

A photograph of a university campus in autumn. Large trees with yellow and orange leaves line a path. A student with a backpack is walking on the path. The sky is clear blue. A blue vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

**Start
HERE**

**AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY**
 WASHINGTON, DC

WE ARE CHANGEMAKERS FOR A CHANGING WORLD.

American University brings passionate learners, bold leaders, engaged scholars, innovators, and active citizens together in Washington, DC, to create knowledge that brings about meaningful change to address society's current and emerging challenges.

THE PERFECT FIT

Located in a residential neighborhood of Washington, D.C., American University (AU) is a dynamic college-centered research university recognized for its academic innovation.

American University is a mid-size institution. What does that mean for you? It means small class sizes to get to know your professors and classmates. It means you'll meet people from all walks of life. It means personalized attention but mixed with the resources of a large research institution. It's the best of all worlds.

START STRONG

Even before you step on campus, you'll begin working with your First-Year Advisor during the summer. They'll help you navigate AU's unique first-year courses and they will make sure you understand all the resources available to help you thrive on campus.

American University is committed to a robust liberal education core that challenges students to engage with complexity, value diversity, and understand change. To foster this, all incoming students will be enrolled in AU Core, AU's innovative new general education program. During the first year, students will complete the American University Experience (AUx) as well as take a First-Year Complex Problems seminar. First-year students will also take foundation courses in University Writing and University Math.

[AMERICAN.EDU/PROVOST/UNDERGRAD/AUEXPERIENCE](https://american.edu/provost/undergrad/auexperience)

[AMERICAN.EDU/PROVOST/UNDERGRAD/CORE/COMPLEX-PROBLEMS](https://american.edu/provost/undergrad/core/complex-problems)



Students

UNDERGRADUATES 8,527
GRADUATE & LAW 5,791
TOTAL 14,318

In Class



23

AVERAGE
CLASS
SIZE

11:1

STUDENT-
TO-FACULTY
RATIO

Diversity



32%

STUDENTS
OF COLOR

50

STATES
REPRESENTED

123

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

Will develop new, sustainable packaging.

Future CEO.

Future U.S. Senator.

Will sit on a Fortune 500 corporate board.

Will help to develop a new vaccine.

Will help make technology more accesible.

What will you help change?

Special Academic Programs

AU has a number of special academic programs, which require an additional application over and above the admissions application. Students who wish to be considered for any of the following programs must submit an application. To apply, students will need to create an account on the Future Eagle Portal. After logging into the portal, navigate to the Apply Online tab to access any of the Special Academic Program applications. The priority deadline to apply is December 15.

AU HONORS

The AU Honors program is for students who want to understand complex, current issues by digging into them from every angle. The core courses in this four-year program are taught by a team of faculty from different disciplines so that you will emerge specially prepared to think broadly, creatively, and collaboratively. You will work in teams on a student-designed project that will put these new skills and knowledge into practice. The rigorous curriculum embraces lectures, experiential labs, and research projects under faculty mentorship. The cohort-based program offers many layers of support, social events, and opportunities for travel abroad. We seek highly motivated, curious students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, creativity, resilience, and leadership. Students selected for AU Honors are eligible to receive a scholarship that ranges between \$10,000–\$25,000.

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH SCHOLARS

The Community-Based Research Scholars (CBRS) program is a selective, one-year living-learning community that emphasizes responsible and meaningful service learning through community-based research opportunities. The CBRS program is an intensive, living-learning community for scholars who learn how to conduct research to inform community solutions for pressing social problems. CBR Scholars will have a network of students, faculty, and community partners to help identify avenues to effect social change. CBR Scholars will be trained in research methods, research ethics, and issues relevant to the participating nonprofit's area of focus.

AU-RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY SAKURA SCHOLARS

The Global International Relations (GIR) Joint Degree Program, created in partnership with Ritsumeikan University (RU) located in Kyoto Japan, is the only joint bachelor's degree program between an accredited U.S. and Japanese university. A selective, four-year program, the GIR enables students to be jointly enrolled in both universities for the duration of the program. GIR students have a unique opportunity to connect with students from around the world in addition to AU and RU faculty with varied expertise in the field of international relations and more specifically, U.S. and East Asia affairs.

