



**DISCOVER THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATION**  
**RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS**  
**WELCOME**  
**PACKET** **2020**

June 22 - July 3  
SESSION ONE

**Check In/Move In:**

Monday, June 22  
1-4 PM

**Classes Begin:**

Tuesday, June 23

**Final Presentations:**

Friday, July 3  
9 - 11:30 AM

**Check Out/Move Out:**

Friday, July 3  
12-2 PM

July 6 - 17  
SESSION TWO

**Check In/Move In:**

Monday, July 6  
1-4 PM

**Classes Begin:**

Tuesday, July 7

**Final Presentations:**

Friday, July 17  
9 - 11:30 AM

**Check Out/Move Out:**

Friday, July 17  
12-2 PM

**MAIL ALL FORMS BY JUNE 1 TO:**

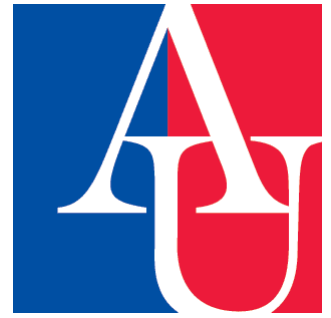
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## Dear DWC Residential Student,

We look forward to your participation in the American University School of Communication Discover the World of Communication Program in Washington, D.C. This summer you will explore all forms of communication, learn from outstanding professors and working professionals. You will work with professional equipment in what will be a fun, memorable and meaningful experience!

On check-in day, registration will take place from 1 - 4 p.m. at Letts Hall for Session One – Monday, June 22 and Session Two – Monday, July 6. When you arrive on campus, go directly to Letts Hall where you will receive your room key and be greeted by DWC program assistants. The closest parking to Letts Hall is the School of International Service underground parking garage located at the intersection of Nebraska Ave. and New Mexico Ave.

Your Resident Assistant and Program Assistants will live down the hall from you. We have scheduled many activities for you to engage in after classes and on weekends. A tentative schedule of the after-hours activities has been included. Additional after hours and weekend activities may be added.

On the first day of classes we will have a short welcome program at 8:30 a.m., followed by dismissal with your professor to your first class. Your parents and siblings are welcome to attend the short welcome program.

### **You will also find the following additional information within this packet:**

- Packing List
- Meals/Drop-off Location/Housing Information
- Directions to American University
- Campus Map of American University

### **Attached are forms that should be completed and returned to our office by June 1:**

- DWC Release Form
- Emergency Contact Information
- Summer Housing Release Agreement
- Sports Center and Jacobs Fitness Center Agreement and Release of Liability
- Transportation Form

Please invite your parents, family and friends to join us on the last day of your program from 9 - 11:30 a.m. for presentations and a closing reception. Both the morning and afternoon classes will present from 9 - 11:30 a.m. in the McKinley Building on the American University campus. Session One concludes on Friday, July 3 at 12 p.m. and Session Two concludes on Friday, July 17 at 12 p.m.

We are going to have a wonderful summer experience together! You may reach me at 202-885-2098 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Menke-Fish  
Assistant Professor School of Communication  
Director, Discover the World of Communication Program



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Packing List:

- Bathroom toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Casual attire
- Warm weather attire
- One business casual outfit
- Walking shoes
- Shower shoes
- Alarm clock
- Umbrella/rain gear
- Towel
- Hangers
- Sunglasses/sunscreen
- Swimsuit/workout attire
- Notebook and pen
- \$150 in spending money

## Optional Items:

- Hat
- Laptop computer
- Cell phone
- DVDs
- Sports equipment
- Musical instrument (guitar, ukulele, etc.)
- Bedding (bedding is provided but you are welcome to bring your own as well)
- Reusable water bottle

## Meals:

Breakfast will be in the Terrace Dining Room located on the lower level of the Mary Graydon Center on American University's campus. The buffet of food options includes omelets, waffles, fruit, cereal, bagels, as well as gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. The Terrace Dining Room opens at 7:30 a.m. and students will be able to dine any time from opening to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Students have a one-hour lunch break between classes. Lunch will also be in the Terrace Dining Room.

Dinners will either be in the Terrace Dining Room or off campus. Students may have occasional opportunities to go to Tenleytown for dinner. Restaurants located in Tenleytown include: Panera, Chipotle, Z Burger, Popeye's, Angelico's, Whole Foods, Crispy and Juicy, Satay Club, Guapo's and more. Students may also have food delivered to Letts Hall.



