

THE FUTURE STARTS AT AU

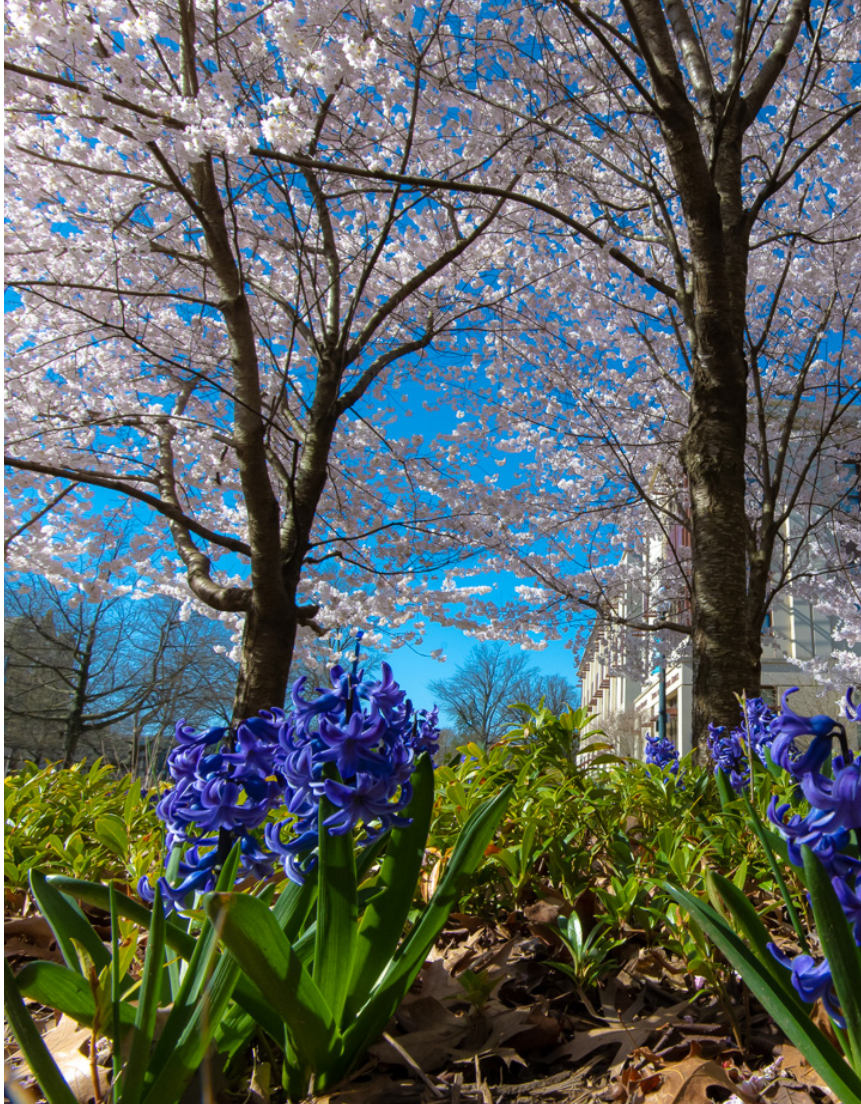
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

We are living in a time of unprecedented challenges. Across American University, we leverage the power and purpose of community to make an impact in this changing world. There is no issue too complex, no challenge too great. From social justice to sustainability—we step up, we show up, and we say, **“challenge accepted.”**


laboratory.
classroom.
Washington, DC is our home.
community.
playground.

THIS IS WHERE **BEAUTY**

Take one look at our campus, and you'll see why we're ranked the 4th Most Beautiful Urban Campus by *Best Choice Schools*. The trees, plants, and gardens that line our campus make you forget we're in a major city. With 385 different species and varieties of woody plants—totaling 5,000 trees—AU's campus is a designated arboretum.





MEETS SUSTAINABILITY

As the first university in the country to achieve carbon neutrality in 2018, AU is blazing a trail to a more sustainable future. AU's commitment to sustainability permeates every aspect of campus life and unites students, faculty, and staff in a common mission to preserve our environment.