Students spend the first year of the program at AU, the middle two years at RU, and the last year of the program at AU. Culminating the four-year program, graduates of the GIR have a diploma accredited by both a U.S. and Japanese institution, providing an invaluable connection to a global career network. Students enrolled in the GIR will be able to select one of the following concentrations by taking complementary coursework at both AU and RU:

- Global and Comparative Governance
- Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
- Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution

THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Global Scholars
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars
Public Health Scholars

Three-Year Scholars are a unique group of students at American University, interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in three years as opposed to the traditional four.

Each three-year program is designed to be academically rigorous, yet still offer the full benefits of a traditional college experience. Students reside in a living-learning community during the first year, where the learning activities extend from the classroom into the residence halls. Special academic programming during the summer months provide the opportunity for students to remain intellectually engaged in their studies year-round.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Selected on the basis of demonstrated leadership, rare talent, and graduate/professional school interest, the award-winning Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars (FDDS) are in the relentless pursuit of multidimensional excellence. These exceptional undergraduates leverage the knowledge, experience, and network of influential alumni, faculty, and staff to foster a collaborative community in which they prepare for graduate/professional school, nurture their originality, and develop the specialized skills necessary for socially responsible leadership. The Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars program is distinctive as it prepares students to attend the best graduate schools, pursue successful careers, and become influential leaders.

Five incoming first-year students are selected annually to participate in the FDDS program. Student leaders may apply during their final year of high school or within four years of receiving a high school diploma/GED. Undergraduate Admissions and the FDDS Advisory Committee will assess candidates based on their outstanding self-awareness, leadership experience, first-rate social skills, creative ability, recommendation letters, personal qualities, and demonstrated interest in attending graduate and/or professional school. Each scholar is awarded full tuition, mandatory fees, books, on-campus housing, U-Pass, and a meal plan. The scholarship is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study, provided scholars satisfy academic and program requirements. FDDS also have the option to participate in the AU Honors Program.

Schools & Colleges

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

African American and African Diaspora Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Arab World Studies
Arabic Studies
Art History
Asian Studies
Audio Production
Audio Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Computational Science
Computer Science
Dance
Data Science
Economics
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion
History
Jewish Studies
Language and Area Studies
Literature
Mathematics
Mathematics and Economics
Music
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Public Health
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Sociology
Spanish Studies

Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

LANGUAGES:

Arabic
Chinese
French
German
Hebrew
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Swahili

KOGOD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting
Business Administration
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Information Systems & Technology
International Business
Management
Marketing
Business, Language, and Culture
Language tracks:
Arabic
French
German
Russian
Spanish
Business and Entertainment
Finance

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies
Film and Media Arts
Foreign Language and

Communication Media
Journalism
Photography
Public Relations and Strategic Communication

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education
Secondary Education

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International Studies
Environmental Sustainability and Global Health
Foreign Policy and National Security
Global and Comparative Governance
Global Inequality and Development
Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights
Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution
The Global Economy

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG)
Data Sciences for Justice, Law, & Criminology
Data Sciences for Political Science
Justice and Law
Legal Studies
Political Science

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Prelaw
Premedicine

THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Global Scholars
Public Health Scholars
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars

NOT SITES, INSIGHTS

There are few cities in the US more international than Washington, DC. But that's no substitute for immersing yourself in different countries and cultures firsthand. With our AU Abroad program, you'll have the opportunity to study just about anywhere.

70%

OF STUDENTS STUDY
ABROAD AT LEAST
ONCE BEFORE THEY
GRADUATE



AU Abroad

ABROAD PROGRAMS 150+
COUNTRIES 50+
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A SAMPLE OF AU'S STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

MIDDLE EAST

Israel: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jordan: Intensive Arabic and Cultural Studies in Amman (CET)
United Arab Emirates: AU Sharjah

ASIA

China: Beijing Program
China: Chinese University of Hong Kong
India: Contemporary India Program—Pune (Alliance)
Japan: Waseda University
Korea: Yonsei University
Taiwan: National Chengchi University
Tajikistan: Eurasian Regional Language Program (ACTR)

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina: Universidad Católica Argentina
Brazil: Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro
Chile: Santiago Program
Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional Autónoma (IFSA - Butler)
Uruguay: University of Montevideo

OCEANIA

Australia: University of Queensland
Australia: University of New South Wales
New Zealand: Victoria University of Wellington

AFRICA

Kenya: Turkana Basin Field School
Morocco: AMIDEAST in Rabat and Regional Studies in French

