

American University
Washington Mentorship Program
New Student Orientation 2008

- ***This is a TENTATIVE schedule. Times and Dates are subject to change at the discretion of the administration***

*In order to become a full participant in AU's community, you are expected to attend **all** of the events listed from August 18-22, unless noted as optional. They are designed for your benefit.*

Your official meal plan will be activated beginning with dinner on Sunday, August 17. When the location is not specified on this schedule and for the remainder of your AU career, you may eat at Tenley Café, Terrace Dining Room or Tavern using your meal plan.

Move in Weekend:

NOTE: WMP staff will not be available during move-in.

Saturday, August 16

7:00 a.m.- Residence Hall Check-in

10:00 p.m. Congressional Hall desk will be staffed from 7am to 10pm for check-in. If you arrive before or after these times, there will be a sign posted at the desk with the contact information for the RA on Duty, who will be available to help you.

10:00 a.m.- Student Accounts

2:00 p.m. Asbury (Main Campus)

Student Accounts will be open special hours during this weekend for your convenience.

Sunday, August 17

7:00 a.m.- Residence Hall Check-in

10:00 p.m. Congressional Hall desk will be staffed from 7am to 10pm for check-in. If you arrive before or after these times, there will be a sign posted at the desk with the contact information for the RA on Duty, who will be available to help you.

11:00 a.m.- AUTO Shuttle Runs (optional)

5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to AUTO@ausg.org

The Student Government's AUTO program will be providing shuttles to Target, IKEA, Montgomery Mall, and Friendship Heights shopping district. Refreshments will be provided and we ask for a suggested donation to support this Student Government organization. Sponsored by the Student Government's AUTO.

8:00 p.m.- Wings and Water Ice (optional)

10:00 p.m. Letts Hall, Game and Recreation Center (GARC)

We're kicking off Welcome Weeks in the GARC with some free Wings and Rita's Water Ice. Come with your new roommate, meet up with friends, or just swing by to see who's hanging out. Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government, and the Residence Hall Association.

Orientation Week Begins!

Day One – Monday, August 18

7:00 a.m.- Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Tenley Café

Students can use their AU Meal Plan this morning, and if parents would like to join students for breakfast, they can pay with cash, or use their student's meal swipes.

- 9:00 a.m.-
10:45 a.m. **Check -in**
This is the time for you to settle into your room and take care of some small things to help prepare you for the academic year. Get your AU ID card in Federal Hall, Room 173. Check-in is in the lobby of Constitution Hall and vendors such as Chevy Chase Bank, AT&T phone service & DC Metro will be available. You can also purchase or make changes to your meal plan and add money to your EagleBucks account at the Housing and Dining Programs office in Anderson Hall or buy your books at the Campus Book Store on Main Campus. Washington Mentorship Program Ambassadors will also be available to give tours of Tenley Campus. **Student Accounts will be on Tenley Campus in the Constitution Conference Room for your convenience all day today.**
- 11:00 a.m.-
12:45 p.m. **Parent and Student Welcome**
National Presbyterian Church
Speakers will include Dean David Brown, Resident Director Cris Ayala and RAs, Bon Appetite's Mary Soto, the Academic Support Center, Public Safety, and the Writing Studio.
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Tenley Café
Students will use their AU Meal Plan, while parents and guests will enjoy lunch free courtesy of the Washington Mentorship Program. Bon Appetite Chef will be available to meet with students and families. Tickets for lunch will be given out by WMP Staff/ Alumni Ambassadors.
- 2:00 p.m.-
5:00 p.m. **Free Time**
Since the rest of the orientation sessions are designed for students only, this might be a good time to say goodbye to your family, at least until later in the evening or tomorrow. Also, take this chance to head over to Main Campus to look through the book store or stop by Chevy Chase Bank on campus if you didn't get a chance to open an account when you checked in this morning.
- 5:00 p.m.-
6:00 p. m. **Seeds of Diversity**
Capital Auditorium
This New Student Orientation presentation by the Resident Director for Tenley Campus is a participation activity to get students involved in the conversation regarding diversity at AU!
- 6:00 p.m.-
7:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Tenley Café
- 7:00 p.m.-
9:00 p.m. **Floor Meetings**
Floor Lounges
Meet your R.A. and your neighbors for the semester while they go over important information you will need to have a successful semester on Tenley Campus.

