



SCHOLARS

Live, Learn, Research

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The AU Scholars Program is a selective, two-year, living-learning community that fosters innovating thinking, critical inquiry, and problem solving through transformative research experiences and other scholarly activities.

A word cloud of research-related terms on a dark blue background with light blue cloud shapes. The words are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The largest word is 'investigation' in light blue. Other prominent words include 'discover' in yellow, 'research' in dark blue, 'knowledge' in green, 'theories' in orange, 'study' in white, 'facts' in light blue, 'new' in red, 'systematic' in orange, 'careful' in pink, 'diligent' in green, 'revise' in purple, 'increase' in orange, 'laws' in green, 'application' in white, and 'inquiry' in white.

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AU Scholars Program

cohort of high-achieving students

two year, living-learning community

exclusive seminars (classes)

strong teachers & mentors

transformative research experiences

exclusive scholarly activities

	Year 1	Year 2
Fall	First Year Scholar Seminar* (3 credit hours)	Sophomore Scholar Seminar* (3 credit hours)
	Experiential & Research Lab (1 credit hour)	
	Professional Development and Research Workshops	
Spring	Spring Research Experience (1 credit hour)	Wicked Problem Challenge (w/ faculty advisor)

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**U.S. Law & Legal
Systems**

Experiential & Research Labs

- ✓ explore DC
- ✓ acquire research skills (support from library)
- ✓ engage in interdisciplinary activities



Spring Research Experience



faculty-led research experience (1 ch)

PRESENTATIONS

- 10:00 – 10:20 - Hybrid Cats // Ward 101
- A Good Age to Start Drinking // Ward 105
- Children, Crime and Punishment: Case Studies // Ward 106
- Oral History for Scholars // Ward 114
- Gendered Eating & Vegetarianism Across Cultures // Ward 5
- 10:25 – 10:45 - Introduction to Eaglecaching // Ward 101
- In Good Spirits: The Implications and Benefits of Lowering the Drinking Age // Ward 105
- Children, Crime and Punishment: Case Studies // Ward 106
- Education about Contentious Topics: Building Identity through Teaching about the Civil Rights Movement in Northern Ireland // Ward 107
- Oral History for Scholars // Ward 114
- Selling Vegetarian & Protecting Farm Animals // Ward 5
- The Ephemeral Flower & Guatemala: The Face of Reality // Ward 6
- 10:50 – 11:10 - Eaglecaching // Amphitheater
- The Intended And Unintended Consequences of the Minimum Drinking Age // Ward 105
- Movement in Northern Ireland // Ward 107
- Twitter Analysis of New Film Releases // Ward 114
- The Ethics of Invasive Species Control & Alternatives to Animal Testing // Ward 5
- The Dichotomy of Liberty & Wanderlust // Ward 6
- DC Employment Justice Research Project: Methods and Design // Ward 106
- 11:15 – 11:35 - Ecotourism Film Festival #2 // Ward 6
- Eaglecaching // Ward 101
- Business Freedom and Peace in Sub Saharan Africa & Microfinance in Rwanda // Ward 105
- DC Employment Justice Research Project: Findings // Ward 106
- Distortions of Reality // Ward 107
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- Third Culture Kids (TCKs) at AU // Ward 5
- Instant Trip: Importing Authentic Culture & New York Imaginaries // Ward 6
- 11:35 – 11:50 BREAK
- 11:50 – 12:10 - Moving Immigrant Families out of Homelessness // Ward 106
- Let's Take Nine Shots and Call it a Night: A Cultural Comparison of Binge Drinking in Four Nations // Ward 101
- Sex, Escape and Authenticity: The Intersections of Hipsters and Tourism // Ward 6
- Profits over Policy: Recent Russian Foreign Affairs and Gazprom // Ward 105
- The Fight against Animal Cruelty & Animals in the Court of Law // Ward 107
- 12:15 – 12:35 - College Campuses in England vs the USA // Ward 101
- Surveying Wild and Endangered Cats // Ward 105
- Moving Immigrant Families out of Homelessness // Ward 106
- Humanely Raised: Myth or Truth? // Ward 107
- Amish Paradox: An "Isolated Community" Dependent on Outsiders // Ward 6

Wicked Problem Challenge

examine a societally important problem, and
identify and act on a key leverage point



Exclusive Scholar Activities

- ✓ Fall Orientation
- ✓ Peer Mentors
- ✓ Research Workshops & Symposium
- ✓ Professional Development Trainings
- ✓ Special Events



AUS Events

08/27 South Campus Pizza Party

08/28 AU Night at Nationals Park

08/30 AU Scholars Orientation

10/03 LLC New York City Trip

12/06 LLC Holiday Party

Jan 2016 Research Bootcamp

Mar 2016 LLC Spring Event

Apr 2016 AU Scholars Research Symposium

Benefits

- ✓ small classes
- ✓ faculty mentors
- ✓ research skills
- ✓ distinctive record of accomplishments



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