

WELCOME WEEK 2012

DAILY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Move-In Begins

9:00 a.m.
Residence Halls

Bring your driver's license or your AU ID to the front desk of your residence hall to check in and get your room key. Public Safety officers will be on hand to provide you with a move-in parking pass. You may park in front of your residence hall for 30 minutes to unload your car. Then you'll need to move your car to the Nebraska Avenue Parking Lot across from main campus.

Use Your EagleBucks Today

You may use your EagleBucks to eat in the Terrace Dining Room (TDR), located in the Mary Graydon Center; at any on-campus food vendor; and at many off-campus locations. Meal plans are in effect starting with dinner on Sunday, August 19.

International Student English Proficiency Test (Optional)

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
School of International Service Building, Room 120
All international students whose native language is not English are encouraged to take AU's English Proficiency Test. Your results will help us support your academic success at AU. Questions? Contact International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at x3350 or perla@american.edu.

International Student Orientation Check-In for Undergraduate and Graduate International Students

2:00 pm
Ward Circle Building Lobby
Learn about immigration rights and responsibilities, become familiar with the U.S. academic system, and meet your new international classmates and people on campus here to support you. Questions? Contact International Student and Scholar Services at x3350, or visit american.edu/ocli/iss. (Please note that there are separate orientations for the Washington Semester Program, Abroad at AU, and Washington College of Law.)

Parent and Family Reception and Q & A

3:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Room 200
Join us for light refreshments and meet other parents of first-year students. Representatives from Housing and Dining Programs, the Office of Information Technology, and the Office of the Dean of Students will be on hand to answer questions about meal plans, housing, and technology.

Mandatory Floor Meetings

10:00 p.m.
Your floor
Join fellow new students on your floor and your resident assistant (RA) to review details about living on campus. Required for all residents who have moved in as of this date.

Late-Night Breakfast

10:30 p.m.-Midnight
Terrace Dining Room
Join Clawed on the red carpet after a day of moving in. Come enjoy a great late night breakfast in TDR. There will be free food, of course, and you might get to meet our surprise dignitary!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

University College Opening Reception

3:00-4:00 p.m.
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain Site: University Club)
University College (UC) students and their parents are invited to the launch of the 2012 University College program. Join us for refreshments, welcome remarks, and the opportunity to meet professors, other UC students, and the program associate assigned to your seminar.

University College Orientation

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Friedheim Quad
University College students will have an opportunity to interact with students in other UC seminars through a series of orientation activities.

Meal Plans Begin with Dinner

Terrace Dining Room
This is the first day that you can use your new AU meal plan in TDR.

Karaoke Coffee House

9:00-11:00 p.m.
Tavern
Join people from all around campus for activities, food, games, karaoke, and more. Come with your new roommate, meet up with friends, or just swing by to see who's hanging out.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Eagle Summit: First-Year Fundamentals Check-In

8:00-9:00 a.m.
Bender Arena Lobby
If you are a first-year student who did not attend one of the summer orientation programs, this program will help you prepare for the coming semester. You will have the opportunity to meet other new students, get your AU student ID, meet with your academic advisor, confirm your class schedule, purchase books, and more. If you haven't yet registered but are planning to attend, please contact New Student Programs at x3303.

Parent and Family Eagle Summit Check-In

8:00-9:00 a.m.
Bender Arena Lobby
This program is open only to parents and family members of first-year students who have pre-registered but did not attend a parent and family orientation over the summer.

Bender Bingo

9:30 p.m.-Midnight
Bender Arena
B4...I!8...N41...BINGO! Did you forget to bring your flat screen TV from home? Or do you need a few gift cards for dinner? Come try your luck at winning these prizes at Bender Bingo. With prizes, entertainment, and you, this is sure to be one bingo game that will make your grandparents jealous.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Eagle Summit: First-Year Fundamentals Continues

All Day
Various Locations

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Welcome Week Program Check-In

11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center Lobby
Participating in the Freshman Service Experience, Discover DC, or one of the other 10 Welcome Week programs? Come by the Welcome Week Check-In to pick up your materials, get important information about kick-off events, and ask any questions you may have.

