



MEET OUR MOMENT

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY pledges to prepare students for meaningful lives and careers of purpose and achievement, to expand our curiosity, and to build our community.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN | JANUARY 2026

OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AU WILL . . .

- provide every undergraduate the opportunity for a funded internship or research experience (beginning sophomore year)
- update our curriculum to emphasize exploration, simplicity, adaptability, inclusion, and experiential learning to support career prep and a liberal arts and sciences education
- integrate Washington, DC-based opportunities in all academic programs
- infuse civic learning and engagement as a feature of every AU education

- provide students with the opportunity to engage a mentor
- deepen student engagement and belonging through intentionally designed cohorts and connections
- foster responsible, ethical, and practical AI literacy in all students
- modernize career and study abroad functions to support students' professional readiness
- ensure undergraduate student access to a study abroad experience, global learning opportunity, or international research project
- deploy more international opportunities for graduate students
- provide a required graduate professionalization course integrating career preparation from day one
- pilot a 90-credit degree program to offer a flexible pathway for students, including transfer students and nontraditional learners



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