

Welcome to American University

We are excited that you've chosen to attend AU, and we are looking forward to getting to know you this summer during one of our six Eagle Summit orientation programs. Attending orientation is the best way to start your first year at AU off right. Last year 1,500 students (97 percent of our first-year class) attended an orientation program, and 90 percent said that the most valuable aspect was "meeting new people." You'll have an opportunity to do that as well as get to know AU. You'll learn your way around campus, secure your class schedule, take necessary placement exams, get your AU ID card, spend a night in a residence hall, and talk to at least one current AU student who knows what it's like to be a freshman at AU.

You can register for Eagle Summit (and one of AU's Welcome Weeks programs—the Freshman Service Experience or Discover DC) by logging onto the my.american.edu portal with your user ID and password and clicking on the links as follows: Life@AU, then New Students, then New First-Year Student Checklist, then Register for Eagle Summit and Welcome Weeks Programs.

The registration site will be available starting Monday, April 4. It works best with Internet Explorer. You'll be able to choose the orientation session that best fits into your summer schedule, but register soon because spaces fill up quickly!

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 at the same time you register. Please take some time to talk with your family members about the orientation programs before you register.

We will send a confirmation to your AU e-mail address, which will include more information about when to arrive and where to go when you get to campus.

We look forward to getting to know you!

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**New Student Orientation
and Welcome Weeks 2011**



Eagle Summit: New Student Orientation

Dates

Six Eagle Summit orientation programs are offered this summer.

New Student Orientation • Summer 2011 • Program Dates						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 19 Early Arrival for Session I	20 SESSION I	21 SESSION I	22 Early Arrival for Session II	23 SESSION II	24 SESSION II	25
26 Early Arrival for Session III	27 SESSION III	28 SESSION III	29	30	JULY 1	2
3	4 Independence Day Observed—University Offices Closed	5	6 Early Arrival for Session IV	7 SESSION IV	8 SESSION IV	9
10 Early Arrival for Session V	11 SESSION V	12 SESSION V	13 Early Arrival for Session VI	14 SESSION VI	15 SESSION VI	16

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
Late registration (after June 3, 2011)	\$20

Parent and Family Orientation Fees (per person):

Family members	\$85
Family members under 12 years of age	\$45
On-campus accommodations (per night)	\$75

Fee waivers for Eagle Summit and Welcome Weeks programs may be available upon request. For more information, contact the director of New Student Programs, Tiffany Sanchez, at tsanche@american.edu.

Class Registration

In mid-May your advisor will send a link that provides information about registering for classes and completing other important academic tasks using the online Freshman Guide to Academic Programs and Registration. As soon as you receive that e-mail, please access the guide and follow the instructions to complete it by the deadline (May 24 for early-decision students and May 30 for all others). Note that you will not register for classes during orientation. Completion of the guide will allow your academic advisor to review your proposed course selection for your fall 2011 classes, and if it's correct, clear you to register. During the Academic Advising session on the second day of orientation, an advisor will confirm your course registration and give you a final copy of your class schedule.

Accommodations and Early Arrival Information

All students are required to stay on campus during Eagle Summit. Because the first day starts very early in the morning, you may want to arrive the evening before orientation begins. There is a \$75 fee per person for this option. If you will need early arrival accommodations, please be sure to indicate this when you register. While there is no additional programming for early arrivals, staff will be on hand from 3 to 8 p.m. at Leonard Hall to check you in, answer questions, and suggest options for dinner at local restaurants. Dinner is not included in the cost, but we do provide breakfast the following morning.

On-campus accommodations are also available for parents and family members. Those opting to stay on campus will be housed in student residence halls. Please note that any parent attending orientation alone will be housed with another parent. Because of space limitations, some guests may be housed on the same floors as students. Each residence hall room is equipped with a blanket, a towel, a pillow, and bed linens for each on-campus guest. Phones, alarm clocks, and televisions are not provided in residence hall rooms. Most family members prefer to stay at a hotel during orientation. Please visit our Web site for information about area hotels. Advance reservations are advised.

Welcome Weeks 2011

Welcome Weeks will take place this year from Saturday, August 20 (the first day freshmen can move into the residence halls), to Wednesday, September 7. During this time, AU offices and student groups will offer exciting ways for you to get involved on campus and in the city. Two main programs are offered the week before classes begin: the Freshman Service Experience and Discover DC.

Last year more than two-thirds of the freshman class participated in these programs, which provide engaging ways to get to know the city and other new students before classes start. While these two programs are the centerpieces of the Welcome Weeks experience, there are lots of other activities offered on campus during this time. You'll receive more information in late July, but in the meantime, visit www.american.edu/welcomeweeks for a tentative schedule.

Discover DC

August 23–25, 2011

Discover DC is a two-day, three-evening program during which students explore neighborhoods in Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area that they might not normally visit on their own. The program begins on Tuesday, August 23, with dinner and activities on the National Mall. Neighborhood exploration on the following two days may include tours from local residents, visits to historical sites, and appointments with local agencies. Evening discussions about the diversity of the city and civic engagement will give you an opportunity to think about Washington, D.C., as an extension of AU's campus.

The \$115 program fee includes dinner on Tuesday and Thursday nights, supplies, materials, transportation on the Metro, and a program T-shirt. You should plan to bring approximately \$15 per day for lunch and other personal expenses.

For more information about Discover DC, please visit the Web site www.american.edu/discoverdc or contact New Student Programs at 202-885-3303.

