The mission of the Office of Campus Life is to integrate students into a diverse university community; promote their intellectual, social, and spiritual development; and, in collaboration with the faculty, prepare students for lifelong learning and global citizenship.

VICE PRESIDENT OF CAMPUS LIFE
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The Office of the Vice President is responsible for the oversight of fifteen departments and the development and implementation of policies and procedures that shape and guide student life. As a member of the President's Cabinet, the vice president represents the interests and needs of students in institutional planning and the administration of university policies and programs. The vice president works closely with student leaders to assure that the services and programs of the Office of Campus Life meet the needs of the student body. The vice president is also responsible for the work of university project teams that oversee dining services, international campus life, multicultural initiatives, new student orientation, the University Center and wellness programs. Two assistant vice presidents provide direct supervision to the departments that promote student learning and development and to the departments that support intercultural programs and services, respectively.

DEAN OF STUDENTS
Butler 408, x3300
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The Office of the Dean of Students supports student learning through programs and services that promote growth and development, communicate the values and standards of the AU community, and advocate for students’ needs. The deans help students with personal challenges such as hospitalization, injury, extended illness, family problems or mental health concerns that affect one’s academic success and make referrals to campus resources to support academic and personal success. In addition, the office publishes Eagle News, an online newsletter for parents of first-year students with information on important developmental milestones, campus events and upcoming deadlines.
The programs and services of Campus Life are provided through these offices:

**Academic Support Center**
*Mary Graydon Center 243, x3360*
[www.american.edu/ocl/asc](http://www.american.edu/ocl/asc)
*Kathy Schwartz, M.A., Director*

The Academic Support Center (ASC) helps students achieve their full academic potential. Writing skills, time management, speed reading, note taking, study tips, exam skills, and textbook strategies are some of the instructional areas addressed through individual appointments, workshops, and study skills materials. Support services and help with accommodations are available for students with learning disabilities and ADHD. Supplemental Instruction is offered in selected courses as well as referrals for peer tutors. Special services are provided for international students, student-athletes, and freshmen in the Learning Services Program. Services are provided free of charge, except for specific program fees and modest fees for peer tutors.

**Center for Community Engagement and Service**
*Mary Graydon Center 273, 885-SERV (x7378)*
[www.american.edu/ocl/volunteer](http://www.american.edu/ocl/volunteer)
*Marcy Fink Campos, Ed.S., Director*

The Community Service Center (CSC) offers a variety of programs and resources to connect students to volunteer and service-learning opportunities in the Washington, DC community and beyond. The CSC provides information about organizations in need of volunteers, getting started and organizing service projects. Programs include the Freshman Service Experience (FSE), DC Reads tutoring, the Community Service-Learning Program (CSLP), the Eagle Endowment for Public & Community Service, and the Alternative Break Program.

**Counseling Center**
*Mary Graydon Center 214, x3500*
[www.american.edu/ocl/counseling](http://www.american.edu/ocl/counseling)
*Wanda Collins, Ph.D., Director*

The Counseling Center offers individual and group counseling, workshops, referrals, self-help materials, and classes and workshops on topics related to psychological well-being (e.g., stress and anxiety, culture shock/adjustment, depression, eating and body-image concerns, alcohol and drug use, etc.). Students come to the Counseling Center for help in understanding their own and others’ feelings and behaviors, solving personal and interpersonal problems, and getting connected with local services not available on campus. The Counseling Center also provides confidential consultations to faculty and staff. The staff of the Counseling Center includes psychologists, social workers, and graduate-level trainees. Counseling services are confidential in accordance with professional and legal standards and are free of charge.

**Disability Support Services**
*Mary Graydon Center 206, x3315 (V/TDD)*
[www.american.edu/ocl/dss](http://www.american.edu/ocl/dss)
*Joanne Benica, M.S., Director*

Disability Support Services works to ensure that persons with physical or psychological disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in academic programs and campus activities. The office also provides consultation and in-service training for faculty, staff, and students, with the overall goal of ensuring a campus environment that is welcoming to individuals with disabilities.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender & Ally Resource Center (GLBTA)**
*Mary Graydon Center 201, x3347*
[www.american.edu/ocl/glhta](http://www.american.edu/ocl/glhta)
*Sara Bendoraitis, M.S., Director*

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Resource Center works to strengthen and sustain an inclusive campus community that welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities by providing support, educational resources, and advocacy. The Resource Center houses a library of books and magazines, hosts events and speakers, and regularly conducts educational training. All programs are open to all members of the American University community.
Housing and Dining Programs
Anderson Hall, x3370
www.american.edu/ocl/housing

Chris Moody, M.A., Assistant Vice President of Housing and Dining Services
Rick Treter, M.S., Director of Residence Life

Housing and Dining Programs is responsible for daily operations in the residence halls and university apartments, as well as the management of the professional and student staff. The staff works to provide a safe and comfortable living environment characterized by respect for individual rights and personal responsibility. The Housing and Dining Programs staff is committed to maintaining an environment that fosters intellectual, social, and emotional growth. Housing and Dining Programs also manages the Eagle Bucks program and Student Meal Plans.

International Student and Scholar Services
Butler Pavilion 410, x3340, x3350
www.american.edu/ocl/iss

Fanta Aw, Ph.D., Director

International Student and Scholar Services provide cross-cultural advising and programming for all members of the university community, in addition to specialized immigration services for foreign students and exchange visitors. It administers the F-1 Non-Immigrant Academic and Language Student Programs and the J-1 Exchange Visitors Program (i.e., students, scholars, professors, researchers, and similar persons coming to the university for temporary periods for the purpose of education exchange).