## Drop-Off/Pick-Up Location:

On move-in day, please go directly to Letts Hall. To enter campus take Nebraska Ave. to Rockwood Parkway and enter through the Fletcher Gate. You may park in front of Letts Hall to briefly unload the car and check into the residence hall.

## Housing:

Students living on campus for the Discover the World of Communication Program will be placed in a two or three-person room in Letts Hall, which contains storage units, vanities, closets, beds and desks. Along with the standard furnishings, linens are provided. You may wish to bring an additional towel because the one provided is small.

Roommates are assigned based on age and grade level. If you would like to request your friend as a roommate, please contact us at least one month prior to the program start date.

The DWC Teaching and Resident Assistant (RA) and Program Assistants will live on the residence hall floor with the students. They will detail our housing rules and policies on the first night during a floor meeting. Our RA and Program Assistants help to ensure a pleasant experience for students living on campus.

### Send student mail or packages to:

American University, School of Communication  
McKinley Building, Room 237, Attn: Sarah Menke-Fish  
4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Note: Include name of student on the lower left corner of the label.



# Discover the World of Communication Directions to American University



## By Plane

One of the Discover the World of Communication Program Assistants will meet the student at Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and bring him/her back to campus. If flying into BWI or Dulles, parents and students are responsible for arranging transportation to the American University campus. Please submit travel form by June 1st.



## By Train

One of the Discover the World of Communication Program Assistants will meet the student at D.C.'s train station, Union Station, on the red line of the metro and bring him/her back to campus. Submit travel form by June 1st.



## By Metro

Take the red line to Tenleytown/American University and follow the signs to the American University Shuttle. The free shuttle stops at several locations on the main campus. Suggested stop is Anderson Hall.



## By Car

From northeast of Washington (New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore): Follow I-95 south to I-495 west toward Silver Spring. (See "From I-495" below.)

From northwest of Washington (western Pennsylvania, western Maryland): Follow I-270 south. Where I-270 divides, follow the right-hand branch toward northern Virginia. (Do not take the branch toward Washington.) Merge with I-495 (Capital Beltway). (See "From I-495" below.)

From south or west of Washington (northern Virginia, Norfolk, Richmond, Charlottesville): Follow I-95 north or I-66 east to I-495 (Capital Beltway). Take I-495 north toward Silver Spring. (See "From I-495" below.)

From I-495 (Capital Beltway):

Take exit 39 and follow the signs for River Road (Maryland Route 190) east toward Washington. Continue east on River Road to the fifth traffic light. Turn right onto Goldsboro Road (Maryland Route 614). At the first traffic light, turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue NW (Maryland Route 396). Continue on Massachusetts Avenue NW through the first traffic circle (Westmoreland Circle). Continue one more mile to 4400 Massachusetts. Main campus is on the right through the Glover Gate.



## Parking

Parking is available in the Katzen Arts Center Garage, located on Massachusetts Avenue, across from the Glover Gate Entrance. Parking is only free after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

