INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. GLOBAL NOMAD FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) APPLICANTS 2016-2017
Greetings from American University, an environment that empowers.

As a global university, American University (AU) has a long tradition of welcoming students from across the United States and the world to our campus. AU is home to more than 1,600 international students representing diverse cultures and viewpoints from 137 countries. This diversity is reflected in our faculty, academic programs and exchanges. AU is also home to an increasing number of U.S. citizen “Global Nomads” who have grown up outside the United States.

AU offers a broad choice of majors and minors as well as preprofessional advising programs in law and medicine. You may double major or construct your own interdisciplinary major. AU’s flexibility also allows you to have your major in one AU school and a minor in another AU school or college. In addition, more than 40 majors offer the option of pursuing a combined 5-year bachelors/masters program.

At AU, access and opportunities are not merely catchphrases; the spirit of these words permeate the campus environment. Students who share a desire to understand and shape tomorrow’s world are attracted to AU because of its culture of engagement and service.

We appreciate your interest and hope to welcome you to the American University community soon!

Evelyn Levinson
Director, International Admissions

Senem Bakar
Director, International Student & Scholar Services
GRADUATION OUTCOMES AND STATISTICS
The value of Career Center programs and services is reflected in AU students’ satisfaction and success. For example, 89 percent of employed 2014 AU graduates hold a position related to their degree or career objective.

Find out where an AU degree can take you at american.edu/weknowsuccess

SAMPLE OF PAST INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ABC News
Alcatel-Lucent
American Express
Amnesty International
Asian Development Bank
Associated Press
Black & Decker
Booz Allen Hamilton
Cisco Systems
Citibank
CNN
Deloitte
Discovery Communications
Disney Channel
Embassy of Bahrain
Embassy of Canada
Embassy of Chile
Embassy of Great Britain
Embassy of Korea
Embassy of Pakistan
Embassy of Panama
Ernst & Young
ESPN
European Commission
FBI
Institute for International Economics
International Monetary Fund
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
KPMG
Lockheed Martin
Mercedes-Benz
Merril Lynch
Microsoft
Morgan Stanley
MTV
National Institutes of Health
National Geographic Society
NATO
Neiman Marcus
Peace Corps
Price WaterhouseCoopers
Prudential Financial
Smithsonian Institution
United Nations
U.S.-China Business Council
U.S.-Saudi Arabia Business Council
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post
White House
World Bank
World Wildlife Fund

WASHINGTON D.C. IS A LABORATORY for LEARNING.
Few locations can compare when it comes to INTERNSHIPS OF GLOBAL IMPORTANCE.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“Kogod’s biggest advantages include small classes, internship and job opportunities, as well a network of alumni and resources designed to prepare its students to be successful. I had the opportunity to take part in KPMG’s Discover Program and accepted an internship offer with KPMG in their commercial audit practice.”

Lee Shriki – AU Class of 2014, Kogod School of Business. President, Kogod Accounting Club; AU MS in Accounting – Class of 2015.
HOW TO APPLY

Apply online using the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). Applications are reviewed only when all of the following are received by the International Admissions Office:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- Completed Common Application form (with AU Writing Supplement), including essay and CV/Resume
- Application fee of U.S.$70
- Academic records for grades 9-12 with official transcripts and certified English translations for each secondary institution attended, if applicable
- Two academic letters of recommendation
- Demonstrated English proficiency
- Completed AU Certification of Finances (AU CFIS) form showing at least U.S.$61,157 for first year of study and living expenses*
- Bank letter showing at least U.S.$61,157 for first year of study and living expenses*

* Only for non-U.S. citizens who will need a student visa (F or J). Financial documents showing less than U.S. $61,157 will not be accepted. Visit www.american.edu/ocl/isss/Financial-Proof.cfm for the AU Cost Guide, sample bank letters, the AU CFIS and Transfer In forms.

NO SAT OR ACT NEEDED
AU does not evaluate SAT or ACT scores for students (including U.S. citizens) graduating from secondary schools outside the United States.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
If you plan to begin your studies in August (fall semester):

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If you plan to begin your studies in January (spring semester):

All spring applicants** October 1

**For students living outside the U.S., we recommend September 1.

EARLY DECISION I AND II

The Early Decision Plan at American University is an application option for freshman students for whom American University is their first choice. It is a binding agreement, which means that when you apply as an Early Decision candidate, you agree to enroll at American University, if admitted, in exchange for receiving your admission decision early. You may submit applications to other schools before receiving an admissions notification from AU. However, if admitted to AU, you must submit a tuition deposit and withdraw your applications to all other colleges and universities at that time.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Important: Please use a courier service (and keep your tracking number) to send your complete application packet to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Office of Enrollment
3201 New Mexico Avenue, NW
STE B1
Washington, DC 20016-8001
USA
Tel: +1-202-885-6000

Questions? Please contact: intadm@american.edu
American University requires strong English language skills. Freshmen applicants (including US citizens) whose first language is not English can prove English proficiency by one of two options: **curriculum** or **testing**.