50% of AU's electricty is generated by 2,500 solar panels across campus

10 LEED-certified buildings on campus, featuring energy and water efficiencies

THIS IS **HOME**

Life on AU's campus buzzes with energy and activity. 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.

11 residence halls on campus

16 dining locations cater to every dietary need

american.edu/student-affairs/housing/
american.edu/student-affairs/onecarddining/





AWAY FROM HOME

The true beauty of our campus is not found in our buildings or landscaping, but in our student body. Our 12,300 students—7,500 undergraduates and 4,800 graduates—not only come from all over the country, but from all over the world. Each student bringing a unique perspective and experience, from which we can all learn and grow.

39% students of color

50 states represented

110+ countries represented

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

African American and African Diaspora Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Arab World Studies
Arabic Studies
Art History
Asia, Pacific, and Diaspora Studies
Audio Production
Audio Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Computational Science
Computer Science
Dance
Data Science
Economics
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion

THIS IS YOUR **PROVING GROUND**

American University is a student-centered research institution located in Washington, DC, with highly ranked schools and colleges, and a reputation for creating meaningful change in the world. At AU, we offer a number of ways for you to pursue your academic goals. From three-year programs to nearly 60 bachelor's/master's programs, the opportunities for your academic career are endless.

Special Academic Programs

AU has several special academic programs, which require separate applications. The deadline to apply to a Special Academic Program is December 1.

Three-Year Scholars Programs
Global Scholars
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars
Public Health Scholars

Lincoln Scholars Program

AU Honors

AU-Ritsumeikan University Sakura Scholars

AU Cornerstone Program

When applying to AU, you can also express your interest in AU Cornerstone, a first-year program that offers you the opportunity to intern or study abroad.

american.edu/admissions/first-year/

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
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

Early Childhood 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 ADVISING PROGRAM

Premedicine

american.edu/programs.cfm

THIS IS WHERE **LEARNING**

At AU, you'll learn from the best and the brightest. Our faculty is internationally renowned, with 93% of faculty holding the highest degree in their field. With our average class size at 23, you'll get to know your professor and your classmates. And as a research institution, first-year students can participate in research projects.

We have a number of opportunities to foster and support student research. A few examples include:

AU Summer Scholars and Artists Program

Veloric Center for Entrepreneurship

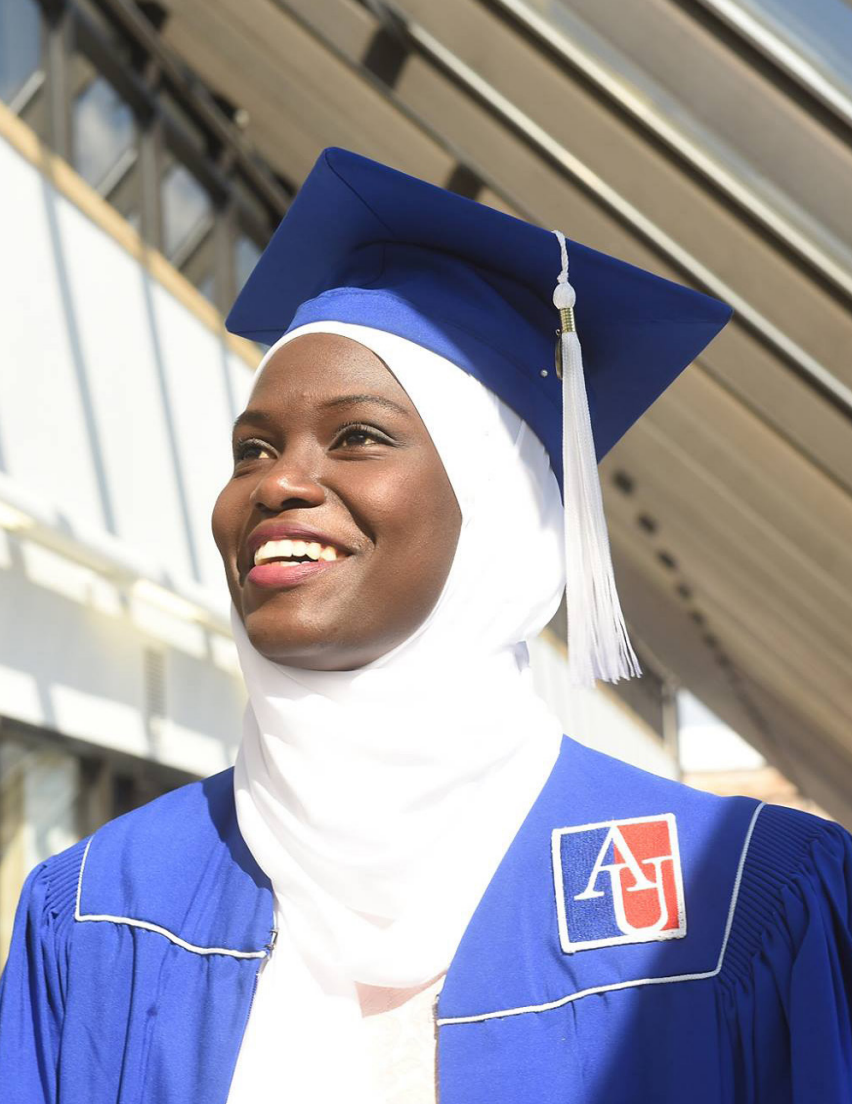
Educational Enhancement Fund

Peace and Violence Research Lab

Provost Research Funding

Public Affairs and Policy Lab





MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Washington, DC, is our biggest classroom, where you'll gain real world experience. 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.

85% of students participated in at least one internship while at American University

91% of AU graduates were employed, in graduate school, or both six months after graduation

THIS IS WHERE **CURIOSITY MEETS ADVENTURE**

As an international city, Washington, DC, has a lot to offer. But so does the rest of the world. With our AU Abroad programs, you'll have the opportunity to study just about anywhere in the world.

50%

of students study abroad at least once before they graduate



AU ABROAD

Abroad programs	100+
Countries	40
Continents	6

auabroad.american.edu

Program Locations

Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Czech Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
England
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Latvia
Mexico
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Northern Ireland
Poland
Scotland
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Taiwan
United Arab Emirates
Wales


AU Nairobi
Kenya, Spring 2019
IF THERE IS NO STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO
PROGRESS
11/12

THIS IS WHERE **INDIVIDUALS**

College is a time of self-discovery. It's your time to pursue your dreams and to become the person you want to be. But that doesn't mean you have to go at it alone.

We have a number of resources to help you thrive during your time at AU, including:

Academic Support & Access Center

Center for Student Belonging

Center for Well-Being Programs and Psychological Services

Student Health Center

Kay Spiritual Life Center





FIND COMMUNITY

While you pursue your academic goals, you'll have plenty of time to pursue your passions and to find your people. You can join one of our many student organizations or create one. Play an intramural sport. Rush a Greek-lettered organization. Practice your faith. Debate. Volunteer. Whatever you pursue, we know you'll belong.

15 NCAA Division I Patriot league teams + Men's Wrestling

45 club and intramural sports

20 religious communities

25 Sororities and Fraternities at AU

250+ student-run clubs and organizations

american.edu/student-affairs/get-involved.cfm

DECISION PLANS **& DEADLINES**

At American University, we understand that navigating the college application process can be both exciting and overwhelming. To provide you with the flexibility that suits your individual circumstances, we offer four decision plans by which first-year applicants can apply for fall enrollment: Early Action, Early Decision I, Early Decision II, and Regular Decision. Additionally, first-year students can also apply to AU for spring enrollment.

Whether you choose to apply Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision, rest assured that your application will be carefully reviewed for merit scholarships. Students who also complete both the CSS Profile and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the appropriate deadlines will also be considered for need-based aid.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	Admissions	CSS Profile & FAFSA	Notification
Early Action	**Nov 1**	**Nov 15**	**Jan 31**
Early Decision	**Nov 1**	**Nov 15**	**Dec 31**
Early Decision II	**Jan 15**	**Feb 1**	**Feb 15**
Regular Decision	**Jan 15**	**Feb 15**	**Apr 1**


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APPLYING **TO AU**

At American University, we believe in a holistic admissions process. You are more than the sum of your grades and test scores, and we want to know about you inside and out of the classroom.

