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. For more information, visit american.edu/ocl/orientation/feewaiver.

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 orientation 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, a towel, a pillow, and bed linens. Phones, alarm clocks, and televisions are not provided in residence hall rooms.

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. 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 reservations in advance.

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

REGISTRATION FOR EAGLE SUMMIT
To register for Eagle Summit, use your ID and password to log on to the myAU.american.edu portal. Click on the Life@AU link on the top and then on New Students, New First-Year Student Checklist, and Register for Eagle Summit. It is important to sign up early so you can secure your preferred orientation dates.

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 (ISSS) office 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 Washington, DC, 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. Although no formal programming is scheduled for students who arrive early, staff will be on hand from 5 to 8 p.m. to check you in, answer questions, and suggest options for dinner at local restaurants. After 8 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 to start the planner:

ACADEMICS — PERSONALIZED — ONLINE PREREGISTRATION PLANNER

As soon as you receive that email, please access the planner and follow the instructions to complete it by the following deadlines: May 27 for early-decision students and June 3 for all others.

Please note that by entering courses in the preregistration planner, you are only submitting your class choices for review and approval by your academic advisor; you are not yet officially registered for courses. Your advisor will inform you when you are cleared to register for your course selections. Only then can you access the online registration system and officially register for courses.

FIRST-YEAR FUNDAMENTALS
For students who are unable to attend Eagle Summit during June and July, we offer a brief orientation in August during Welcome Week. Students are encouraged to make every effort to attend Eagle Summit, because these summer sessions provide the best chance to get to know AU and your fellow new students. If you have questions about this alternative to Eagle Summit, please email orientation@american.edu.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
All new students are required to take an online math placement exam. The results determine course placement in mathematics, so students will need their placement scores to register for any math classes. Over the summer, you will receive notice from your academic advisor to complete the math placement exam and begin course registration shortly thereafter. To access the exam and obtain more information, please visit american.edu/provost/math-placement.

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 orientation. This computerized exam is not timed but usually takes about 20 minutes.

You can access the language placement exam at american.edu/cas/lfs/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 ASAC website.

Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC)
Phone: 202-885-3360
Fax: 202-885-1042
Email: asac@american.edu
Web: american.edu/asac

WELCOME WEEK PROGRAMMING
Welcome Week takes place from Saturday, August 22, the first day new students can move into residence halls, to Friday, August 28. During the week before classes begin, most first-year students participate in one of AU’s hallmark welcome programs. These include the Freshman Service Experience, Discover DC, and Explore DC. Last year, more than 1,200 students participated in these programs, which provide engaging ways to get to know your host city and other new students before classes start. The fee for each program is $115. In early June, you will receive more information about these programs and registration instructions.

Highlights of Welcome Week include AU’s Opening Convocation, welcome receptions from each school and college, and the All-American BBQ. The first weeks of school are especially exciting as AU offices and student groups host many events to connect you to campus and DC. Visit american.edu/welcomeweek for more information.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION IS GREEN

You may be wondering why this brochure is in the shape of a folder. The answer is simple: we have challenged ourselves to reduce our carbon footprint.

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. We recommend that you use it to collect all of your important AU information. By making simple changes like this, we can save more than half a ton of paper this year alone. You can see the full list of our efforts at american.edu/oci/orientation/Orientation-is-Green.cfm. Help us do our part to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

BY USING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PAPER FOR THIS FOLDER, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SAVED THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

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- 210 POUNDS OF SOLID WASTE NOT GENERATED
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“I stepped on the campus and felt ‘wow,’ this is the right place for me.”
GREG ‘18

“Orientation solidified my decision to come to AU. It showed me all the programs, I met with my advisor, and it provided all the help that I needed.”  JOY ‘16

“I was so nervous about coming to college. When I came to Eagle Summit, I saw that everyone was in the same boat and that there were people here to help you.”  ELLIE ‘18

“Orientation was when I got the sense of what the AU community is and what it stands for.”  MARY MARGARET ‘18