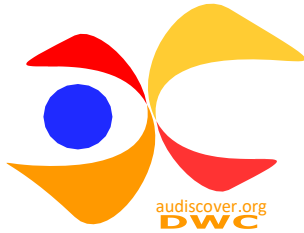
## Discover the World of Communication After Hours 2020 (As of Sept. 1, 2019)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21 June</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<p>(TDR = Terrace Dining Room) B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner</p>	<p>12-4pm Students fly to DCA or take train to Union Station</p> <p>1-4pm Students living on campus check in and tour AU's campus, photo scavenger hunt and games on the quad.</p> <p>6pm Icebreakers, pizza welcome dinner on campus, orientation to AU.</p>	<p>B/L TDR 8:30am Welcome Opening in McKinley for morning classes</p> <p>12:30pm Welcome Opening in McKinley for afternoon classes</p> <p><b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b> at Z-Burger and walk to National Cathedral – Do you who is buried in the Cathedral?</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p>Monuments at Sunset metro to Farragut North Lafayette Park. Photo opportunities the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and all of DC's can't miss monuments!</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p><i>New York Times</i> best-selling author Lynne Cherry. The Young Voices for the Planet short documentaries and A.C.T.I.O.N. plan champion youth who are changing minds, changing laws, and changing the world. 6:00-8:00 PM McKinley 201- Doyle Forman Theatre</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR 4:30 On campus activities kickball /tennis/volleyball</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM Prof. Maggie Farley - News Initiatives with Google, How to Identify Fake News and other compelling topics of our time. Commuter students and families welcome. MCKinley 100</p>	<p>B/D TDR <b>Arlington National Cemetery</b> and the Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, John F. Kennedy Gravesite, Memorial Amphitheater</p> <p>Smithsonian Museums - and Folklife Festival</p> <p><b>Dining Dollars Dinner</b></p>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 July</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>B TDR</p> <p>We're going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo...how about You, You, You? Smithsonian National Zoological Park and see the pandas and other favorite exhibits.</p> <p>o Washington Nationals Baseball Game vs ____ 1 PM (schedule not released as of Sept. 1)</p> <p><b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b></p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p>Fabulous 4 Hour Film Festival Draw Genre, Object and Line of Dialogue On campus</p> <p>or Rain Date for Monuments at Sunset</p> <p>5-9:30 PM</p>	<p>B/L TDR <b>Cruise</b> along the Potomac River and enjoy the waterside view of famous D.C. landmarks. Depart AU 5:30 set sail at 7pm;</p>	<p>B/L TDR <b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b></p> <p>Swimming Pool and Activities on Campus!</p> <p>or</p> <p>Ghostbusters! Who you gonna call? Call Becca.</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p>Play Kickball and show off your skills at our very own Talent Show</p>	<p>B/ TDR</p> <p>9-11:30 AM Presentations &amp; Screenings 12pm Session 1 students check out and depart</p> <p><b>Students staying for 4 weeks: lunch TDR Eagle Bucks Dinner -</b></p> <p><i>Concert in the park.</i></p>	<p><i>4-5 wk students only)</i></p> <p><b>July 4 Festivities!</b></p> <p>Games on Campus late morning</p> <p>(3pm) <b>Eagle Bucks Picnic Dinner.</b> 4th of July in Washington, D.C. Enjoy the Smithsonian Museums, the Folklife Festival and Fireworks from the Washington Monument)</p>



## Discover the World of Communication After Hours 2020 (As of Sept. 1, 2019)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 July</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<p><i>4-5 Wk Students Only</i> B/D TDR <b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b></p> <p>9 AM Studio Audience for NBC's Meet the Press.</p> <p>12 noon National Building Museum.</p> <p>Explore the Exhibits and Enjoy a Concert 2-3 PM</p> <p>Paddle Boat around the Tidal Basin and see the Jefferson Memorial from the water.</p>	<p>12-4pm Students fly into DCA or train into Union Station 1-4pm Students living on campus check in and tour AU's campus, photo scavenger hunt and games on the quad. 6pm Icebreakers, Pizza Welcome Dinner, orientation to AU <b>STUDENTS ON CAMPUS FOR 4 WEEKS: TBA</b> Meet and Greet Games etc with 2nd Session Students!</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p>8:30am Welcome Opening in MGC for morning classes</p> <p>12:30pm Welcome Opening in MGC for afternoon classes</p> <p>Dinner in Tenleytown with TAs and walk to National Cathedral. Do you know the difference between a Gargoyle and a Grottesque?</p>	<p>B/L TDR</p> <p>Monuments at Sunset metro to Farragut North Lafayette Park. Photo opportunities the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and all of DC's can't miss monuments.</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR</p> <p><b>Tentative:</b> Felix the Chewy Pet Star and Christina his trainer. Learn all about the ins and outs of dog acting...Do you and your pet have the right "bite" to make it in the dog eat dog world of pet acting? Commuter students and families welcome. 6:30-8:30 PM Mckinley 201</p>	<p>B/D TDR (11 am) Depart for the Newseum and enjoy five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits followed by a visit to the Smithsonian Museums! Air and Space, Natural History, American History and numerous other Smithsonian Museums! <b>Lunch on location-- bring \$</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<p>B TDR <b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b> Early AM Smithsonian National Zoological Park See the pandas and other favorite exhibits.</p> <p><b>Lunch at game bring \$</b> o Washington Nationals Baseball Game vs Kansas City Royals 1 PM</p>	<p>B/L TDR <b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b> 7:00-8:30 PM <i>Presentation by Charles Lewis, an investigative journalist based in Washington D.C. He was an investigative producer for ABC News and the CBS news program 60 Minutes. Commuter students and families welcome.</i></p>	<p>B/L/D TDR <b>Cruise</b> along the Potomac River and enjoy the waterside view of famous D.C. landmarks. Depart AU 5:30 set sail at 7pm; or Movie Night- popcorn and treats. Choose your flick! Double feature happening in Letts South and North Lounges!</p>	<p>B/L/D TDR Play games, swim at the pool and board games on campus!</p> <p>Begin to prep for Thursday's talent show!</p> <p>7:00-8:30 PM Mindfulness Workshop. Pleasance Silicki, Adjunct Prof. Stress Management</p>	<p>B/L TDR <b>Eagle Bucks Dinner</b></p> <p>Visit AU Admissions for an Info Session (4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Play Kickball and show off your skills at DWC's very own talent show.</p>	<p>B TDR</p> <p>9 AM -11:30 Final Presentations and screenings -family and friends welcome!</p> <p>12-2 PM checkout and departure</p>	



