found here: <http://grad.jhu.edu/admitted-students/living-in-baltimore/>

## Recreation Center

Membership to the O'Connor Recreation Center is open to all faculty, staff, and students of the university. This includes Johns Hopkins University-Homewood, Peabody, School of Medicine, School of Public Health, School of Nursing, School of Education, Carey Business School, Bayview Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, School of Advanced International Study (SAIS), Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, and the Applied Physics Lab (APL).

## Gym

- Fitness and weight rooms
- Climbing wall
- Fields
- Tennis courts
- Pool (indoor)
- Experiential education
- Fitness classes (yoga, yagalates, pilates, step aerobics, cardio kick boxing, muscle classes and dance-based classes) (There may be a fee involved for classes)
- Website: <http://web.jhu.edu/recreation/> or (410) 516-5229

## Campus Ministries

Johns Hopkins University Campus Ministries promotes and supports spiritual development, theological reflections, religious tolerance and social awareness among students, faculty and staff within the university community. At its heart, Campus Ministries is a prophetic and pastoral presence which seeks to enhance the spiritual and ethical educational experience of the whole person mind, body and soul.

Website: [www.jhu.edu/~chaplain](http://www.jhu.edu/~chaplain) or (410) 261-1880

## Community Engagement

The Center for Social Concern emphasizes the value of service with others. Volunteers and community members enter into an educational process where both benefit from the interaction, and reciprocal learning is the common ground for all of our initiatives. Our programs and efforts are striving to create a strong community in and around the Johns Hopkins campus: <http://www.jhu.edu/csc/>

## Housing

Johns Hopkins University does not offer graduate student housing. Prior to or upon arrival, graduate students should secure their own independent housing.

The Baltimore City neighborhood immediately surrounding the Homewood campus is called Charles Village. In addition, there are lots of other proximal areas in which students may consider living including Hampden, Waverly, Roland Park, Guilford, Remington, Mt. Vernon and others.

Incoming graduate students in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering who need housing accommodations while looking for a place to live can contact the Community Living Office for information on temporary housing: <http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/community-living/>

## Dining Services

An assortment of entrees, snacks, coffee beverages and other fare is available at a variety of on-campus locations that are open during all three meals and snack-times. Homewood's dining services can accommodate students with dietary restrictions whether that would be kosher, vegetarian, vegan or some other requirement. All locations accept J-Cards and cash, and some take credit cards.

Off-Campus Dining: There are many restaurants surrounding the campus and in adjacent neighborhoods. For the "insider's guide" to these venues, please contact the Graduate Representative Organization (GRO), which publishes information and student reviews on these and other Baltimore eateries.

Meal Plans: Graduate students may opt to enroll in a meal plan. Meal plans on the Homewood campus are based on a block meal system, designed for both convenience and flexibility. Each block counts as one meal. Blocks expire at the end of each semester. Added to blocks, points allow students to purchase food at the Levering Food Court, and Blue Jay Café. Points have a dollar-for-dollar value and roll over from the fall to the spring, expiring at the end of the spring semester.

Additional information on specific plans, kosher or other dining options is available through the Community Living Office at <http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/community-living/dining-programs/>

## Weather Emergencies

When there is an alteration or curtailment of the operating schedule of the University or a designated unit, an official announcement will be made on the University Emergency Telephone Hotline. As conditions may vary in the geographic areas where Johns Hopkins has campuses, there may be times when the Required Attendance Policy is invoked for some campuses and not others. In addition, conditions may be different on campus than they are in the area where a student lives. In times of bad weather, students should call the University Emergency Telephone Hotline to check on the status of the campus where they work.

- Baltimore - (410) 516-7781
- Outside Baltimore – (800) 548-9004

Each year the University publishes a list of radio and television stations that will be requested to announce operation changes. Because there can be mistakes in the message broadcasted, students can verify the message by calling the University Emergency Telephone Hotline. Students may also check the JHU emergency resources [website](#).