Day Two – Tuesday, August 19

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Tenley Café
- 9:30 a.m. **Scavenger Hunt**
Lobby of Constitution
Break into your teams and go on a fun-filled treasure hunt around Washington, DC!
- 3:00 p.m. **Hand in Scavenger Hunt Answers**
The Lobby of Constitution

- 5:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Tenley Café
- 9:00 p.m.-
10:30 p.m. **Kay Spiritual Life Center Open House** *(optional)*
Kay Lounge (K lower level)
Join us for a fun and interactive introduction to the many faith based communities which find a home at the Kay Spiritual Life Center. You'll have a chance to meet some of AU's great Chaplains and students from the Interfaith Council. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

Day Three – Wednesday, August 20

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
TDR
- 9:30 a.m. **THINK! About Alcohol and Other Drugs**
Ward Circle Building, Room 1
- 11:00 a.m. **Math Placement Exam**
Ward Circle Building, Room 1
All students are required to take the Math Placement Exam. Calculators are not allowed.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
TDR
- 1:15 p.m. **Technology @ AU**
Anderson Computing Complex, Rooms B11, B12, B13, B14, B15, B16, Hurst 202, and Ward
Take a step-by-step tour of your AU Portal in this informative session!
- 2:30 p.m. **DC 411**
Ward Circle Building, Room 2
Get to know your city from a historical standpoint from one of AU's distinguished professors!
- 3:30 p.m. **Orientation Video**
Ward Circle Building, Room 2
This funny and informational short film will help you learn lessons about AU through video spoofs.
- 4:30 p.m. **Main Campus Tour**
As an AU student, it is important for you to know your way around Main Campus as well as Tenley Campus so that you can take advantage of all AU has to offer. Join us on this tour led by the Ambassadors.
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
TDR
- 8:30 p.m.-
11:00 p.m. **Quad After Dark** *(optional)*
Main Quad
Learn what fun activities you can do in D.C. from the comfort of campus. The Quad will be turned into a Carnival with inflatable-s, games, prizes, treats and plenty of information of what you can do in Washington D.C. throughout the year. Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government, and the Residence Hall Association.

Day Four – Thursday, August 21

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Tenley Café
- 10:00 a.m. **Class Meeting with Your Mentorship Professor**
Capital Hall & Dunblane
Meet with your professor, go over your class syllabus, and find out what the semester will be like!
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| Dunblane 101: Dr. Siman | (Grant Group) |
| Dunblane 102: Dr. Nimer | (Hamilton Group) |
| Dunblane 103: Dr. Crouch | (Jefferson Group) |
| Dunblane 104: Professor Guven | (Franklin Group) |
| Dunblane 119: Dr. Fabrikant | (Washington Group) |
| Capital Hall 111: Dr. Peters | (Lincoln Group) |
- 11:00 a.m. **Developing Your Mentored Field Practicum Strategy**
Capital Auditorium
Amy Morrill-Bijeu, Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning, will help you determine the best fit for the location of your Mentored Field Practicum. Be sure to bring a draft of your résumé and ideas of where you would like to work.
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
TDR
- 1:00 p.m.-
3:00 p.m. **Free time**
Use this time to go through your syllabi and purchase books at the campus bookstore before heading back to Tenley.
- 4:00 p.m. **A Surprise Recap of the Week (:**
Capital Auditorium
- 5:00 p.m.-
8:00 p.m. **Tenley Welcome Barbecue**
Join your professors and the Tenley Campus staff for a delicious barbecue on the Tenley Quad.
- 10:00 p.m.-
12:00 a.m. **That 70's Thursday (optional)**
Mary Graydon Center, the Tavern
Come to the Tavern and get your groove on! John Travolta would not miss this Disco party. Come for free food, refreshments, fun activities, and of course to try out all your 1970s grooves to the tunes of the decade filled with peace, love, Richard Nixon and Saturday Night Fever. Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government, and the Residence Hall Association.

Day Five – Friday, August 22

- 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
TDR
- 11:00 a.m. **Opening Convocation**
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain site: Bender Arena)
Join President Neil Kerwin and the AU community as we open the academic year. Listen for the bagpipers as they process through campus to announce the start of the program.

- 1:00 p.m. **Internationalizing Your Education at AU** (*optional*)
 Ward Circle Building, Room 2
 Learn about the exciting ways that you can add an international component to your education. Discussion will be led by Sara Dumont, director of AU Abroad.
- 1:30 p.m. **Writer as Witness (MANDATORY)**
 Bender Arena
 Luis Alberto Urrea, the author of this year's community text, discusses *The Devil's Highway*. In your College Writing class, you will have the opportunity to write and talk about Urrea's account of twenty-six men who crossed the Mexican border into the forbidding stretch of Arizona desert that lends the book its title. Bring your questions for the author and get a jump on the fall semester.

Academic Welcomes

Join staff and faculty from your school or college to start the academic year off right. **NOTE: As a WMP Student, you will receive more information about your major during the October Advising Workshops.**

- 3:00 p.m. **Bender Arena** (College of Arts and Sciences)
Kay Spiritual Life Center (Kogod School of Business)
Media Production Center (School of Communication)
Ward Building, Room 2 (School of Public Affairs)
- 4:15 p.m. **Kay Spiritual Life Center** (School of International Service)
- 5:15 p.m.-
 7:00 p.m. **All-American BBQ** (*optional*)
 Main Quad (Rain Site: TDR)
 Meet President Kerwin and hang out with other students on the quad. Use your meal plan to swipe in. If you don't have a meal plan, you can purchase a ticket there.
- 8:00 a.m.-
 11:00 p.m. **Student Union Board Concert** (*optional*)
 Mary Graydon Center, the Tavern
 The Student Government's Student Union Board will present its first concert of the semester in the Tavern. Visit www.ausg.org for more information and the announcement of the artist. Sponsored by the Student Government's Student Union Board.

