By Car

From northeast of Washington (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore)
Follow I-95 south to I-495 west toward Silver Spring. (See “From I-495” below.)

From northwest of Washington (western Pennsylvania, western Maryland)
Follow I-270 south. Where I-270 divides, follow the right-hand branch toward northern Virginia. (Do not take the branch toward Washington.) Merge with I-495 (Capital Beltway). (See “From I-495” below.)

From south or west of Washington (northern Virginia, Norfolk, Richmond, Charlottesville)
Follow I-95 north or I-66 east to I-495 (Capital Beltway). Take I-495 north toward Silver Spring. (See “From I-495” below.)

From I-495 (Capital Beltway)
Take exit 39 and follow the signs for River Road (Maryland Route 190) east toward Washington. Continue east on River Road to the fifth traffic light. Turn right onto Goldsboro Road (Maryland Route 614). At the first traffic light, turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue NW (Maryland Route 396). Continue on Massachusetts Avenue NW through the first traffic circle (Westmoreland Circle). Continue one more mile to 4400 Massachusetts. The entrance to the Admissions Green Room at the Katzen Arts Center parking garage will be on your left.

By Plane
Washington’s Ronald Reagan National Airport—the airport most convenient to AU—is approximately 30 minutes from campus during rush hour by cab. Washington Metro (subway) trains run daily from National Airport into downtown Washington on the yellow or blue lines. Transfer to the red line at Gallery Place station or Metro Center station in the direction of Shady Grove (Tenleytown/AU station).

Dulles International Airport is about 45 minutes from campus and Thurgood Marshall Baltimore/Washington International Airport is about one hour from campus. All three airports offer shuttle services to major hotels and meeting points in downtown Washington. Shuttle services cost between $15 and $40 one way, depending on your point of origin.

By Train and Subway
Amtrak trains regularly arrive in Washington at Union Station. Washington Metro (subway) trains run Monday through Thursday from 5 a.m. until midnight, Friday from 5 a.m. until 3 a.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. until 3 a.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. until midnight. The closest Metro stop to American University is Tenleytown/AU on the red line.

AU provides a free shuttle from the Tenleytown/AU Metro stop to campus. Directions to the shuttle are posted at the Metro. At the Metro station, take the escalator and exit to the east, which is on your left (look for the sign directing you to AU Shuttle stop). Once at street level, the shuttle stop is just a few yards ahead at the intersection of 40th Street and Albemarle Street. The shuttle runs on a continuous loop and departs every ten minutes. You need no special pass to ride. The shuttle will then be about a 5 minute ride to campus and you will want to exit at the Nebraska Hall stop.

If you choose to walk from the Metro, the main campus is approximately one mile. Heading south on Wisconsin Avenue, turn right on Nebraska Avenue (at the Tenley Campus) and take that until you reach Ward Circle. Turn right at Massachusetts Avenue and the Admissions Green Room at the Katzen Arts Center will be on your right.

Parking
You may park free of charge in the Admissions Green Room at the Katzen Arts Center garage (P2).

Parking is by guest permit only from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. No permit is needed after 5 p.m. or on weekends. If you have preregistered your visit, your confirmation packet contained your permit. If you have not preregistered, you will need to see the attendant at the Admissions Green Room at the Katzen Arts Center front desk and ask for a guest parking permit. It will be necessary to return to your vehicle to display the permit on the dashboard.