Abroad at AU Orientation

1:00-5:00 p.m.
Butler Boardroom
This orientation is mandatory for all fall 2012 and academic year 2012-13 Abroad at AU students.

International Student Health Insurance

1-to-1 Hour
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Student Health Center, McCabe Hall
Speak privately with a health insurance professional from the Student Health Center about health insurance coverage. For more information, contact ISSS at x3350.

Kay Spiritual Life Center Open House

8:00-10:00 p.m.
Kay Spiritual Life Center Lounge (Lower Level)
Join us for a fun introduction to AU's many faith-based communities. You'll have a chance to meet some university chaplains and students from the Interfaith Council. Refreshments will be served.

DC Improv

10:00-11:30 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Tavern
What do lamps, gumballs, and calculators have in common? We don't know either, but come see the DC Improv troupe make a go of stringing them together. Launched in 1992, the troupe showcased newcomers Ellen DeGeneres, Dave Chappelle, and Brian Regan, and today continues to feature the best comedic talent in the business.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Eagle Summit: Transfer Orientation

8:00-9:15 a.m.
Ward Circle Building Lobby
If you are a transfer student who did not attend a summer orientation, this program will help you prepare for the coming semester. You will meet other new students, get your AU student ID, meet with your academic advisor, confirm your class schedule, purchase your books, and more. If you haven't yet registered but are planning to attend, please contact New Student Programs at x3303.

Abroad at AU Orientation

1:00-5:00 p.m.
Butler Boardroom
This orientation is mandatory for fall 2012 and academic year 2012-13 Abroad at AU students.

Quad after Dark

8:30-11:30 p.m.
Friedheim Quad
Enjoy this late summer evening when the quad is transformed into a carnival with inflatables, games, prizes, treats, and more.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Abroad at AU and Discover DC Day

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
This optional orientation event is geared toward fall 2012 and academic year 2012-13 Abroad at AU students. Groups of students will tour areas of D.C., followed by a reception for registered participants.

Pick Your Flick Movie Night

9:30 p.m.-Midnight
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain Site: Tavern)
An annual tradition! You chose the movie—now join us for the 2012 Pick Your Flick winner. Enjoy free popcorn, candy, and refreshments and chances to win prizes. Make sure to bring a blanket to sit on.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

New First-Year Students Assemble for Opening Convocation

10:00 a.m.
Friedheim Quad (rain or shine)
The incoming class will line up on the quad for the convocation procession. Refreshments will be provided by the American University Alumni Association and the official Class of 2016 T-shirt will be distributed. Wearing your new T-shirt and led by bagpipers, proceed to Bender Arena through Glover Gate at 10:30 a.m. Your passage through the gate marks the beginning of your AU academic journey.

Incoming Transfer Students Assemble for Opening Convocation

10:00 a.m.
Battelle-Tompkins Atrium
Transfer students will gather first in the Battelle-Tompkins Atrium for the traditional convocation festivities, including refreshments and opportunities to meet other transfer students. A limited number of Class of 2013 baseball caps and 2014 and 2015 T-shirts will be available. Transfers will wear their new caps or T-shirts and join the procession on the quad to Bender Arena through the Glover Gate at approximately 10:30 a.m. Your AU academic journey begins with your passage through the Glover Gate and cheers from faculty and staff waiting in Bender Arena.

Opening Convocation

11:00 a.m. (Faculty and staff gather at 10:30 a.m.)
Bender Arena
You are invited to join President Neil Kerwin, the administration, faculty, and staff as we open the academic year and formally welcome the Class of 2016. Highlights of the ceremony include remarks by President Kerwin, Student Government president Emily Yu, and Scholar-Teacher of the Year Richard Sha. Faculty and staff are asked to gather in Bender Lobby at approximately 10:30 a.m. to greet the students as they enter the arena.

