



THE WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

WISH Housing on Capitol Hill

If you would like to live in our off-campus university sponsored housing at WISH, please return both WISH housing forms with your registration materials **no later than November 13, 2009**. All living options are first-come, first-serve, based on availability. You must also return your Registration Authorization form and pay the \$200 program deposit **no later than December 1, 2009** to reserve your space in the program for the spring 2010 semester.

WISH housing prices are determined by the total bedroom occupancy and room rates are the same for both apartment and townhouse style living. Students living in WISH housing are not required to enroll in an AU campus meal plan, although reduced plan options can be requested.

Single room occupancy	\$ 6,184.00
* Please note that there are very few single rooms available.	
Double room occupancy	\$ 5,040.00
Triple room occupancy	\$ 4,840.00
Quadruple room occupancy	\$ 4,002.00

WISH offers attractive apartments and townhouses in the historic Capitol Hill area. Many placements are close to House and Senate Office Buildings, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress and are located in a neighborhood which features residences of professionals in the current administration, as well as other prominent political figures. Many Capitol Hill properties are historic houses that date back to the 1800's. The advantage of this site is location, location, location! Should you wish to learn more about WISH, please visit their website at www.internsdc.com.

Another advantage of selecting this new off-campus option is that you will further broaden your circle of peers. Not only will you connect with hundreds of Washington Semester and American University students, but living on Capitol Hill affords you an even greater opportunity to network with university students from other internship programs, congressional staffers or other prominent individuals. ****NOTE:** *Washington Semester students will only be assigned to townhouses or apartments with other Washington Semester interns, although some buildings may house other university students from separate internship programs.*

Here are some details to help you decide between on-campus housing and WISH on Capitol Hill:

- **Choice between an apartment or a room in a townhouse**
- **All of the properties are located near Union Station, Capitol South, and Eastern Market Metro Stations (*approx. 30 min metro commute to Tenley Campus*)**
- **Males and females will be separated by rooms and floors in townhouses, and will be separated by units in apartment buildings. Co-ed room assignments are prohibited.**
- **Apartments and townhouses include:**
 - ✓ **Use of free washer and dryer in apartment building or house**
 - ✓ **Private bathrooms per unit**
 - ✓ **Furniture (beds, chests, desks, chairs, sofa and coffee table)**
 - ✓ **Cable TV in common areas**

- ✓ **Wireless internet access throughout the building**
- ✓ **Secure access to the building**
- ✓ **No required meal plan (savings of approximately \$2,000)**
- ✓ **Utilities and maintenance are included (*no extra fees for water, heat, air conditioning, trash and recycling pick-up, etc.*)**
- ✓ **Kitchen facilities, which include a microwave, toaster, coffee pot, stove, dishware, dishwashers (at select locations), and a refrigerator.**

Students assigned to a quad arrangement will share a one bedroom apartment and have a separate living room, while those assigned to a triple arrangement will share an efficiency apartment and will not have the separate living room space. **** NOTE: *The majority of the spaces in the apartments are triples or quads and the majority of the spaces in the townhouses are double rooms.*** In addition, the Capitol Hill housing option will not require you to be enrolled in a meal plan because there are kitchen facilities in each placement, which reduces your program cost by approx. \$2,000.

Off-campus university housing spaces will be given to those of you who complete and sign the two WISH housing forms: **Capitol Hill Housing Request and Capitol Hill Housing Rules**. Assignments are based on a first-come, first serve basis upon receipt of both of the attached forms. Please either scan and email your signed documents to Shelby Harvey (sharvey@american.edu) or fax them directly to our program office at (202) 895-4960 or (202) 895-4884 attention: Shelby Harvey. You may also return these forms with the rest of your program materials via regular mail.

If you are from a member school, please urge your faculty representative to sign your registration form as soon as possible to avoid delays in reserving your spot in either the Tenley campus residence halls or WISH housing on Capitol Hill. **ALL** students (member and non-member) should note that regardless of the date you return your housing materials, you cannot be guaranteed housing until we receive your completed registration authorization. Room type preferences (single, double, or triple) cannot be guaranteed. Your bill will reflect the applicable charge for the room type to which you are assigned.

IMPORTANT:

If you reserve campus housing either at Tenley or at WISH, and later decide that you want to live off-campus or withdraw from the program, you must provide written confirmation of your decision to cancel your housing request **before November 25, 2009**. After this date, you will be billed 25% of the housing charge (approximately \$950.00).