

Winter Welcome January 10–22, 2012

Tuesday, January 10

Check-In for International Student Orientation (first-year, transfer, and graduate students)
1:00 p.m.

School of International Service Building, Founders Room
Please bring your immigration documents (passport, I-94 card, and I-20 or DS-2019) to orientation. For more information, contact International Student and Scholar Services at x3350 or visit www.american.edu/ocl/iss (New Students section).

Abroad at AU Orientation

1:00–5:00 p.m.
Butler Board Room
Mandatory new student orientation for spring 2012 Abroad at AU exchange and visiting students.

Wednesday, January 11

International Student Orientation

1:00 p.m.
School of International Service Building, Founder's Room

Abroad at AU Orientation

1:00–5:00 p.m.
Ward Circle Building, Room 2
Mandatory new student orientation for spring 2012 Abroad at AU students.

Women's Basketball vs. Lehigh

7:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew at basketball games. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Thursday, January 12

Check-In for January Orientation

8:30–10:15 a.m.
Mary Graydon Center Lobby
This two-day orientation program helps new first-year and transfer students prepare for the coming semester. You'll receive a copy of the schedule at check-in. If you haven't yet registered for this program but would like to participate, please contact New Student Programs at x3303.

Abroad at AU Discover D.C. Event

9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and 5:30–7:00 p.m.
Optional orientation event for spring 2012 Abroad at AU students. Groups of students are given a designated area of D.C. to tour while completing a photo scavenger hunt. Evening reception for registered participants.

Evening in Dupont Circle

7:30–10:00 p.m.
Meet at Northside Shuttle Stop
Interested in a late night treat? Join the New Student Programs coordinators and the Transfer Student Association (TSA) for a trip to popular Kramerbooks in Dupont Circle. You'll want to bring spending money!
Sponsored by New Student Programs and the TSA.

Friday, January 13

January Orientation

8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Various Campus Locations

Saturday, January 14

Men's Basketball vs. Holy Cross

2:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
See the Eagles battle their Patriot League rivals on the hardwood! New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew at basketball games. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tavern
Relive the good old Saturday morning cartoons and a big bowl of cereal in the Tavern as we take a trip down memory lane to the '90s. We'll show classics such as *Batman*, *X-Men*, *Power Rangers (the originals)*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Animaniacs*, *Pinky and the Brain*, *Spiderman*, *Tiny Toons*—you get the idea! Feast from a free cereal bar (giant bowls not included)! Please contact Clay at pencek@american.edu with any questions. *Sponsored by Student Activities.*

Double Feature of Fire-Breathing Awesomeness

8:00–11:00 p.m.
Tavern
Come out to the Tavern for some kick-butt action in back-to-back feature films. *Kung Fu Panda* and pizza at 8:00 p.m. followed by *How to Train Your Dragon* at 9:30 p.m. with free Chipotle! Come out for free laughs, noms, and great company. Please contact Clay at pencek@american.edu with any questions. *Sponsored by Student Activities and UC Events.*

Sunday, January 15

Experience DC: Skating on the Sculpture Garden

3:00–5:00 p.m.
Sculpture Garden
Join Student Activities as we venture down to the ice rink at the Sculpture Garden on the National Mall to skate in the heart of our nation's capital. You can either meet up on campus in the lobby of Bender Arena at 1:45 p.m., or meet us at the Sculpture Garden no later than 2:50 p.m. Free for AU Students (two hours of skating plus skate rental), but bring your AU ID (no exceptions!). Please contact Clay at pencek@american.edu with any questions. *Sponsored by Student Activities and Experience DC.*

Fire and Ice Festival

8:30–11:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Room 1–5
Love your classes, hate your classes? Stuck to your resolution, broke your resolution? Hungry, not hungry? Life is full of opposites, so bring your friends down to the Mary Graydon Center to enjoy the Fire and Ice Festival. Enjoy free hot wings, snow cones, funnel cake, games, and more. Hot or cold, we've got what you need! Please contact Clay at pencek@american.edu with any questions. *Sponsored by Student Activities and Inter-Fraternal Council.*

Monday, January 16

Mandatory Residence Hall Floor Meetings

10:00 p.m.
Locations Vary (see your Resident Assistant)
Meet your neighbors in the residence halls and receive important information about your housing. This is mandatory for all residents.

Tuesday, January 17

Welcome Reception for Veterans and Military

Member Personnel at AU
4:00–6:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Room 245
AU welcomes new and returning veterans, active duty personnel, and family members. Staff who represent the various services and resources that you may need to access throughout the academic year will be available. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions, contact New Student Programs at x3303.

Library Tour for New Students

4:00 p.m.
Library Reference Desk
Find your way around your new library with a tour of services and resources.

Introduction to Library Research

4:30 p.m.
Library Reference Desk
This is a great class for new students or anyone needing a refresher on library research. Learn how to start your research with more than 300 databases, the catalog, and more.

