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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM



IMAGINE

interning two days a week at BBC News, the National Institutes of Health, or the United States Senate. Or studying abroad and immersing yourself in another culture.

THINK

how these experiences could deepen your understanding of world issues, enrich your studies, and set a path for your future.

CONSIDER

American University's Mentorship Program.

"THE CONNECTIONS YOU MAKE AND THE PLACES YOU VISIT ARE ONCE IN A LIFETIME AND WILL BENEFIT YOU IN YOUR CAREER. IT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO START YOUR AU EXPERIENCE."

—Erika S., Washington Mentorship Program '12

WELCOME TO AU'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

American University's Mentorship Program is an enriching fall semester experience for select students who will begin their degree program in the spring. Along with individualized mentoring by AU professors, classes and internships focus on developing skills and leadership potential to help you succeed in your academic and professional careers. From day one, you begin laying the foundation for your future and building relationships with fellow students and faculty.

We know that you have many options available for the fall semester preceding your spring admission to AU. The Mentorship Program complements your college plan, because you enroll in classes that carry over to spring semester (pending successful completion) so you can graduate on time.



"DO IT! IT IS AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE AND SOMETHING MOST FRESHMEN DON'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO."

—AU alum, Washington Mentorship Program '12

WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Washington Mentorship Program offers a flexible curriculum consisting of five or six courses (13.5–17.5 semester credits). Students with International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement credits can graduate on track with the 13.5-credit option; students without IB or AP credits who prefer the 13.5-credit option and wish to graduate on time can take extra classes in subsequent semesters to meet requirements.

Each student is also expected to complete a field practicum (internship) under mentorship of an AU professor.

Program participants live on campus in a university residence hall. You are welcome to take advantage of all campus resources and participate in student activities.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The following courses are required for Washington Mentorship Program participants:

Intercultural Understanding (3 credits)

Enhance your ability to think critically and creatively about cultural challenges. Learn about intercultural relations and gain perspectives on personal and social responsibility. *Course counts as an AU elective.*

College Writing (3 credits)

Develop essential writing skills for your academic career. *Course fulfills the Written Communication and Information Literacy I requirement.*

Mentored Field Practicum (3 credits)

This course complements your internship. Read and discuss professional articles, write papers, and keep an internship journal. *Course counts as an AU elective.*

The American University Experience (1.5 credits)

The American University Experience (AUx) is a full-year course for students transitioning into their first year of college at AU. You will complete AUx1 in the fall semester. In this course, you will establish short- and long-term goals and build academic skills for college success.

In addition, you will take one or two of the following course options:

Politics in the United States (3 credits)

Explore the workings of the American political system and government. *Course counts as an AU elective and is a requirement for certain majors.*

Math or Statistics (3 or 4 credits)

Enhance your quantitative literacy. Enrollment will be based on course availability and math placement test results. *Math and statistics courses may be applied toward the Quantitative Literacy I requirement.*

Introduction to College Inquiry (3 credits)

Develop questioning, research, and problem-solving skills. In collaboration with peers, you will use the practice of inquiry to examine intellectual endeavors that influence society. *Course counts as an AU elective.*

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Students who enroll in the Washington Mentorship Program must abide by the policies, regulations, and codes relating to student behavior at American University. Any student who violates the Academic Integrity Code or Student Code of Conduct while enrolled in the Mentorship Program will have their spring admission offer reevaluated.

Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to meet the standard for satisfactory academic progress. Your fall semester GPA will be your starting GPA for spring semester.

WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

A sampling of 2018 internship sites

*American Association for Justice
American Foreign Service Association
American News Women's Club
American Psychological Association
Democratic National Committee
DKC
Embassy of Panama
Embassy of Romania
Federal Reserve Board
Men's Health Network
National Park Trust
Organization of American States
Republican National Committee
Shining Red Films
Smithsonian Institution
Teaching for Change
Truman National Security Project
US Senate and Congressional Offices
Washington International Trade Association
World Affairs Council—Washington, DC
Youth for Understanding*

120–150 students

enrolled each fall

approximately

**90% of students land an internship
in first three weeks of semester**

DC INTERNSHIP COUNTDOWN

May 1

Program deposit due.