### CURRICULUM OPTIONS

1.) Four years of study (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 or equivalent) in US-accredited or IB secondary schools inside or outside the US where English is the only medium of instruction AND no ESL courses have been taken.

2.) Four years of study (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 or equivalent) in the following countries* or in the educational systems of these countries* around the world/ regardless of location where English is the only medium of instruction AND no ESL courses have been taken.

*English speaking countries include: UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada (except Quebec).

### TESTING OPTIONS

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<th>TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)</th>
<th>Code 5007: Internet based test (iBT) score of 80 or higher. To be considered competitive, a 90 iBT score or above is recommended. Sub-scores for each section of the TOEFL should be 20 or higher; OR paper-based test score of 550 or higher;</th>
<th>PTE (Pearson Test of English): score of 53 or higher</th>
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<td>IELTS (International English Language Testing System): Composite score of 6.5 or higher. Sub-scores for each section of the IELTS should be 6.0 or higher</td>
<td>SAT Critical Reading: score of 530 or higher</td>
<td>ACT English: score of 23 or higher</td>
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<td>Students in the DC area: Kansas AEC Test of English Proficiency, administered by AU: Minimum of 70 on each of the five subsections and a minimum total score of 350</td>
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**IMPORTANT**

1.) Though English proficiency may be met in one of the above ways, the Office of Admissions may request additional documentation if deemed necessary. 2.) For native speakers of English from the US, UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada (except Quebec) who list English as their first language on the Common Application, proof of English proficiency is not required, but may be requested.

For further assistance with the application process, visa and pre-departure orientation sessions, and information specific to your country, visit the U.S. Department of State’s website to locate an EducationUSA advising center in your region. [www.educationusa.state.gov](http://www.educationusa.state.gov)

Tip: Check out “If You Want to Study in the United States” Book One (Undergraduate Study), available in PDF format in several languages at [www.educationusa.state.gov](http://www.educationusa.state.gov)
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN

American University offers two primary types of scholarship opportunities for international students.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
American University’s merit awards for international students are partial, not full, scholarships. They are highly competitive and based on a combination of outstanding academic achievement, excellent communication skills in English, leadership, volunteerism, and community service. No separate application form or process is needed to be considered for AU merit scholarships.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, scholarships ranged from U.S.$6,000 to U.S.$22,000 per academic year. They are renewable for all four years of study based on successful continued academic performance. Similar scholarship award amounts are predicted for 2016-2017.

AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP
The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS) covers all billable expenses to AU and is available for one outstanding international, first-year freshman student who is dedicated to positive civic and social change.

For more information about AU EGLS, please visit: american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You may wish to contact the following institutions to seek information on additional sources of financial assistance:

- Your Embassy in Washington, D.C.
  www.embassy.org/embassies
- EducationUSA Advising Center in your country
  www.educationusa.state.gov
- International Student Organization
  www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx
- International Student Loans
  www.internationalstudentloan.com
- Rowe Fund for Students from Caribbean/Latin America
  www.oas.org/rowe
- Financial Planning Tips and Resources for International & U.S. Global Nomad Students
  Applicants:
  american.edu/admissions/international/prospectivefinance.cfm
  Admitted Students:
  american.edu/admissions/international/admittedfinance.cfm

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“Studying at AU has been the most amazing opportunity I have ever had. The university has been very resourceful to me as I pursue my passion for the development of intra-Africa trade. I studied abroad in Brussels, where I focused on European integration concerning the EU and NATO, as well as the challenges facing the union. The study abroad program included traveling across Europe, as well as an internship with one of Europe’s leading transportation firms, ERTICO. These experiences have equipped me with skills that I now use at my current internship with Bloomberg Government, where we are preparing for the first ever US-Africa Heads of State Business Forum. I am excited about the fascinating classes I will be taking this year, as well as the many other learning opportunities that AU has in store for me.”

Biggie Tangane
American University’s 2012 Emerging Global Leader Scholar
BA, International Economics and Business Relations - Class of 2015
HONORS PROGRAMS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM
The American University Honors Program is for those students who want to understand the issues of today by digging into them from every possible angle. Every course in this four-year program is taught by a team of faculty from different disciplines so that you will emerge specially prepared to think broadly, creatively, and collaboratively. You will work in teams on a project that will put your skills and knowledge into practice.