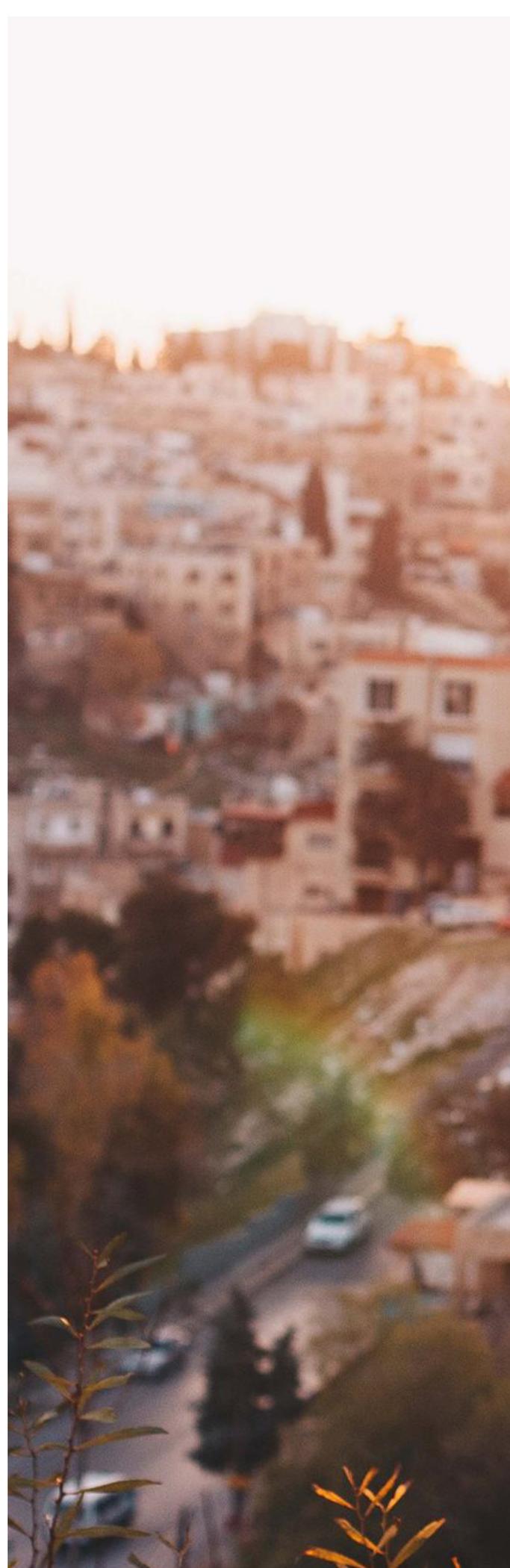
UNITED KINGDOM/IRELAND

England: London School of Economics
England: Oxford University
England: University of Exeter
Ireland: National University of Ireland, Galway
Ireland: Trinity College Dublin
Scotland: University of Edinburgh
Scotland: University of Glasgow

EUROPE

Belgium: European Union in Action
Czech Republic: CET Prague Programs
Denmark: Copenhagen (DIS)
France: Intensive French in Paris
Germany: Freie Universitaet
Italy: Studio Art Centers International
Netherlands: University of Leiden
Poland: Jagiellonian University, Centre for European Studies
Russia: Bard-Smolny Program
Spain: Iberian Experience
Turkey: Koc University

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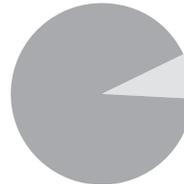


GET A HEAD START

Being in Washington, DC, hands-on learning is kind of what we do at AU. But it's not all politics. AU students complete internships in the arts, sciences, business, communications, education, and, of course, domestic and international politics. Many of these internships lead directly to a job after graduation.



91%
OF STUDENTS
PARTICIPATED IN AT
LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP
WHILE AT AU



92%
OF AU GRADUATES
WERE EMPLOYED, IN
GRADUATE SCHOOL,
OR BOTH SIX MONTHS
AFTER GRADUATION

EXAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

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| ABC News | International Monetary Fund |
| American Express | KPMG |
| Amnesty International | Lockheed Martin |
| Asian Development Bank | Mercedes-Benz |
| Associated Press | Merril Lynch |
| Black & Decker | Microsoft |
| Booz Allen Hamilton | Morgan Stanley |
| Cisco Systems | MTV |
| Citibank | National Institutes of Health |
| CNN | National Geographic Society |
| Deloitte | NATO |
| Discovery Communications | Neiman Marcus |
| Disney Channel | Nokia |
| Embassy of Bahrain | Peace Corps |
| Embassy of Canada | PwC |
| Embassy of Chile | Prudential Financial |
| Embassy of Great Britain | Smithsonian Institution |
| Embassy of Korea | United Nations |
| Embassy of Pakistan | U.S.-China Business Council |
| Embassy of Panama | U.S.-Saudi Arabia Business
Council |
| EY | Wall Street Journal |
| ESPN | Washington Post |
| European Commission | White House |
| FBI | World Bank |
| Institute for International
Economics | World Wildlife Fund |

