

Navigating Your Graduate School Experience

American University and the School of International Service offer a range of services and opportunities that can help you make the most of your experience in a graduate program. Below you will find a sampling of important people, places, and organizations that can contribute to your success as a student and a future professional.

| ACADEMIC RESOURCES | PROGRAM RESOURCES | BEYOND-THE-CLASSROOM RESOURCES | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES |
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| <p>Academic Advisors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with course selection • Advise on overall program of study • Guide toward graduation <p>http://www.american.edu/sis/gradadvising/</p> | <p>Program Coordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect you with faculty who share your interests • Expose you to extra-/co-curricular opportunities • Act as a resource during your transition into school <p><i>Check your program's homepage for Program Coordinator contact information.</i></p> | <p>Office of Merit Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information to students through a national directory of scholarships • Works with students through competitive processes for Fulbrights, Boren Fellowships and other awards <p>http://www.american.edu/careercenter/meritawards/index.cfm</p> | <p>Career Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes staff dedicated to SIS Graduate students • Reviews resumes of all incoming students and invites students to meet one-on-one about feedback • Offers walk-in hours, workshops, networking events <p>http://www.american.edu/careercenter</p> |
| <p>International Programs Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information on study abroad programs • Guides students participating in dual degree programs with international partners <p>http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/index.cfm</p> | <p>Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold office hours where you can explore your path in the field • Speak at events on campus and in D.C. related to their areas of expertise | <p>International Student & Scholar Services Office (ISSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information and support for international students • Offers community building programs for international students to engage with each other and with American students <p>http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/</p> | <p>Events on Campus and in D.C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AU and SIS offer nearly constant events connecting your studies to major policy issues, current events, etc. • Recent events have focused on climate change, budget sequestration, human rights in China, and the conflict in Syria |
| <p>Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers classes and workshops on a range of research skills • Provides assistance through online chat function • Includes social science research experts available for one-on-one appts. <p>http://www.american.edu/library/</p> | <p>Program's Student Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most programs have a student organization where students can take on leadership roles in providing feedback about their program, initiate projects related to their field of study, and build community <p><i>Check your program's homepage for program-specific organizations</i></p> | <p>Office of Disability Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures that students with disabilities have equal access to university services and programs • Coordinates services to meet needs of students with disabilities <p>http://www.american.edu/ocl/dss/</p> | <p>Student Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain practical experience by getting involved with AU Negotiation Project, Creative Peace Initiatives, or the Graduate Leadership Council • Offer opportunities to bring a speaker to campus, network, or build your resume |