Welcome to American University!
We hope you find this guide useful for all of your residential and dining needs.
Congratulations on your decision to attend American University! Our resident students have a strong tradition of engagement, pride, and spirit. We encourage you to continue this tradition by connecting with your neighbors as soon as you arrive in order to develop your floor community.

Your Housing Community
All first-year residence halls have a traditional design with corridor-style rooms and community/floor bathrooms as well as a shared lounge, kitchen, laundry room, and study area. First-year students will be housed in Anderson, Clark, Hughes, Letts, or Roper halls. Many of our students participate in Living Learning Communities (LLCs).

Housing Assignments
First-year students will select housing from either a double, permanent triple, or temporary triple room. Room designations are assigned based on date of enrollment; the earlier you submit your enrollment and housing deposit, the more likely you are to receive a double room type. Once the double rooms are allocated, students will be assigned to temporary triple rooms for the fall semester. It is anticipated that the majority of first year students will be assigned to temporary triple rooms. Page 6 highlights the housing selection process.

Temporary Triple Room Note: Students assigned to a temporary triple room will be detripled when there is an opportunity to move one occupant to a double room or when there is a vacancy in your temporary triple space. Once this occurs, students will be prorated for the cost of a double room for the remainder of the semester.

Roommate Selection
Students will have an opportunity to search and select roommate(s) utilizing the AU Housing Portal in mid-May. Please note that roommate groups and room preferences may be limited to your program, cohort, and room type (double/temporary triple/permanent triple).

Traditional Double Room: $4,804 per semester*
Traditional Triple Room: $3,585 per semester*

Additional images of traditional double and triple rooms can be found on our website at www.american.edu/housing.

*These are the 2014-2015 housing rates. The 2015-2016 Final Housing Rates have not yet been set by the AU Board of Trustees. Students should expect a 3-5% increase from the current 2014-2015 housing rates.
Living Learning Communities

American University offers a number of special living environments known as Living Learning Communities (LLCs). LLCs are cohorts of students that live together to explore a common interest or pursuit. Some LLCs are organized around a theme or community interest that students wish to learn more about, while others are centered around a specific academic course or program. LLCs are a great way for students to develop a sense of strong community.

Common Interest Programs

Social Justice
Roper Hall houses the Social Justice LLC for students with a passion for creating positive social change and exploring aspects of social justice. This community features open gender housing where students have the option to live with a roommate with whom they are most comfortable without consideration for the individual’s sex, gender, or gender expression.

The Leadership Academy
Hughes Hall houses student leaders participating in The Leadership Academy. The Academy is for students who have a passion for leadership, learning, and service. The Leadership Academy provides academic and professional networking, seminars, lectures, and additional leadership opportunities.

Apply for these communities via your AU Housing Portal application beginning April 1st.

Academic Based Programs

Community Based Research Scholars*
Students admitted to the Community Based Research Scholars program will be housed in Hughes Hall. This community is for students with a demonstrated interest in community service and will practice, re-examine, and deepen their classroom learning through service projects.

Three-Year Scholars*
The Three-Year Scholars program, located in Letts Hall, is reserved for students admitted to the Global Scholars Program in the School of International Service, the Public Health Program in the College of Arts and Sciences or the Politics, Policy and Law Program in the School of Public Affairs.

The Honors Program
University Honors Program provides a unique blend of programs for first-year students. Housed in Hughes Hall, the Honors Program includes faculty lectures, debates, and events planned by the Honors Student Board.

University College (UC)*
Anderson Hall is home to the University College Program. The University College Program strives to create a unique co-curricular living-learning experience for students. Students participating in the UC will live together with students from their University College course.

*You have to apply for these programs in addition to applying for on-campus housing.
Living on Campus

Residence Hall Support Staff
Each floor has an upperclass student staff member known as a Resident Assistant (RA). RA’s offer learning opportunities and programs, provide support in mediating conflicts and help with your transition to college. Additionally, each building has a live-in, full-time professional staff member known as a Resident Director (RD). Some residence halls also include an Assistant Resident Director (ARD). RDs and ARDs provide support to students and lead in the planning of learning opportunities for the entire community.

Room Features
First-year residence hall rooms are equipped with both wireless and wired internet, as well as HD cable television access. In addition, all first-year rooms are carpeted and have central air conditioning and heat. We maintain a list of preferred vendors for renting other items to furnish your room including MicroFridges and bed lofts online at www.american.edu/ocl/housing/roomrentals.cfm

Safety and Security
American University’s Department of Public Safety is committed to enhancing the safety of all students. Crime prevention efforts include a 24-hour escort service, emergency phones located across the campus, and physical defense courses. Residence halls are secured 24-hours a day and can only be accessed using the resident’s AU One Card. Students may visit other halls with a resident escort.

