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Greg Engert is the area's authority on all things sudsy and hoppy, and this Slaters Lane pizza hangout and its newer, sleeker Ballston sibling are where he shows his knowledge. (He also oversees ChurchKey in DC's Logan Circle.) Categories such as "soft and silky" as well as beer-and-food pairings help make the brew lists accessible. If you don't want to spring for, say, a \$12 pint of Malédiction stout, you can sample it—as well as most of the other 30-plus beers on draft—in a four-ounce tasting pour.

