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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.

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Welcome Weeks will take place this year from Saturday, August 14 (the first day freshmen can move into the residence halls), to Wednesday, September 1. 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 17–19, 2010

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 17, 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 16–19, 2010

The Freshman Service Experience (FSE) takes about 500 students each year through a three-day, four-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 three days.

The $115 program fee includes dinner on Monday, breakfasts from Tuesday through Thursday, supplies, evening speakers and events, staff costs, and a program T-shirt. Please plan to bring approximately $15 per day for lunches, transportation to and from the site, and miscellaneous personal expenses. Student meal plans begin Tuesday evening, so dinners after Monday are not included.

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 22–24, 2010

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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

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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 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: Activities and Events, then New Student Checklist, then Register for Eagle Summit and Welcome Weeks Programs.

The registration site will be available starting Wednesday, March 31. 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.

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We look forward to meeting you in June or July!
The New Student Programs Staff
Tiffany, Natalie, Ryan, Chris, Sara, and Sami
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Early Arrival Accommodations for Those Staying on Campus

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Program Information
Because transfer students may have different needs than do first-year students, we have arranged for a one-day program specifically for transfer students.

This one-day program, on August 17, is designed for those transfer students who have already participated in a traditional orientation program and are interested only in learning basic information about AU’s distinctive services and resources. You will take the standard math placement exam, attend a meeting with your school or college, and receive a final class schedule. The $60 fee for this session includes three meals, program materials, and activities.

Transfer students looking for a more traditional orientation experience can attend one of the six two-day orientation programs offered to first-year students in June and July. In addition to the services offered in the one-day program, the two-day program provides an in-depth introduction to AU’s distinctive services and resources, helpful student- and staff-led information sessions, and more opportunities for social networking. If you are interested in attending a two-day program, please contact New Student Programs.

Registration Information
Registration begins on Monday, May 17. All students will register for transfer orientation using the my.american.edu portal. If any members of your family plan to join you for the program, you will need to register them at the same time you register. Please talk with them before you register to determine their plans.

After you register, we will send a confirmation to your AU e-mail address, which will include more information about check-in times and locations, a link for directions to campus, and parking and shuttle information.

If you’ve already activated your my.american.edu portal account, simply log in using your user name and password and click on the button marked Activities and Events on the right side of the screen. Click on Student Checklists and then Transfer Student Checklist under Personalized Links. Follow the screen instructions to secure your space at transfer orientation.

If you have not yet activated your account, you’ll need to visit my.american.edu/accounts. You’ll be prompted to enter your seven-digit AU ID number, which you received with your admittance letter from the admissions office. Follow the instructions to create your account. Once you’ve completed the account creation process, you’ll be returned to the my.american.edu log-in screen, where you will key in your new user name and password. Then click on the button marked Activities and Events on the right side of the screen. Click on Student Checklists and then Transfer Student Checklist under Personalized Links. Follow the screen instructions to secure your space at transfer orientation.

If you’re having trouble activating your account or logging on to the portal, call the Help Desk at 202-885-2550. A Help Desk staff member can also assist you if you’ve forgotten your password.

Changes and Cancellations
You can make changes to your registration by sending an e-mail with your request to summit@american.edu. Once we have processed the change to your registration, we will send an e-mail confirmation to your AU e-mail address along with information about payment adjustments. Any changes must be received at least 48 hours before the program for which you’ve been confirmed.

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Your AU ID Card
You can submit your own electronic photo for your student ID card using the New Student Checklist on the my.american.edu portal. To have your ID card ready at your transfer orientation session, we must receive your photo by August 10. To send us your photo, log on to the my.american.edu student portal and click on the button marked Activities and Events on the right side of the screen. Click on Student Checklists under Personalized Links. Click on Transfer Student Checklist and then on Submit a Photo Electronically for Your AU Student ID Card and follow the instructions. If you do not submit your photo before transfer orientation, we still encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Submitting your photo electronically will save you the time and inconvenience of standing in line to get your picture taken on campus. Please contact Housing and Dining Programs at 202-885-3370 with any questions.

Class Registration
Your AU school or college will mail or e-mail you information about how to register for classes. If you do not receive information, please contact the advising office of the school or college that houses your intended major. Return registration materials as directed as quickly as possible to facilitate course registration.

Given the number and complexity of requirements in many majors, it is important to create an academic plan with your advisor. Your advisor will help you develop your interests and goals, review the transfer credits you have been awarded, and register you for your first semester classes.

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Students who plan to take an advanced (beyond 100-level) foreign language course (French, German, Russian, or Spanish) during their first semester should take the foreign language placement exam prior to participating in transfer orientation. This computerized exam is not timed but usually takes about 20 minutes. You can access the exam on the my.american.edu portal. Click on Language Placement Exam in the gray bar on the right side of the screen. Follow the instructions to complete the exam and then either e-mail the results to your advisor 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 the orientation program.

Students who need disability-related accommodations for placement exams during transfer orientation should contact one of the following offices in advance to provide documentation of their disability and to request accommodations. Guidelines for documentation are posted on the Web sites.

Academic Support Center (for students with learning disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorder)
Phone: 202-885-3360; Fax: 202-885-1042
E-mail: asc@american.edu; Web: www.american.edu/asc

Disability Support Services (for students with physical, sensory, medical, or psychological disabilities or other access-related concerns)
V/TTY: 202-885-3315; Fax: 202-885-1160
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As a transfer student, you’ve already experienced college life and you know what to expect. You’re familiar with the workload, you know what most professors expect, and you know how important it is to get involved on campus. Transfer orientation is designed specifically with transfer students in mind. The program offers you a chance to:

• meet other new transfer students
• ask questions of AU staff members
• get to know the campus
• take placement tests
• meet with your advisor
• get your AU student ID
• accomplish important tasks so that you feel comfortable when classes begin in August

We know you have lots of questions about AU, and we want to make sure you feel confident and prepared as you begin your first year here. Take some time to read through this brochure and visit our Web site to find answers to those questions. If you don’t find what you’re looking for, please feel free to contact us by phone or e-mail.

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