Gerard Longuet was born on February 24th, 1946 in the Parisian suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine.

He graduated from the Paris Institute of Political Science, holds a diploma in sociology as well as a postgraduate in political science. He cleared the competitive national entrance test of Ecole Nationale d'Administration, graduating in 1973.

He started his professional career as a District Commissioner. He was elected Member of Parliament for the first time in Bar-le-Duc (Lorraine) in 1978, a mandate he held from 1978 to 1981 and from 1986 to 1993. He was also a Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1986.

Between 1986 and 1994, he was appointed Minister on three occasions: Minister of State for Post and Telecommunications (March-August 1986); Junior Minister to the Minister for Industry, Post and Telecommunications (1986 - 1988); Minister for Industry, Post and Telecommunications, and International Trade (1993 - 1994). In this capacity, he was the main negotiator of the Marrakech Treaty, which gave birth to the WTO.

He was elected President of the Republican Party in 1990, and remained in this position until 1995.

Since 2004, Gérard Longuet has been serving as political advisor in the UMP, the majority party at the National Assembly elected in 2007. Until his appointment to his current position, he had been the Senator of the Meuse department since 2001, and had been chairing the UMP parliamentary group of the Senate since 2009.

Gerard Longuet is the father of four daughters. He has a passion for history, sailing and mechanics: he built his first sail-boat himself. He has been presiding over the World Centre for Peace in Verdun since its inception in 1988, a place where he has received numerous international personalities like the UN Secretary General and President Bouteflika.