Below is a wide variety of events and activities that you may want to participate in over the next two weeks! MOST of the following are optional.

Saturday, August 23

- TBA **Metro Run to Target**
 White Flint Metro Stop
 Head off to Target with Karen Brockington and your RAs!
- 11:00 a.m.-
 5:00 p.m. **AUTO Shuttle Runs**
 The Student Government's AUTO program will be providing shuttles to Target, IKEA, Montgomery Mall, and Friendship Heights shopping district. Refreshments will be provided and we ask for a suggested donation to support this Student Government organization. Please RSVP to AUTO@ausg.org. Sponsored by the Student Government's AUTO.

1:00 p.m. **PHIL Reeves - Women's Soccer vs. Georgetown**
Reeves Soccer Field
Join AU Athletics for the first home event of the season as we PHIL Reeves! Take advantage of your FIRST opportunity to pick up your brand-new 2008-09 AU BLUE CREW T-Shirt! Admission is FREE for everyone, so grab your friends and don't miss the FREE food, FREE drinks, chance to win an iTunes gift card, halftime shootout with Clawed, and the first opportunity to pick up your new AU BLUE CREW Shirt!

4:00 p.m.-
6:00 p.m. **Multicultural Affairs Welcome Back BBQ**
Leonard Residence Hall Picnic Area (Rain Site: 6th floor Butler Pavilion)
Welcome new and returning multicultural students! Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and celebration as we kick off the new school year. Don't miss this opportunity to meet students, faculty, and staff that will support your academic and social growth during your time at American University. All are welcome!!

8:30 p.m. **Pick Your Flick Movie Night**
Amphitheater (Rain Site: Bender Arena)
An annual tradition! You chose the movie now join us for The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian the 2008 Pick Your Flick winner. Enjoy free popcorn, candy, and refreshments and answer trivia questions to win prizes. Make sure to bring a blanket to sit on! Sponsored by Student Activities and the Student Government's Student Union Board.

Sunday, August 24

11:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m. **School of International Service Kick Off**
Amphitheatre
This event is an opportunity for incoming SIS freshmen and SIS Mentors to gather and celebrate the beginning of the academic year. After the festivities, mentors and mentees will participate in an afternoon of DC exploration! We look forward to seeing all SIS freshmen at this event!

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5:00 p.m. **AUTO Shuttle Runs**
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12:00 p.m.-
4:00 p.m. **Kogod Kick-Off**
McDowell Formal Lounge
Attention new Kogod students! Join us for an exciting day of activities designed to welcome you to the Kogod School of Business. You will meet student leaders and staff and engage in teambuilding activities to prepare you for your academic journey.

5:00 p.m. **Capitol Steps**
Amphitheater (Rain Site Bender Arena)
This political satire group, made up of current and former congressional staffers, will have you laughing until you cry, as they poke fun at everything Washington. Join us for this annual tradition. Sponsored by New Student Programs and the Student Government's Kennedy Political Union.

Classes Begin!

Monday, August 25

9:00 a.m.- **Internship Bazaar (MANDATORY)**

12:00 p.m.

Bender Arena

Come dressed to impress in your formal business attire with your resumes ready for your potential employers!

2:00 p.m.-

Celebrate AU!

4:00 p.m.

Main Quad (Rain Date: August 28, 2:00–4:00 p.m.)

Join President Kerwin and the campus community to celebrate the new academic year. This tradition of campus spirit will provide an opportunity to greet new colleagues, meet other students, and catch up with old friends. Enjoy music, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, and more. Sponsored by the Office of the President.

Tuesday, August 26

11:00 a.m.-

Spontaneous Fun: SnoCones

1:00 p.m.

Main Quad

Need something cool and sweet to get you through the day of classes? Stop by the Student Activities table on the quad for a free SnoCone. Sponsored by Student Activities.

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 p.m.-

Eagle Nights

9:00 p.m.

Mary Graydon Center, the Tavern

Start the year right by rocking out on the video game Rock Band in the Tavern. Sponsored by the Student Government's Eagle Night and Student Union Board.

Thursday, August 28

7:30 p.m.-

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Resource Center Fall Mixer

9:30 p.m.

Butler Pavilion, Butler Board Room (Sixth Floor)

Everyone is welcome! Kick off the school year with AU's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and ally community. Enjoy pizza and a chance to learn about upcoming events and programs.

Friday, August 29

5:00 p. m.

Men's Soccer vs. Howard

Reeves Soccer Field

AU Men's Soccer hosts Howard at 5:00 p.m. as a part of the DC College Cup! All AU Students are admitted FREE with AU ID. So grab your friends and don't miss this chance to cheer on the Eagles at AU Men's Soccer's home opener!

For the most up-to-date list of American University's Welcome Weeks activities, visit http://www.american.edu/ocl/orientation/program_info/welcomeweeks.html