June–July

*Advising and registration.
Prepare your resume and cover letter with staff.
Access internship database.*

August–September

*Conduct internship search.
Practice mock interviews with program staff.
Attend Internship Fair.
Meet with field practicum faculty mentor (regular meetings scheduled during the semester).*





MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IN ENGLAND

The Mentorship Program in England immerses you in another culture while you study. The curriculum combines AU courses with electives offered by Bath Spa University (BSU). You'll also experience learning beyond the classroom on guided excursions to London and Stonehenge.

Studying abroad is exciting. It can also be challenging. Before you apply to the Mentorship Program in England, think about whether you are ready to start your college career overseas. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- What are your reasons for choosing the Mentorship Program in England to launch your college experience?
- How do you respond to challenging situations?
- How adaptable are you—especially in a new environment and away from home?
- Are you ready to be independent and prepared for apartment living?
- Are you prepared to follow rigorous expectations of conduct?
- While you may use the weekends for travel and exploring, the Mentorship Program is not a vacation. Are you prepared to be a student first and make academics your priority?

"IF YOU LIKE TRAVELING, GO ABROAD. IF YOU LIKE MEETING PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND BACKGROUNDS, GO ABROAD. IF YOU WANT TO BECOME MORE ADVENTUROUS AND STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE, DEFINITELY GO ABROAD."

—Shanaz S., Mentorship Program in England '16

The Mentorship Program in England curriculum consists of six courses (16.5 semester credits): four courses are taught by an AU professor and two are offered directly through Bath Spa University.

Guided field trips to London and Stonehenge allow students to explore cultural and historical sites and make real-world connections with topics of classroom study.

Program participants live together in BSU campus housing, with access to student services and activities. An in-country AU professor is responsible for teaching and mentoring students; an advisor is also on-site to provide counseling on academic performance, conduct and cultural challenges of living abroad, and the transition to spring semester at AU.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The following AU courses are required for the Mentorship Program in England:

Intercultural Understanding (3 credits)

Enhance your ability to think critically and creatively about cultural challenges. Learn about intercultural relations and gain perspectives on personal and social responsibility. The course is exclusively for program students and taught by the in-country AU professor. *Course counts as an AU elective.*

Introduction to College Inquiry (3 credits)

Develop questioning, research, and problem-solving skills. In collaboration with peers, you will use the practice of inquiry to examine intellectual endeavors that influence society. This course is exclusively for program students and taught by the in-country AU professor. *Course counts as an AU elective.*

College Writing (Online - 3 credits)

Develop essential writing skills for your academic career. This course is taught by an AU college writing professor based in DC. *Course fulfills the Written Communication and Information Literacy I requirement.*

The American University Experience (1.5 credits)

The American University Experience (AUx) is a full-year course for students transitioning into their first year of college at AU. You will complete AUx1 in the fall semester. In this course, you will establish short- and long-term goals and build academic skills for college success.

In addition, you will take a BSU economics course and one elective:

BSU Economics and Globalisation (3 credits)

The course is for program students and taught by BSU faculty. *Equivalent to AU ECON-100, this course meets requirements for many majors.*

BSU Elective (3 credits)

Program participants take one elective course with BSU students. The list of course options and AU credit-equivalency information is available at american.edu/spexs/mentorship.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Students who enroll in the Mentorship Program in England must abide by the policies, regulations, and codes relating to student behavior at American University and Bath Spa University. Any student who violates the American University Academic Integrity Code or Student Code of Conduct or the Bath Spa University student policies will have their spring admission offer reevaluated, and they may be removed from the program.

Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to meet the standard for satisfactory academic progress. Your fall semester GPA will be your starting GPA for spring semester.

"IT WAS SUCH AN **AMAZING EXPERIENCE** BEING IN ENGLAND FOR MY FIRST SEMESTER AND EXPERIENCING **ANOTHER CULTURE.**"

—Erica W., Mentorship Program in England '16



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IN ENGLAND AT A GLANCE

25–40 students
at Bath Spa University
with AU professor and staff advisor

CITY OF BATH

Population: 176,000 • College student population: 20,000
*Bath Spa University–Newton Park campus, about four miles outside the city,
is accessible to Bath and Bristol by campus bus.*

GUIDED EXCURSIONS

to London and Stonehenge

While at BSU, students can attend:

*Global Citizen Program—a series of lectures that feature
high profile speakers talking about global and international topics.*

Special Projects and Activities Week—pop-up projects and activities across the University.

