THE FUTURE STARTS AT AU
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.”
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.

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 4,000 trees—AU’s campus is a designated arboretum.

50% OF AU’S ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED BY 2,500 SOLAR PANELS ACROSS CAMPUS

10 LEED-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS, FEATURING ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCIES
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/master's programs, the opportunities for your academic career are endless.

**SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

AU also has several special academic programs, which require an additional, separate application. The priority deadline is December 15.

**THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS**

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

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS**

- 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.

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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 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.

Credit by Exam

AU will accept a maximum of 30 credit hours from one or a combination of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate, CLEP subject examinations, or other AU-approved test credit. All exams for test credit must be completed prior to AU matriculation.

Advanced credit exams may not be used to satisfy AU Core requirements. Advanced credit exams may still be applied toward the major or minor, or as elective credit.
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**

**Entrepreneurship Incubator**

**Educational Enhancement Fund**

**Peace and Violence Research Lab**

**Provost Research Funding**

**Public Affairs and Policy Lab**

**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.**

**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.**
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.

60% OF STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE THEY GRADUATE

AU ABROAD
ABROAD PROGRAMS: 125
COUNTRIES: 40
CONTINENTS: 6

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Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Czech Republic
Denmark
Ecuador
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Lavisa
Mexico
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Russia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tanzania
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
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 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
COUNSELING CENTER
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
HEALTH PROMOTION & ADVOCACY CENTER
KAY SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

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.
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.

The true beauty of our campus is not found in our buildings or landscaping, but in our student body. Our 14,001 students—7,953 undergraduates and 6,048 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.

11 RESIDENCE HALLS ON CAMPUS
16 DINING LOCATIONS CATER TO EVERY DIETARY NEED

32% STUDENTS OF COLOR
50 STATES REPRESENTED
122 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
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. We offer a number of options to apply to AU.

**EARLY DECISION**

If 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.

**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? 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.

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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 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. Additional scholarships that do require separate applications or processes include:

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

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 or Coalition 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)
- Two academic letters of recommendation
- SAT/ACT scores, unless applying Test Optional
- Proof of English Proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS/PTE/DE相通) Students who need a F-1 or J-1 visa to study in the U.S. are also required to provide the following:

- Bank letter showing at least U.S.$70,464 (or equivalent)
- AU Certification of Finances (CFIS) form confirming at least U.S.$70,464 or equivalent
- Copy of passport information page

Financial documents showing less than U.S.$70,464 will not be accepted. All financial documents must be dated within the past three months. The International Admissions Office must receive all materials by the application deadline before applications can be reviewed.

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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 only one 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 or Coalition application.

THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES PROVIDE RESOURCES ON FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE AND ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

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COST OF ATTENDANCE
Undergraduates On or Off Campus
TUITION $50,942
FEES $520
AVERAGE ROOM $10,096
AVERAGE BOARD $5,054
BOOKS * $800
TRANSPORTATION * $728
METRO U-PASS $272
PERSONAL * $500
LOAN FEES $80
TOTAL $68,592
Cost shown are for the 2021–22 academic year.
* Estimated costs
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.

VISITS & EVENTS

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SIGN-UP & STAY CONNECTED

We encourage you to complete our inquiry form to stay connected and informed about all that American University has to offer.