Freshman Service Experience

August 23–25, 2011

The Freshman Service Experience (FSE) takes about 500 students each year through a two-day, three-evening program of community service. During the day, participants are assigned to teams that work at more than 45 nonprofit agencies and schools throughout the region. Our team leaders, AU upperclass students, are selected and trained as guides and mentors for the week. Site assignments, which you can choose in the online registration process, are divided into three categories: direct service, outdoors and maintenance, and nonprofit office work. Because needs change rapidly in D.C., we cannot confirm site placement until your arrival nor guarantee that you will be placed in your first-choice assignment. Your flexibility and sincere desire to volunteer help us to fulfill the diverse needs of the city and make a huge impact in just two days.

The \$115 program fee includes dinner on Tuesday, breakfasts on Wednesday and Thursday, supplies, evening speakers and events, staff costs, and a program T-shirt. Please plan to bring approximately \$15 per day for lunches and miscellaneous personal expenses. Please note that the meal plan becomes active on Tuesday, August 23, so dinners on Wednesday and Thursday are not included in the program fee.

For more information about FSE and past FSE volunteer activities, please visit www.american.edu/volunteer or contact the Community Service Center at 202-885-SERV (7378).

All-American Weekend

October 21–23, 2011

It's never too early to start planning for your family members to attend All-American Weekend. Have them join us in October for food, festivities, and fun. Find out more at www.american.edu/allamericanweekend.

Visit Our Web Site

Go to www.american.edu/orientation for the following helpful information:

- sample Eagle Summit schedules
- arrival and departure information
- information about the math placement exam (administered during orientation) and the foreign language placement exam (available online)
- international student orientation information
- information about parent and family orientation
- directions to campus
- a list of what to bring with you
- frequently asked questions
- August arrival information for new students

Bring This Folder to Eagle Summit

New Student Programs Is Green

You may be wondering why this brochure is in the shape of a folder. The answer is simple: We've challenged ourselves to reduce the amount of paper we use and to find ways to conserve some of the energy expended during our programs.

This folder is a creative way to reuse a brochure that might normally end up in a wastebasket or in a recycling bin after just one use. **Please reuse this brochure by bringing it with you to Eagle Summit.** When you get here, we'll ask you to use it to hold some very important information. The rest of the information students might normally receive inside a folder upon arrival will be presented to you electronically on a CD. By making these simple changes, together we can save more than half a ton of paper this year alone.

You can see the full list of our efforts at www.american.edu/orientationisgreen. Help us do our part to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



By using environmentally friendly paper for this folder, American University saved the following resources:

4,388 gallons wastewater flow saved
9,000,000 BTUs energy not consumed
491 pounds solid waste not generated
1,522 pounds net greenhouse gases prevented

Source: environmentaldefense.org

Summer Communication from AU

While you will be spending time with family and friends this summer before you leave for Washington, D.C., and the AU campus, we will be busy making plans for your arrival.

Already, you and your family may be receiving a lot of mail from AU. These are all important documents, designed to assist you in your transition to life as an AU student.

To help you and your family know what to expect and when to expect it, we've prepared this tear-off panel that you can post in a handy spot, such as in your room or on the kitchen fridge. It lists the types of mail—electronic and paper—we will be sending you throughout the summer, and you can check off items as you receive them.

Some of these items are just for your information; others require you to take some action and are important to discuss with your parents or guardians. **In most cases, you will be able to take your action steps through the AU Student Portal, using the New Student Checklist. Go to my.american.edu and click on New Students under the Life@AU tab. You'll need to access the checklist to register for an Eagle Summit session as well.**

Additionally, you may hear from other members of the AU community during this time as we all eagerly await your arrival on campus in August. Remember to check your AU e-mail account frequently as this is how we will communicate with you electronically.

What to Expect When

May

- Information about registering for classes, the Freshman Guide, e-mail from academic advisors
- Welcome phone call or e-mail from your school or college to connect you with currently enrolled students, alumni, and faculty
- Writer as Witness information letter
- Series of e-mails about housing and roommate selection procedures, including one inviting you to complete the online matching profile
- Brochure regarding AU-sponsored student health insurance and waiver procedure
- E-mail with instructions to create AU e-mail and portal accounts
- Mailing from Student Accounts regarding the American Installment Plan
- Mailing from Financial Aid regarding completion of the verification process (as appropriate)
- E-mail invitation to join AU Link social network
- Campus update and invitation to convocation
- Invitation to participate in a Learning Community
- Outreach to Summer Transition Enrichment Program participants
- E-mail about seminar placement and Welcome Weeks program for University College participants
- Information for new Honors students

June

- E-mail and telephone follow-up from academic advisors as needed regarding class registration process
- E-mail regarding finalizing roommate selection and hall/room selection processes
- E-mail regarding room assignment and roommate information
- Mailing about hall services and rentals for students in residence halls
- Tuition Refund Plan mailing
- E-mail regarding computer purchase
- Mailing about athletics, Blue Crew, and campus spirit
- Mailing from Financial Aid regarding the Parent Plus loan (as appropriate)
- Mailing to parents about student visas (as appropriate)
- E-mails from peer mentors to students in Honors and University College

July

- Peer mentor e-mail communications from each school and college
- First-Year Fundamentals invitation to students unable to attend Eagle Summit
- Alcohol EDU information
- Tuition bill mailing, along with American Installment Plan brochure and health insurance waiver
- Mailing from financial aid regarding next steps to secure need-based financial aid awards (as appropriate)

August

- Final registration and other enrollment details
- Eagle News* communication to parents
- E-mail regarding August move-in procedures from Housing and Dining Programs
- E-mail with instructions to prepare computer for use on campus
- E-mail regarding Connection Fair in the University Library
- Welcome letter from university chaplain
- Second mailing of tuition bill
- Mailing from Financial Aid about procedures to accept federal loans (as appropriate)
- Invitation to University College opening reception during Welcome Weeks
- Reminders from AU and Department of Education regarding entrance requirements (as appropriate)