

THE
FUTURE
STARTS
AT
AU



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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.**”



Washington, DC is our home

laboratory.

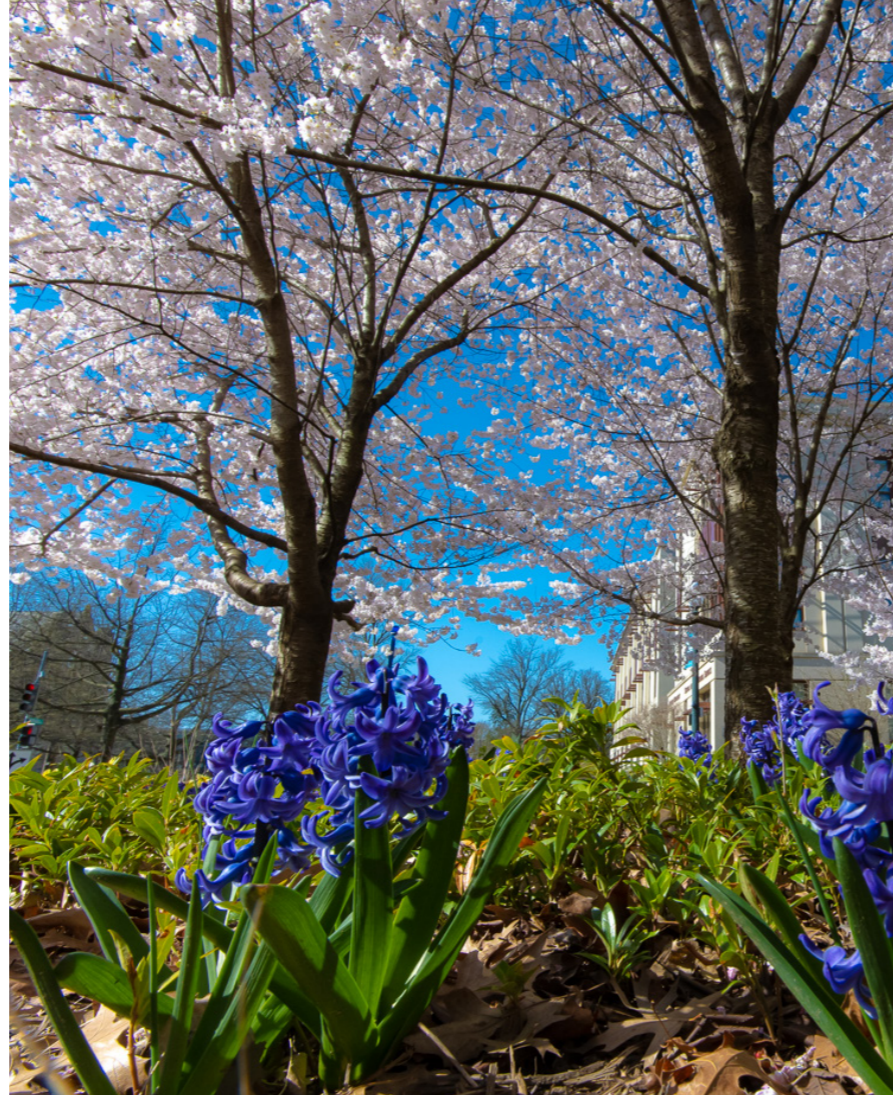
classroom.

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 4,000 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 ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED BY 2,500 SOLAR PANELS ACROSS CAMPUS

10 LEED-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS, FEATURING ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCIES

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 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

AU HONORS

**COMMUNITY-BASED
RESEARCH 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.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/FIRST-YEAR/](https://american.edu/admissions/first-year/)

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
Computational Science
Computer Science
Dance
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
Russian
Spanish
Swahili

KOGOD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting
Business Administration
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Information Systems & Technology
International Business
Management
Marketing
Business and Entertainment
Business, Language, and Culture

Language tracks:
Arabic
French
German

Russian
Spanish

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

[AMERICAN.EDU/PROGRAMS.CFM](https://american.edu/programs/cfm)

THIS IS WHERE CHANGE BEGINS

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.

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

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.



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

ENTREPRENUERSHIP INCUBATOR

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.

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

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.

60%

OF STUDENTS STUDY
ABROAD AT LEAST
ONCE BEFORE THEY
GRADUATE



AU ABROAD

ABROAD PROGRAMS 125
COUNTRIES 40
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PROGRAM LOCATIONS

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

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 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

COUNSELING CENTER

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

HEALTH PROMOTION & ADVOCACY 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

29 SORORITIES AND
FRATERNITIES
AT AU

150 STUDENT-RUN
CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

20 RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITIES

AMERICAN.EDU/UNIVERSITYLIFE

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/OCL/HOUSING](https://american.edu/ocl/housing)
[AMERICAN.EDU/OCL/ONECARDDINING](https://american.edu/ocl/onecarddining)



AWAY FROM HOME

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.

32% STUDENTS
OF COLOR

50 STATES
REPRESENTED

122 COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

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. 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.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/FIRST-YEAR/](https://american.edu/admissions/first-year/)



ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

FALL 2021 ADMITTED STUDENTS (MIDDLE 50%)

GPA 3.63–4.15

SAT 1310–1460

ACT 29–33

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

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	\$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

Costs shown are for the 2021–22 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 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

[AMERICAN.EDU/FINANCIALAID](https://american.edu/financialaid)

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/DET)

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.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONS.CFM](https://american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm)

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.

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/AU-EGLS-APPLY.CFM](https://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](https://american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm)

[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/INTERNATIONAL/ADMITTED-FINANCE.CFM](https://american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm)



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

AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/EXPERIENCE-AU/

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.




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