Library Treasure Hunt

1:00-4:00 p.m.
University Library
Ahoy there! Join the library treasure hunt and get pirate booty for yourself and your shipmates.

School and College Events

2:00-5:00 p.m.
Join staff and faculty from your school or college to start the academic year off right.

Kogod Academic Welcome and Kogod Kick-Off

2:00 p.m.
Kay Spiritual Life Center
Attention new Kogod students: join us for an afternoon of activities starting with an alumni speaker and a welcome from faculty and staff. Meet student club leaders, peer mentors, Business 10 TAs, and staff while engaging in team-building activities and competing in a business case study. Stay cool with Rita's Ice and pick up some Kogod gear.

Meet Your School of Communication Student Ambassador Mentor and SOC Academic Welcome

2:00 p.m.
Friedheim Quad, in front of Mary Graydon Center (Rain Site: Mary Graydon Center, First Floor Lobby/ Front Steps)
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Media Production Center, TV Studio
At 2:00 p.m., meet with your SOC student ambassador mentor to learn more about life as an SOC student. At 3:00 p.m., head to the Media Production Center for the SOC Academic Welcome. Join other students, faculty, and staff for free ice cream treats. Get to know COMM-100 faculty and student club leaders, win prizes, and get your 2012-13 academic catalog.

College of Arts and Sciences Academic Welcome

2:00 p.m.
Katzen Arts Center, Rotunda
Dean Starr and the advising team and peer advisors welcome you to join them for an afternoon of games and refreshments.

School of Public Affairs Academic Welcome

2:00 p.m.
Ward Circle Building, Room 2
Dean Barbara Romzek welcomes new students to the School of Public Affairs. Join fellow classmates, faculty, and staff afterward for an ice cream social in Ward Lobby.

School of International Service Academic Welcome

3:30 p.m.
School of International Service Building Atrium
Join Dean James Goldgeier and SIS students, faculty, and staff for his inaugural address. Meet other new SIS faculty and celebrate the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. Don't forget to enjoy the traditional SIS cookies and lemonade!

All-American BBQ and AU Volleyball's

Sixth Annual Bender Blue Out
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Friedheim Quad (Rain Site: TDR, Tavern, and Marketplace)
Meet President Kerwin and hang out with other students on the quad. Use your meal plan to swipe in. If you don't have a meal plan, purchase one then. Don't miss the Sixth Annual Bender Blue Out volleyball match in Bender Arena. The 10-time Patriot League champion AU Eagles host rival Georgetown University in the first stop of the 2012-13 Phil Bender World Tour. This is your chance to pick up your free official AU Blue Crew T-shirt and membership ID card, enjoy free soft drinks and smoothies from Robeks, and win great prizes. Do your part to help break last year's NCAA DC record crowd of 2,122 fans!

AU Showcase

9:00 p.m.-Midnight
Mary Graydon Center, Tavern
Get to know our performing arts organizations through a night of fun and laughter, then learn how to get involved.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Honors 101 Kick-Off

1:00-5:00 p.m.
Ward Circle Building, Room 1
The session will introduce new Honors freshmen to their Honors 101 groups, upperclass student mentors, and Honors staff and will serve as an orientation to the University Honors Program.

SUB Concert featuring . . .

9:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, Tavern
The Student Government's Student Union Board will present its first show of the semester. Visit ausg.org and the SUB Facebook page for information and announcement of the artist.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

KPU Presents Capitol Steps

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain Site: Bender Arena, 8:00 p.m.)
This political satire group, made up of current and former congressional staffers, will have you laughing until you cry, as they poke fun at everything Washington. Join us for this annual tradition. Sponsored by Student Activities, the Student Government's Kennedy Political Union, and New Student Programs.

Mandatory Floor Meetings

Various Times
Your floor
Join fellow students on your floor and your RA to review details about living on campus. Required for all residents.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Classes Begin

Celebrate AU!

