



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
School of Foreign Service in Qatar

## GU-Q Welcomes Class of 2020 In Prestigious Ceremony

Georgetown University in Qatar's (GU-Q) class of 2020 formally gathered together for the first time this week, as part of the traditional new student convocation that welcomes them to the University.

The ceremony, held in Education City, took place after a week-long orientation which introduced the new students to Georgetown's history, values and campus life.

During the convocation, students committed to uphold the Honor Pledge and were officially inducted as members of the Georgetown student body. At the end of the ceremony, they donned academic robes—the only time they will wear them until their graduation ceremony in four years' time.

The event marks the beginning of the 12th academic year since the university opened its doors in Qatar in 2005.

"The New Student Convocation is an important beginning for our first year students – it is when they become part of Georgetown's community of learners," noted GU-Q Dean Dr. James Reardon-Anderson.

"The class of 2020 will shortly take their first steps in a journey of lifelong learning, where they will follow the same curriculum that is offered at our campus in Washington, D.C and be encouraged to excel academically and with extracurricular activities. We hope that during the next four years with the encouragement and mentoring of our faculty and staff both inside and outside the classroom, they will develop as thoughtful scholars and compassionate citizens of the world."

The class of 2020 will be immersed in Georgetown's world-class academic curriculum, based on a multidisciplinary study of foreign affairs. Students will be able to major in four key areas—Culture and Politics, International History, International Economics, and International Politics. They can also further develop their skills with certificates in American Studies, Arab and Regional Studies or Media and Politics (a joint initiative with Northwestern University in Qatar).

The incoming class includes 64 students from 39 nationalities who speak 18 languages, and will grow Georgetown's student numbers to more than 240 this year. After 2020, they will join Georgetown's diverse alumni population who work in industries ranging from banking to oil & gas, education, communications, and government in Qatar and beyond.

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## About Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q)

Established in 1789, Georgetown University is one of the world's leading academic and research institutions providing students with a superb learning experience focused on educating the whole person and engagement with different faiths, cultures and beliefs, to prepare the next generation of global citizens ready to make a positive impact on our world.

Since 2005, Georgetown's Qatar campus offers the same highly ranked four-year Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service curriculum as in Washington D.C. The majors offered include, Culture and Politics, International Economics, International History, and International Politics, along with Certificates in Arab & Regional Studies, American Studies, or Media & Politics. Students choose a major after the successful completion of their two year multidisciplinary core curriculum.

The Qatar campus also offers working professionals the opportunity to take non-credit evening courses for personal and professional development. Topics in the past have included: *Religion, Peace and Violence; Digital Magazine and Book Design; Understanding Digital Marketing; Perspectives on Islam and Human Rights, Women in Islam; Web Made Easy; Career and Life Design; the Quest for Wisdom: East and West.*

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