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Services
Butler Pavilion 408, x3328
http://www.american.edu/ocl/scrs

Rosie McSweeney, MSW, MA, Director

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Services oversees the work of the student judicial system, which adjudicates violations of the Student Conduct Code through disciplinary conferences and hearings before the Conduct Council. The Conduct Council is a community review board composed of students, faculty, and staff members. AU Mediation Services (AUMS) teaches alternative conflict resolution and management skills. Mediation helps individuals and groups to understand the causes of conflict and their respective roles in the conflict. It also provides a model for problem solving and communication that will benefit participants in the future.

Kay Spiritual Life Center
Kay Center, x3320
www.american.edu/ocl/kay

Rev. Joe Eldridge, D. Min.
University Chaplain

The Kay Spiritual Life Center is home to a rich array of faith communities and fosters a climate of interfaith understanding and cooperation. It serves as a crossroads where people of conscience and spirit find a place for their questions and life struggles. Chaplains from diverse faith traditions provide opportunities for prayer and worship, and are available to students, faculty, and staff for programming, counseling, and guidance on issues of faith and ethics. The center also schedules programs designed to explore the moral and ethical dimensions of current social, economic and political issues affecting the nation and the world.

Multicultural Affairs
Mary Graydon Center 204, x3651
www.american.edu/ocl/ma

Tiffany Speaks, M.A., Director

Multicultural Affairs advocates for an inclusive campus environment that values a pluralistic perspective. The staff collaborates with all segments of the university to provide academic support for ethnic minority students and educational programming and resources for all. The staff provides counseling and tutoring services to African, Asian/Pacific, Hispanic and Native American students, and Frederick Douglass Scholars; advises ethnic and cultural clubs; coordinates the High School/College Internship Program (HI/SCIP), the Multicultural Mentoring Program (MMP), and the Summer Transition Enrichment Program (STEP); and promotes diverse cultural interests through lectures, seminars, historical tours, receptions, award ceremonies, and festival events.
New Student Programs
Butler Pavilion 407, x3303, x3374
www.american.edu/ocl/orientation
Tiffany Sanchez, M.A., Director

New Student Programs designs and coordinates programs for first-year, transfer, and graduate students and works with International Student and Scholar Services to plan a fall orientation program for international and domestic freshmen unable to attend the university’s summer orientation programs. Through summer, fall, and spring programs, the staff assists new students in their transition to the American University community. The staff also works with other campus offices to coordinate Welcome Week, Family Weekend, and other programs that enhance the quality of life for all AU students.

Student Activities
Mary Graydon Center 271, x3390
www.american.edu/ocl/activities
Karen Gerlach, Ph.D., Director

The Student Activities staff serves as advisors, mentors, and facilitators to student leaders and members of more than 180 registered clubs and organizations, student government and student media organizations. Student Activities' main goals are to provide information on campus involvement and to empower students with the tools they need to be successful student leaders. Experience DC excursions, leadership training workshops and Welcome Week evening programs are just a few of the initiatives in which Student Activities is involved. Student Activities prepares students for life-long learning and global citizenship by promoting and supporting campus activities that appeal to a diverse community.

Student Health Center
McCabe Hall, First Floor, x3380
www.american.edu/healthcenter
Daniel Bruey, M.B.A., Director

The Student Health Center staff provides outpatient medical care, including treatment of minor emergencies, acute illness, routine and annual gynecological care, and the administration of immunizations and allergy injections. Professional and peer health educators offer programs to teach students how to achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles. The SHC oversees compliance with the District of Columbia law that requires all students under age 26, attending schools in the District, to provide proof of having had appropriate immunizations. The Student Health Center coordinates the administration of the Student Health Insurance Plan and the Tuition Refund Insurance Plan.

Wellness Center
McCabe Office, x3276
www.american.edu/ocl/dos/Wellness-Center.cfm
Michelle Espinosa, M.Ed., Associate Dean of Students

The Wellness Center provides health education resources and programs for AU students! The Wellness Center's mission is to provide students with wellness resources, to promote healthy lifestyles, reduce risk behaviors and offer a safe, non-discriminatory environment. Our health education is based upon the philosophy that wellness encompasses many dimensions, including physical wellness, emotional, spiritual and social wellness. The primary goal of the Wellness Center is to help students develop positive, healthy lifestyles which will endure throughout a lifetime.
Women’s Resource Center
Mary Graydon Center 202a, x3959
www.american.edu/ocl/wrc
Fanta Aw, Ph.D.,

The mission of the Center is to promote a campus culture that ensures a safe, supportive, equitable and empowering environment for women of all cultures, races, sexual orientations and ages. Services and programs focus on four major areas: Advocacy, Empowerment, Education and Support and encourage students and campus community members to actively create an environment of respect and equality for all in a world where gender categories continue to have discriminatory power and influence. The Center provides women and men students with information, services and programs that address matters of particular concern to women, while exploring the connections among gender, race, economic status, sexual orientation, culture, ability, religion, political views and other significant characteristics of women’s individual and collective identities.

University Center
Mary Graydon Center 274, x3900
www.american.edu/ocl/uc
Michael Elmore, M.A., M.Ed., Senior Director
Scott Jones, M.A., Director of Operations

The University Center provides and supports a welcoming environment, activities, and services that promote community, individual growth, responsible citizenship and a global perspective. The University Center houses social and recreational facilities, selected auxiliary services, student organizations, a cyber café, dining and meeting facilities, and a number of Campus Life offices.