Student Programming Committee Presents 50/50

11:00 p.m.
Ward Building, Room 1
Inspired by a true story, this comedy centers on a 27-year-old guy struggling to beat cancer. Join the Student Programming Committee (SPC), University Center, and Student Activities as we kickoff the spring semester movie series with *50/50*. Get out of the cold, munch on some free snacks, and laugh at this comedy-drama starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Seth Rogen. Please contact Clay at pencek@american.edu with questions. *Cosponsored by SPC, featuring Student Activities, RHA, SUB, University Center, AU After Dark, and Student Government.*

Wednesday, January 18

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Open House

Noon–5 p.m.
RHA Office (Anderson Hall, First Floor, Room 1012)
Do you have a New Year's resolution to try something new or get more involved? Stop by our office to meet our executive board and discover the RHA. We have lots of leadership and advocacy opportunities for you.

Grand Opening of the Commuter Lounge and the Commuter Corner

4:00 p.m.
East Quad Building First Floor/ University Library Ground Floor
Join us for desserts and light refreshments at the ribbon-cutting of our new spaces, dedicated to meeting the needs of our students who commute to and from campus. The Commuter Lounge is located on the first floor of the East Quad Building, and the Commuter Corner is in the basement of the library, near the Mud Box. Refreshments will be served at the Mud Box.

Women's Basketball vs. Navy

7:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
Check out a re-match of last season's Patriot League Championship game as the Eagles look to sink Navy! New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew at basketball games. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Thursday, January 19

Registration deadline for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project and Reflection. For more information, see Saturday, January 21.

Multicultural Affairs Open House

2:00–4:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Rooms 203/205
New year, new semester, new you. Join Multicultural Affairs as we celebrate the new semester! Meet new students, learn more about our office, and enjoy some tasty treats! One semester goal required for entry. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

New and Returning Transfer Student Reception

2:30–4:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Room 200 (Gianni Lounge)
Mingle with representatives from the various departments and offices that you may need to access throughout the academic year. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions, contact New Student Programs at x3303.

Spring into Action: A Discussion on ENDA

6:30–9:00 p.m.
Butler Boardroom
Join representatives from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Center for Transgender Equality, and PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) for a new take on our Spring Mixer. In addition to being welcomed back, hear a panel discussion on the ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act). Come see old friends, make news ones, and enjoy some food as we talk about a very important piece of legislation. *Cosponsored by the GLBTA Resource Center and Queers & Allies.*

Wrestling vs. Hofstra

8:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
Students are invited to AU Wrestling's first home match of the 2012 season as they look to improve upon last season, when the team ranked #5 in the nation. New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Friday, January 20

Wrestling vs. North Carolina State

8:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
Students are invited to check out exciting AU Wrestling on the mats in Bender Arena. New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Saturday, January 21

2012 MLK Day Service Project and Reflection

Kick-off and breakfast: 9:00–9:45 a.m.
Travel to sites: 9:45–10:30 a.m.
Service: 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Post-Service Reflection (on campus): 2:00–3:00 p.m.
"The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty." (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) Come join us as we celebrate Dr. King's birthday by assisting 10 area nonprofits serving several District communities. The MLK Day of Service helps deepen the AU community's engagement with the social problems challenging the lives of many D.C. residents. Volunteers will assist with food preparation, meal deliveries, and indoor beautification and spend time with senior citizens and youth. Space is limited to the first 250 volunteers to register. Please visit www.american.edu/volunteer.

Men's Basketball vs. Army—Phil Bender Day 2012!

2:00 p.m.
Bender Arena
Don't miss being a part of an AU tradition . . . Men's Basketball's Phil Bender Day. Students in attendance will be treated to free giveaways and refreshments as we look to pack Bender Arena to the rafters. Be sure to wear blue! New students can sign up to be part of the Blue Crew at basketball games. Membership includes a free T-shirt and an ID card good for discounts at area restaurants. All AU students are admitted free with AU ID.

Sunday, January 22

Trip to the Martin Luther King Memorial

2:00–5:00 p.m.
National Mall
Didn't get a chance to go to the new MLK Memorial yet? Join us as we travel via bus to the new MLK Memorial, where you are free to explore the memorial as well as the other surrounding monuments and memorials. Space is limited so registration is required! To register, visit <http://bit.ly/MLK2012>. Bring your AU ID and meet in front of Public Safety by 1:45 p.m.; the bus will leave promptly at 2:00 p.m.! If you are returning by bus, please board by 4:30 p.m. so we can return to campus by 5:00 p.m. *Sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, Road Trip USA, Student Activities, Experience DC, New Student Programs, and GLBTA Resource Center.*

**Haiti Week:
Remember, Rediscover,
Reflect, Rebuild**

January 23–26
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