Leaving lecture halls behind, you will work with professionals, scholars, scientists, artists, and policy makers from such institutions as the Smithsonian, the National Security Agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the World Bank, and the National Institute of Health, among others. Key to your success will be your faculty mentor, who will help you discern not just your path through college but your path afterward.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Only 20 students are admitted each year, and all are guaranteed to receive a $30,000 merit scholarship. We seek highly motivated, extraordinary students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, curiosity, creativity, and leadership and who can make full use of the rare opportunities and advanced skills that the program offers.

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit an application. Instructions on how to submit the application can be found on the Common Application.

american.edu/learning-communities/honors

THREE-YEAR PROGRAMS
Three-Year Scholars are a unique group of students at American University, interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in three years as opposed to the traditional four. To learn more, please visit american.edu/learning-communities/3yrscholars

PROGRAMS
• Global Scholars
• Politics, Policy and Law Scholars
• Public Health Scholars

FEATURES AND BENEFITS
• Study and live with a cohort during the first year in a living-learning community.
• Receive enhanced mentoring by faculty and alumni.
• Attend special summer seminars and programs.
• Take a typical course load (15-17 credits/semester).
• Receive priority course registration each semester.
• Use financial aid, including scholarships, toward summer expenses.
• Earn a MA in some programs with additional two or three semesters (varies by program).
MAJORS
Visit www.american.edu/degrees.cfm for a complete list of programs, majors and minors.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Arab World Studies
Arabic Studies
Art History
Asian Studies
Audio Production
Audio Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Computational Science
Computer Science
Economics
Elementary Education
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion
History
Jewish Studies
Language and Area Studies
Literature
Mathematics
Mathematics and Economics
Music
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Psychology
Public Health
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Secondary Education
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Languages:
Arabic
Chinese
French
German
Hebrew
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Swahili

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
International Studies
Environmental Sustainability and Global Health
Foreign Policy and National Security
Global and Comparative Governance
Global Inequality and Development
Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights
Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution
The Global Economy

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION
Communication Studies
Film and Media Arts
Foreign Language and Communication Media
Journalism
Public Relations and Strategic Communication

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG)
Justice and Law
Law and Society
Political Science

ADVANCED CREDIT FOR SECONDARY EXAMS
Students may be eligible to receive advanced credit for exams passed during secondary school. If you took IB, A level, AP, the OIB English exam, or CAPE exams while in secondary school, visit american.edu/admissions/examcredit.cfm for full details on AU exam policies.
AU ABROAD

With more than 135 offerings in 38 locations, from Kenya to Chile, across 6 continents, 60 percent of our students participate in one of our one- or two-semester, alternative spring break or language immersion programs before they graduate.

Where in the world will you go with AU?

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
Israel: Tel Aviv University
Jordan: Language + Culture or Advanced Arabic Language Programs (CIEE)
Morocco: AMIDEAST in Rabat
United Arab Emirates: American University Sharjah

ASIA
China: Chinese University of Hong Kong
China: Peking University
India: Manipal University
Japan: Waseda University
Korea: Yonsei University
Taiwan: National Chengchi University

OCEANIA
Australia: The Australian National University
Australia: University of Melbourne
New Zealand: University of Auckland
New Zealand: Victoria University of Wellington

NORTH AMERICA
Canada: University of Toronto
Mexico: Céntro de Investigaciones y Docencia Económicas
Mexico: Universidad de las Americas, Puebla

EUROPE
Belgium: European Union in Action
Czech Republic: Prague Programs (CET)
Denmark: Copenhagen (DIS)
Finland: Aalto University School of Economics
France: Rouen Business School
France: Intensive French in Paris
Germany: Junior Year in Munich at LMU
Italy: Intensive Italian at the University of Modena
Italy: Studio Art Centers International
Netherlands: University of Leiden
Norway: BI Norwegian School of Management
Poland: Jagiellonian University, Centre for European Studies
Russia: Russian Language and Area Studies (ACTR)
Spain: Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Sweden: University of Gothenburg
Tajikistan: Eurasian Regional Language Program (ACTR)
Turkey: Koc University

AFRICA
Ghana: Ashesi University and University of Ghana (CIEE)
Kenya: Issues in Sustainable Development in Nairobi
Senegal: Language and Culture (CIEE)
South Africa: University of Cape Town

UNITED KINGDOM/IRELAND
England: London Internship Program (FIE)
England: London School of Economics
Ireland: University College Dublin
Ireland: University of Limerick
Scotland: University of Edinburgh
Scotland: University of Glasgow