Important Policies for Residence Halls
• Quiet Hours are instituted in order to accommodate sleeping as well as study hours. The residence halls maintain quiet hours from 11:00pm until 8:00am on weeknights, 1:00am to 10:00am on weekends, and are in effect 24-hours a day during the final exam period.
• Alcohol and smoking is prohibited in the residence halls. American University is a tobacco-free campus.
• For additional university policies and standards, please review the Student Code of Conduct.

Start Building Your Packing List!
• Standard Twin Sheets and Pillow Case(s) (extra long sheets are not required)
• Pillow(s) and Blankets
• Hand and Bath Towels
• Alarm Clock
• Desk Lamp (Non-Halogen)
• Posters
• Headphones for quiet hours
• Laptop Computer
• Hangers
• Laundry Bag/Basket
• Iron (may only be used in laundry room)
• Trash Can / Recycle Can
• Dishes, Glasses and Eating Utensils
• Shower Shoes (flip-flops)
• Toiletry Bag

Check out more items at american.edu/ocl/housing/whattobring.cfm
What About Campus Dining?

Meal Plan Options
All first and second semester resident students will select a 175 block or larger meal plan. Meal swipes are accepted in the Terrace Dining Room (TDR), Einstein’s Bagels, Freshii, Global Fresh, Elevation Burger, Bene Pizza, P.O.D., and Subway.

Dining Dollars and EagleBucks – What’s the difference?
Dining Dollars and EagleBucks are both declining balance funds included with each meal plan and can be accessed with your AU One Card. EagleBucks can be utilized both on and off campus, while Dining Dollars are only accepted at on campus food service locations. Meal plans include $200 EagleBucks and $200 Dining Dollars per semester. Additional value can be added at Eaglesbucks.com.

Personal Nutrition
Food service is provided by AU Dining Services, operated by Aramark, who are committed to quality and customer satisfaction through excellent food and service. Named one of the “Most Vegetarian Friendly Campuses,” AU Dining works to accommodate your dietary needs. They also feature a registered dietician who is available to design personal dining menus.

These are just some of our fantastic EagleBucks off-campus vendors:
- Papa John’s
- Z Burger
- Angelico’s Pizzeria
- Crisp & Juicy
- Wingos
- Chipotle
- Satay Club
- Whole Foods
- CVS Pharmacy
- Wagshal’s Market
Next Steps

Check out the steps below to guide you through the room selection process. All housing information will be sent to your AU email address, so be sure to check it at least once per week from now until August.

**Step 1:** Housing Application: Students will begin receiving email invitations to complete a housing application on April 1st. The preferred deadline to complete the housing application is May 4th. Students who complete the housing application by May 4th will be eligible to participate in steps 2 and 3. Students that complete the housing application after May 4th will be assigned to a room by Housing & Dining Programs staff.

Students interested in joining a Living Learning Community must apply by Friday, May 1st. For more information about these communities, please visit american.edu/llc or refer to page 3 of this guide.

**Step 2:** Roommate Selection: Students will receive an invitation to complete a roommate matching profile starting mid-May. At this time, students will be notified as to whether they will select from double or triple rooms. Students will have an opportunity to search other profiles and match with your future roommate(s) during this period.

Please note: Students in a double room will search and select one roommate. Students in a triple will search and select two roommates.

**Step 3:** Room Selection: In early-June, students will receive a date and time to select a residence hall and room online. Please note that room preferences will be limited by program, LLCs, and room type.

**Step 4:** Eagle Summit Orientation: At Eagle Summit, students will have a first glimpse of campus as an incoming first-year student. Among other events, students will have the opportunity to spend the night in a residence hall, listen to presentations by our amazing staff, and meet your future classmates and community members!

**Step 5:** One Card Photo Submission: Say Cheese! Students will have their portrait taken at Eagle Summit for use on their AU One Card. Students may also submit photos online in advance of their Eagle Summit session by visiting www.american.edu/onecard.

**Step 6:** Move-In: Residence halls open on Saturday, August 22nd. Be sure to plan your arrival around your first Welcome Week event. Your Resident Director will send you an email in early August with specific instructions regarding your assigned move-in time and important information about your hall. A move in schedule can be found at american.edu/housing starting in July. The first day of classes is Monday, August 31st.