Early Decision vs. Early Action

Early Decision (ED) and Early Action (EA) are both early application options, but they differ significantly in commitment levels. ED is a binding agreement, meaning that if you're accepted, you must attend American University and withdraw all other college applications. It's ideal for students who are certain AU is their top choice.

Early Action, on the other hand, is non-binding, allowing you to apply early and receive your admissions decision earlier. However, you will have until the May 1 deposit deadline to consider all admissions and financial aid awards before deciding where to enroll in the fall. This option gives you the flexibility to consider other offers before making your final decision.

Test Optional

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. If you choose to submit your test scores, you may self-report your test scores on your application for admission.

american.edu/admissions/first-year/

ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

FALL 2025 ADMITTED STUDENTS (MIDDLE 50%)

GPA	3.60–4.06
SAT	1350–1470
ACT	30–33

The SAT and ACT ranges reflect the 42% of applicants who submitted test scores.

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Common Application**
- ☐ **Application Essay**
- ☐ **Resume/Activity Report**
- ☐ **Nonrefundable $75 Application Fee or Fee Waiver**
- ☐ **HS Transcript(s) & Secondary School Report**
- ☐ **One Teacher Recommendation Letter**
- ☐ **SAT and/or ACT Scores (if not test-optional)**
- ☐ **Optional: HS Counselor Recommendation Letter**


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Cost of Attendance 2025-2026

First-Year Students, Living on Campus

TUITION	$60,270
FEES	$1,450
HOUSING	$14,730
FOOD	$6,330
METRO U•PASS	$272
BOOKS & SUPPLIES *	$1,200
TRANSPORTATION *	$702
PERSONAL *	$864
LOAN FEES *	$70
TOTAL	**$85,888**

** Estimated average 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 first-year (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 FAFSA and CSS Profile to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs. Students applying for financial aid must submit both the FAFSA and CSS Profile.

Merit Aid

All AU applicants are automatically considered for merit aid on the basis of their academic achievements. Merit scholarships range from $6,000 to $22,000.

Net Price Calculator

We meet 100 percent of a student's demonstrated need. We invite you to scan this QR code to access our net price calculator to get a better estimate of the actual cost of an AU education:

american.edu/financialaid

FINANCING AN AU EDUCATION

We understand that students and parents have many questions about financing an education in the U.S. A few highlights about scholarships to American University:

- Partial merit scholarships are available to international students, but are highly competitive.

- The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship is awarded to two outstanding international student and covers all billable AU costs. Student must pay approximately U.S.$4,000/year for non-billable mandatory expenses. A separate EGLS application is required in addition to the Common Application.

american.edu/admissions/international/au-egls-apply.cfm

The following websites provide resources on financial planning and advice for prospective and admitted international students.

american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm

american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS **ATTENDING U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS**

APPLYING TO AU

A completed application packet for F-1, J-1 or other non-immigrant visa holders applying from high schools inside the U.S. must include the following:

- Completed Common Application, including essay, CV/resume, U.S.$75 application fee, and optional supplement
- Academic records for 9th–12th grades (includes official copies of original transcripts for all institutions attended inside and outside the United States, with certified English translations if applicable)
- Teacher Recommendation Letter (required)
- H.S. Counselor Recommendation Letter (optional, strongly recommended)
- SAT/ACT scores, unless applying Test Optional
- Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS/PTE/DET)

Applicants who require a student or exchange visitor visa (F or J) must submit to the Office of Admissions the AU Declaration of Finances Form (AU DFF) showing proof of at least US$83,680 for your first year of studies and living expenses. Application packets without the correctly completed AU DFF will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for admission.

An official bank letter, the AU CFIS form completed by applicant and parent, and a copy of the student's passport will be required at a later date if the student is accepted and decides to enroll at AU.

american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm


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THIS IS YOUR **OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE**

We have a number of opportunities for you to connect with us and learn more about American University.

Join us on campus for an information session and tour.
Or attend one of our regional information session.
Can't make it to an in person event? Join us virtually for one of our webinars.

We can't wait to meet you and share all that AU has to offer!

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