COMMITTED + CONFIDENT + EXCITED + INVOLVED = NEW AU STUDENT

EAGLE SUMMIT
2014 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
Congratulations! We are excited that you have chosen to attend AU—and look forward to getting to know you this summer during one of our six Eagle Summit orientations. Attending orientation is the best way to start your time at AU. Through Eagle Summit, you will have the opportunity to meet incoming classmates and learn more about your new university home. More than 1,500 students—97 percent of the incoming class—attended an orientation last year.

Aside from making friends and exploring the university, you will also learn important information about your degree requirements, meet with an advising representative from your school, and have your AU ID card photo taken. You will even spend a night in a residence hall and talk to current juniors and seniors who were once in your same shoes as incoming first-year students. Essentially, you will be ready to hit the ground running when your first semester starts. In fact, most students said that they felt more prepared to start classes at AU after having attended Eagle Summit.

The registration site, which works best with Internet Explorer, will be available starting Tuesday, April 1. Choose the orientation session that fits best with your summer schedule—but be sure to do it soon because spaces fill up quickly!

Once we have received your registration, we will send a confirmation to your AU email address. This will include more information about when to arrive and where to go when you get to campus.

If any members of your family would like to join you and participate in the parent and family orientation, you will need to register them when you sign up. For this reason, take some time to talk over the orientation programs with your family before you register.

Lastly, please visit our website (american.edu/orientation) for help with Eagle Summit registration. While there, catch a glimpse of everyday life on campus in a short video, from sporting events and prominent visiting speakers to the scene out on the quad.

We look forward to welcoming to AU. See you soon!

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PROGRAM FEES
The student orientation fee covers residence hall accommodations for one night, four meals, program materials, and activities. The fee for family members covers four meals, program materials, and activities.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FEES:
- Student $160
- Student early arrival $75

PARENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION FEES (PER PERSON):
- Family members $85
- Family members under 12 years of age $45
- On-campus accommodations (per night) $75

AU is committed to the success of all of our students. Fee waivers based on financial need are available upon request. To request more information, please email our office with your name and student ID number (NSPwaivers@american.edu).

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
We have created a parent and family orientation to answer all of your lingering questions, because we know that your student’s successful transition is important to you. You will have the opportunity to meet with university administrators and learn about AU’s academic programs and our many services and resources. Orientation is a great chance to become familiar with our campus and to meet other new AU parents.

By the time orientation is over, you will feel much more comfortable leaving your student to begin his or her academic career at AU. As one parent put it, “Orientation was first class! Thanks for making us feel welcome. AU is definitely the place to be.”

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
We want to keep this an entirely AU experience, so please note that all students are required to stay on campus during Eagle Summit. Each residence hall room is equipped with a blanket, towel, pillow, and bed linens. Phones, alarm clocks, and televisions are not provided.

On-campus accommodations are also available for parents and family members. Those opting to stay on campus will be housed in student residence halls. Parents or family members attending orientation alone and choosing to stay on campus may be housed with another guest. Also, because of space limitations, some guests may be housed on the same floors as students.

Most family members prefer to stay at a hotel during orientation. Our website offers information about area hotels, and we advise making advance reservations wherever you may choose.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION
Orientation officially starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Woods-Brown Amphitheater (or in Ward, room 1, in case of rain), but you will be able to check in to your residence hall before it begins. During the program, schedule your one-on-one meeting with an academic advisor, which will take place on the second day, up until 5:00 p.m., depending on availability. We advise against leaving orientation early, because you will not want to miss this conversation!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
GO TO AMERICAN.EDU/ORIENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING HELPFUL INFORMATION:
- A LISTING OF POSSIBLE EAGLE SUMMIT SESSIONS FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
- DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS
- A LIST OF WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU
- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- AUGUST ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION:
International students on F-1 and J-1 visas should plan to attend the university’s orientation and are required to attend International Student Orientation. The International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) will contact all international students to plan their orientation experience. For more information, please contact ISSS at intlorientation@american.edu.
EARLY ARRIVALS
Because the first day starts early in the morning, you may want to come to D.C. the day before your orientation. For a fee of $75 per person, early arrivals may stay on campus and eat breakfast in the Terrace Dining Room before orientation begins. While no formal programming is scheduled for students who arrive early, staff will be on hand from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to check you in, answer questions, and suggest options for dinner at local restaurants. After 8:00 p.m., you will still be able to check in to the residence hall room for the evening and may check in for orientation the next morning. Dinner is not included in the fee.

CLASS REGISTRATION
In mid-May you will receive an email from your academic advisor or advising team alerting you of the availability of the preregistration planner. At that time, you will be able to log in to the student portal at myAU.american.edu. Once logged in, click on the following links in order to start the planner:

- Academics
- Personalized Links
- Online Preregistration
- Planner

As soon as you receive that email, please access the planner and follow the instructions to complete it by the deadline: May 13 for early decision students and May 24 for all others.

FIRST-YEAR FUNDAMENTALS
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WELCOME WEEK PROGRAMMING
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You can access the language-placement exam at american.edu/cas/lils/placement.cfm. Follow the instructions to complete the exam, and then either send an email to your advisor with the results, or print your score and bring it with you to orientation. If you plan to take an advanced-level foreign language other than French, German, Russian, or Spanish, you will need to take a paper exam during orientation.

Students who need disability-related accommodations for placement exams should contact the Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC) in advance to provide documentation of their disability and to request accommodations. Guidelines for documentation are posted on the website of this Office.

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