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

From high-profile speakers, student clubs and organizations, and concerts, to Greek Life, sports, and fitness, the question isn't what to do. It's how do I fit it all in? Life on AU's campus buzzes with energy and activity. But you'll still have time to sit back and relax with friends.

 **15** NCAA DIVISION I
PATRIOT LEAGUE
TEAMS
+ MEN'S WRESTLING

 **45** CLUB AND
INTRAMURAL
SPORTS

 **150** STUDENT-RUN
CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

 **29** SORORITIES AND
FRATERNITIES
AT AU

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MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Like we said, you'll be busy at AU. But you can't forget to recharge. There's no better place to do that than in one of our residence halls, which have everything you need to thrive. And when you need a good meal or even just a coffee, Dining Services has you covered with options for every dietary need or want.

 **12** AU HAS 12
RESIDENCE HALLS
ON CAMPUS

 **16** OUR 16 DINING
LOCATIONS CATER TO
EVERY TASTE AND NEED

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WHAT WE LOOK FOR

At American University, we believe in a holistic admissions process. You are more than the sum of your grades and test scores. We want to know about you inside and out of the classroom. But even so, we always get asked about our most recent admitted student profile, which you can find below.

Admitted Student Profile

FALL 2020 ADMITTED STUDENTS, MIDDLE 50%



GPA 3.60-4.14

SAT 1270-1430

ACT 29-33

WAYS TO APPLY

As you are applying to American University, keep in mind that we offer a number of options.

#1 Apply Early Decision

If after exploring your college options you decide that American University is the place for you, applying as an Early Decision candidate is a great way to demonstrate that interest to us. In exchange for submitting your application by one of our Early Decision deadlines, you will receive your admissions decision early, taking the stressful wait out of the college admissions process.

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Apply Test Optional

Are you worried that you will have limited opportunity to take the SAT or ACT? Are you worried that your test scores are not a true reflection of your academic strengths? Don't fear, you can apply to AU without submitting standardized test scores. You will not be at a disadvantage for merit awards or admission into one of our special academic programs.

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Admissions Application Checklist

- COMMON APPLICATION OR COALITION APPLICATION
- \$75 APPLICATION FEE
- SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT
- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- SAT AND/OR ACT SCORES (IF NOT TEST-OPTIONAL)
- SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTER
- APPLICATION ESSAY
- RESUME/ACTIVITY REPORT

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES

	ADMISSIONS	CSS PROFILE	FAFSA
EARLY DECISION	NOV 15	NOV 15	NOV 15
EARLY DECISION II	JAN 15	JAN 15	JAN 15
REGULAR DECISION	JAN 15	JAN 15	JAN 15



Cost of Attendance

Undergraduates On or Off Campus

TUITION*	\$50,542
FEES**	\$521
AVERAGE ROOM*	\$10,096
AVERAGE BOARD*	\$4,884
BOOKS**	\$800
TRANSPORTATION**	\$700
U•PASS	\$272
PERSONAL**	\$500
LOAN FEES*	\$81
TOTAL	\$68,396

** Costs shown are for the 2020–21 academic year.*

*** Estimated costs*

DEDICATED TO ACCESS

At American University, we believe that access to a world-class education should be open to all, not just a privileged few. Our need-based financial aid programs ensure that talented students have equal access to all that AU offers. In fact, last fall, 70 percent of our incoming freshman class received either need- or merit-based aid.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT AU

NEED-BASED AID

To assess a family’s financial need, we use the following applications to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs:

- 1 FAFSA
- 2 CSS Profile

MERIT AID

All AU applicants are automatically considered for merit aid on the basis of their academic achievements. There are additional scholarships that do require separate applications or processes:

- Athletics Scholarships**
- Tuition Exchange Scholarships**
- Private/Restricted Scholarships**
- Yellow Ribbon Program**

AMERICAN PAYMENT PLAN



The American Payment Plan (APP) is a monthly payment plan available to all full-time students. Information about the APP will be provided to families during the summer before they begin attending classes.

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