## Graduate Student Organizations and Advocacy

There are a variety of graduate student organizations on campus, ranging from cultural, athletic, academic and social. For a sample of what is available to graduate students, please visit the following link. (<http://homewoodgrad.jhu.edu/life-at-hopkins/graduate-student-organizations>) For additional academic, cultural, athletic and social groups/organizations/clubs, please visit the following link (<http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/gro/clubs-groups/list-of-groups>). Every group/organization/club is different, and some may only be open to undergraduate students or to students from a certain campus, where others may not be bound by similar parameters. For more information, graduate students are encouraged to directly contact any group/organization/club in which they are interested. There are also several offices and student groups on the Homewood Campus that advocate for graduate students on issues both academic and pertaining to student life.

## Graduate Representative Organization

The Johns Hopkins University Graduate Representative Organization (GRO) works with specific divisions to represent graduate student interests (health insurance subsidies, compensation) to various levels of the JHU administration. The GRO organizes graduate student orientation, social events, sports activities, funds campus groups, and much, much more. Indeed, the GRO is proud to have earned the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students' (NAGPS) 2000 – 2001 Outstanding Graduate Student Association award, its highest honor.

The GRO is made up of graduate student representatives from every department at Homewood. This group of representatives, the GRO General Council, elects an Executive Board for an annual term. Together, the Council and Executive Board are responsible for programming, advocating, and facilitating communication for graduate students on the Homewood Campus. The GRO also holds occasional programs with the student government on the Medical Campus.

GRO Homepage (<http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/gro>)

Guide to Living in Baltimore (<http://grad.jhu.edu/admitted-students/living-in-baltimore>)

Baltimore, the largest city in Maryland, is the center of a metropolitan area of 1.5 million people. Baltimore is a vital city long known for its ethnic neighborhoods where each wave of immigration to the United States has added to its character. People of many different backgrounds give the city a melting pot vitality that is reflected in the wide variety of restaurants, shops, and festivals.

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## **The Office of Institutional Equity**

### **Disability Services and Compliance**

The Director of ADA Compliance and Disability Services in the Office of Institutional Equity serves as the central point of contact for information on physical and programmatic access, specific accommodations, resolution of complaints and problems, faculty and staff concerns, and identification of available services. In addition, the office can provide training, consultation, and information regarding disability issues.

Contact: Brent Mosser, Director (410) 516-8075,  
[studentdisabilityservices@jhu.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@jhu.edu)

Graduate students in the Krieger and Whiting Schools can also visit the Disabilities page: <http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/disabilities/>.

### **Discrimination/Compliance**

- Sexual Harassment
- Training
- Meditation

The Office of Institutional Equity Compliance and Education is responsible for the investigation and resolution of discrimination complaints received from faculty, staff, and students at Johns Hopkins University. OIE also provides mediation services for University related issues, as well as, education/training on sexual harassment.

Website: <http://web.jhu.edu/administration/jhuoie/> or (410) 516-8075

Also: <http://homewoodgrad.jhu.edu/student-services/sexual-assault-and-awareness/>

## **Health and Wellness**

### **Health Insurance (CHP- Cigna)**

It is University policy that all full-time students in the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering maintain adequate health insurance coverage to provide protection against unexpected accidents and illnesses. As a full-time student, you must either purchase the University plan or sign a waiver indicating you have health insurance coverage comparable to the University plan (International Students are required to purchase the University plan). Details about the student health plan offered by the University can be found on the registrar's website. (<http://web.jhu.edu/registrar/students/health>) Note that most students are auto enrolled into coverage, and are responsible for following up with the Office of the Registrar's Health Insurance Desk if they want to make any changes or have any questions about enrollment in the plan.

### **Health and Wellness Center**

The Johns Hopkins University Student Health and Wellness Center exists to affirm the clear role of health and wellness in advancing academics. Its primary mission is to maintain and contribute to a healthy and safe learning environment for the student community in the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering.

Website: <http://studenthealth.johnshopkins.edu/> or (410) 516-8270

## **Counseling Center**

The Johns Hopkins University Counseling Center serves full-time undergraduate and graduate students from the schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, and the Peabody Institute. All of these students are encouraged to utilize the services offered by the Counseling Center. All services are confidential and free of charge.

The Counseling Center offers the following services:

- Counseling
- Groups
- Consultation
- Referral
- Career Decision- Making

Website: <http://www.jhu.edu/~ccenter/> or (410) 516-8278