2:00-4:00 p.m.
Friedheim Quad (Rain Date: August 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Join President Kerwin and the campus community to celebrate the new academic year. This tradition of campus spirit will provide an opportunity to greet new colleagues, meet other students, and catch up with old friends. Enjoy music, hot dogs, ice cream, and more. Sponsored by the Office of the President.

AU Traditions: Mining the Archives

3:30-4:30 p.m.
Bender Library, Training and Events Room
Join University Archivist Susan McElrath for an illustrated presentation on campus traditions at AU, including Campus Beautification Day, Founders' Day, freshman rituals, and May Day. Light refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Student Involvement Fair

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Friedheim Quad (Rain Date: September 19)
Check out the more than 200 different ways to get involved at AU. Meet leaders of student clubs and organizations, as well as of various campus departments, while enjoying free, freshly made kettle corn. Sponsored by Student Activities.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 18, 19, AND 22

RHA Lemonade and Cookies
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Lobbies of Anderson, Congressional, Hughes, and Letts Halls
Move-in can be hot and tiring! Come meet representatives from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and relax as you enjoy cookies and lemonade at any of the above locations.

AUGUST 18-23

Information Booths
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Letts-Anderson Quad and Hughes Hall
Have a question? Speak to staff at one of our two information booths. Helpful, friendly AU students, staff, and faculty will be available to assist you with directions, answer questions, or just provide a conversation break.

AUGUST 18-31

Tech Fair 2012
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Weekdays
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Weekends
Bender Library, First Floor
Stop by to have your laptop configured for AU's wired and wireless networks, ask tech questions, request assistance, or attend a demonstration. Does your computer need troubleshooting? While our experts fix the problem, you can try out the do-it-yourself version of the library treasure hunt. Please bring your laptop and power cord.

If you have questions about access or need to request sign language interpreters, please contact Disability Support Services by email at dss@american.edu or by phone at 202.885.3315.



AUGUST 21-23

FRESHMAN SERVICE EXPERIENCE (FSE)
Ideas into Action . . . Action into Service! Students registered for FSE should plan to participate in the following activities.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Opening Ceremony
4:00 p.m.
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain Site: Mary Graydon Center, Tavern)
Team meetings, dinner, and team events follow the ceremony.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Off-Campus Community Service
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
FSE Evening Programming
7:00 p.m. (Locations in the FSE brochure)
Events include the Faces of Homelessness Panel and a poetry slam and other cultural performances. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Off-Campus Community Service
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremony
7:00 p.m.
Bender Arena

AUGUST 21-23

DISCOVER DC
Students registered for Discover DC should plan to participate in the following activities. Get out there and discover the city!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Opening Ceremony
6:30 p.m.
Woods-Brown Amphitheater (Rain Site: Ward Circle Building, Rooms 1 and 2)
Dinner, activities, and a tour follow the ceremony.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

D.C. Neighborhood Visits
All Day
Evening Event and Discussion
7:00 p.m.
Locations on the DDC Schedule
Panel and a poetry slam and other cultural performances. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

D.C. Neighborhood Visits
All Day
Closing Ceremony
6:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center, University Club

AUGUST 22-24 AND AUGUST 27

Working at AU: Getting Your Hiring Paperwork Done
Noon-2:00 p.m.
Mary Graydon Center
Wednesday, August 22 Room 245
Thursday, August 23 Room 245
Friday, August 24 Room 244
Monday, August 27 Room 247

If you have been offered a part-time job with an AU department, you will need to complete hiring paperwork. Human Resources staff members will be available to help you through the process. If you are still looking for a job, please visit american.edu/studentjobs.

AUGUST 27-30

Poster Sale
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friedheim Quad
Walls looking a little bare? Come peruse hundreds of posters and you'll be sure to find something you love!

For the most current list of American University's Welcome Week activities,

VISIT AMERICAN.EDU/WELCOMEWEEK.