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA
Argentina: Universidad Torcuato di Tella
Brazil: Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
Chile: Santiago Program
Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional Autónoma (IFSA - Butler)

www.auabroad.american.edu

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

International students can enjoy a wide range of on-campus activities that include speakers, panel discussions, movies, concerts and plays. With more than 200 undergraduate clubs and organizations to choose from, students have the opportunity to get involved both on and off campus. Student organizations include social, cultural, political, religious, media, student government, and performing arts groups. american.edu/oci/activities/

EXAMPLE CLUBS
1955 Club
Accounting Club
African Student Organization
American Television (ATV)
Arab Student Organization
Asian Student Association
AU Ambassadors
Beekeeping Society at AU
Bhangra
Business and Service Fraternities
Caribbean Circle
Chinese Students and Scholars Association
Eco-Sense
Fair Trade Student Association
Global Nomads
Gospel Choir
International Business Club
Jewish Student Organization
Korean Student Organization
Model United Nations
Muslim Student Association
Operation Smile
Peace Corps Community at AU
Pre-Medical & Pre-Dental Society
Professional Women's Association
Salsa Club
South Asian Student Alliance
Student Government

And more!
**SUPPORT SERVICES**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES**
The International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office is dedicated to meeting the special needs of international students. In addition to providing visa and immigration support, the office organizes orientation sessions for international students and U.S. Global Nomads, international leadership opportunities, and offers individual counseling.

american.edu/ocl/issss/

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT & ACCESS CENTER**
The Academic Support & Access Center (ASAC) has a dedicated counselor for international students, who can assist individuals in gaining the tools necessary for academic success in the United States. ASAC services, including individual instruction and writing support, are available to international students.

american.edu/ocl/asac/index.cfm

**WRITING CENTER**
The Writing Center aids students with academic writing skills. International students can be paired one-on-one with a consultant to improve their writing fluency.

american.edu/cas/writing/

**HEALTH CENTER**
The AU Student Health Center provides AU students with primary care medical services, health education and wellness programming. The Health Center is staffed by a dedicated team of medical professionals.

american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/

**KAY SPIRITUAL CENTER**
The Kay Spiritual Life Center is the campus interdenominational religious center for nearly 30 faiths. The center also sponsors a monthly lecture series and an Interfaith Council.

american.edu/ocl/kay/index.cfm

**HOUSING**

On-campus housing is guaranteed for all new first-year, freshman students.

The university has ten smoke-free student residence halls on AU’s main campus. Students in university-managed housing will live in double or triple rooms with a bed, desk, dresser, and closet space for each resident, plus in-room wiring for computers, internet access and cable TV. Clean, modern bathrooms and laundry facilities are shared on each floor.

The average age range of students living on campus is 18-21 and the entire AU campus is dry (no alcohol is allowed anywhere on campus). Students age 21 and older often prefer to live off-campus. Off-campus housing is available in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

More details can be found at:
american.edu/ocl/housing/off_campus_housing.cfm
Private, urban, coeducational research university founded in 1893 by an act of Congress and located in one of Washington, DC’s safest residential neighborhoods near Embassy Row.

**Academic Divisions**

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Kogod School of Business
- School of Communication
- School of International Service
- School of Professional & Extended Studies
- School of Public Affairs
- Washington College of Law

**Character**

- 2 semesters plus summer sessions
- 137 percent of 2014 AU graduates were employed, enrolled in graduate school, or both, within six months of graduation.
- 90 percent of employed 2014 AU graduates hold a position related to their degree or career objective.

**Estimated Costs**

2015-2016 (Based on 9 months):

- Tuition: $42,556
- Fees: $547
- Room (Double Occupancy): $9,704
- Board (Meal Plan): $4,650
- Books: $800
- Health Insurance: $1,800
- Personal (Clothing, Telephone, Transportation, Misc.): $1,100

**Total**: $61,157

**Graduate Outcomes**

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www.american.edu/weknowsuccess

**Diversity**

- Countries Represented: 137
- States Represented: 50
- International: 13%

**Average Class Size**: 23

**Student-Faculty Ratio**: 12:1

**Athletics**

- NCAA Division I Patriot League Championship Teams
- Club and Intramural Sports
- State-of-the-art Fitness Center

**Technology**

- Wireless Campus, with 24-hour computer labs and Internet access in classrooms and residence halls

**Housing and Dining**

University housing guaranteed for first-year students, optional for continuing students. Main campus offers traditional residence halls, plus suite-style and apartment-style buildings, and varied dining options.

- CAREER CENTER

  - Our award-winning Career Center offers career preparation and planning, an alumni network, internships and national merit award mentoring.

- CAMPUS RESOURCES

  - State-of-the-art labs and studios, performing arts spaces, museums, fitness center and newly renovated residence halls