SEMESTER ABROAD COUNTDOWN

May 1

Program deposit due.

May–June

Secure passport and visa.

June

Enroll in courses.

Submit paperwork to AU.

Attend conduct meetings with program staff.

July

Receive details about group travel arrangements.

Confirm BSU campus housing.

August

Check in with academic advisor.

Students and parents participate in webinar with program staff.

Students start AU online course.

September

Predeparture information is distributed.

Attend predeparture orientation in DC.

Attend in-country orientation at BSU.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES

Fees for AU's Mentorship Program are equal or similar to those for degree classes at American University. The estimated program fees below are based on fall 2018. Actual costs will be available in April 2019.

The Mentorship Program is designated as nondegree; therefore *financial aid is not available for and may not be applied to this program*. For information about financing options, visit www.american.edu/financialaid/alternative-loans.cfm.

The **American Payment Plan (APP)** is available to Mentorship Program students. An alternative to paying in full at the start of term, the APP divides the fall semester balance into convenient, interest-free monthly payments. For information, call AU Central at 202-885-8000. To set up an online payment plan, visit www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/payment-plan-overview.cfm.

	WASHINGTON, DC	ENGLAND*
Tuition	\$23,820	\$23,820
Tuition insurance	\$235–\$285/semester	\$235–\$285/semester
Housing	\$3,730–\$4,998 (triple/double room)	\$3,975 Students reside in campus flats with kitchen accommodations. The fee above includes a limited plan of one meal per day in the campus cafeteria; students are responsible for all other meals.
Dining	Meal plan: \$2,442–\$3,052	
Metro U•Pass	\$130	N/A
In-country transport, excursions, and campus fees	N/A	\$4,125
Mentorship Program fee	\$80	\$80
Technology fee	\$120	\$120
Student health insurance	\$1,960 (for academic year)	\$1,960 (for academic year)
Sports Center fee	\$65	N/A
ACE emergency travel insurance	N/A	\$85
Miscellaneous	Expenses vary per student and program. A cost sheet with estimated expenses for each program will be available in April 2019.	

* Students are responsible for cost of travel to and from England (departure and arrival through Washington, DC), visa and passport fees, textbooks, nonprogram travel expenses, and other personal expenses.



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ACCEPTANCE
AND DEPOSIT
DEADLINE

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MAY 1

GETTING TO YES!

Before you accept your offer to join the fall 2019 Mentorship Program, you must accept AU's offer of admission for spring 2020 by May 1, 2019.

If you do not plan to participate in the Mentorship Program, you are still invited to join AU in January 2020. To accept your offer of admission, follow these steps:

1. Create your Admitted Student Portal (even if you already have a Prospective Student Portal), which gives you secure access to online resources at AU:

- Go to myAU.american.edu.
- Select **Create your account**.
- Select **I am a student** and follow instructions to enter required information.

2. Complete the Enrollment Agreement and Housing Deposit:

- Go to myAU.american.edu.
- Double-click on the **Academics** tab on the left side.
- Under **Personalized Links**, select **Enrollment Agreement and Housing Deposit**.
- Complete the form and submit with \$400 tuition and \$200 housing deposits (via credit card or e-check) by May 1, 2019.

Please note that the \$400 tuition and \$200 housing deposits will be applied toward your spring 2020 tuition and housing fees.

3. Specify Mentorship Program:

You will receive a request to select your Mentorship Program (DC or England). If you plan to participate in the fall 2019 Mentorship Program, indicate that option on the Enrollment Agreement. After you select the Mentorship Program, you will receive an email to select a Mentorship Program option (DC or England). If you select the Mentorship Program in England, you must submit an additional \$1,500 deposit by May 1, 2019.



AU'S OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO
NEW EAGLE DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
4400 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20016

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