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY DISCOVER THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATION RELEASE FORM:

The following agreement is intended to protect all participants and personnel involved in the American University Discover the World of Communication ("Program"). To participate in the Program, all participants, and a parent or legal guardian of any participant under the age of eighteen (18) years, must sign and return this form to American University ("University") prior to the beginning of the Program.

Program Conditions and Rules: In signing this Agreement, I agree and/or represent that:

1. I understand that I am expected to follow the directions of the Program Supervisor;
2. I will conduct myself in a safe and prudent manner while participating in this Program;
3. The University may take photographs and make other recordings of me during the Program. I consent to the use of my name and these photographs and recordings, without compensation, in any promotional materials and publications related to the educational activities of American University.
4. I understand that if I do not comply with these rules or otherwise conduct myself in a responsible manner, American University ("University") may remove me from the Program. And I will be sent home at my own cost.

Fitness to Participate and Emergency Medical Treatment: 1) I agree to conduct myself in a safe and prudent manner while participating in any activity or travel conducted by or under the auspices of American University; 2) I represent to American University that there are no health-related reasons or other problems of which I am aware that preclude or restrict me from participating in this Program, and 3) I hereby authorize the University to secure necessary emergency medical treatment in the event of injury or illness while participating in the Program.

Assumption of Risk: I understand that participation in the Program is voluntary. I understand that the Program is to be held on campus and will have field trips to off-campus activities around the DC Metro area and acknowledge that there are risks associated with traveling off campus and participating in the Program. Understanding these risks, I agree that I am knowingly and voluntarily assuming them.

General Release: In consideration of American University for allowing me to participate in the Program, for myself and my legal guardian or other representatives, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless American University, its trustees, officers, employees, faculty, agents, and co-sponsoring institutions and their agent(s) from and against any blame and liability for any inconvenience, injury, death, loss to person or property, or any other damage of any kind whatsoever, which may result from or be connected in any way to my participation in the Program or in transit to or from the Program.

I and my Legal Guardian (if applicable) have read and understood all the provisions in this Release Agreement. I and my Legal Guardian (if applicable) agree to be bound by all terms of this Agreement, as indicated by our signatures below.

If Participant is under the age of eighteen (18), signature of parent or legal guardian is required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Guardian's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Emergency Contact Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(You must identify at least two emergency contacts)

Contact #1 Name	Relationship to student
_____	_____
Day/Cell Phone	Evening Phone
_____	_____

Contact #2 Name	Relationship to student
_____	_____
Day/Cell Phone	Evening Phone
_____	_____

Contact #3 Name	Relationship to student
_____	_____
Day/Cell Phone	Evening Phone
_____	_____

## Health Insurance Information

Subscriber's Name	Employer
_____	_____
Policy Number	Group Number
_____	_____
Insurance Carrier (i.e. United)	Type of Coverage (i.e. HMO, PPO)
_____	_____

**Additional Notes:**  
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# American University Summer Housing Release Agreement

Conference Group Name:

Discover the World of Communication Summer Conference

**Dates:** Sunday, June 14th – Friday, July 18th, 2015

**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a participant in the Discover the World of Communication program to be held on the campus and the facilities owned and/or operated by American University on the dates indicated above. In consideration of permitting me to participate in the Discover the World of Communication program at American University, and on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, I release American University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and courses of action for any injury, death or other loss to me or my personal property arising out of or related to my participation in the Discover the World of Communication program.

I understand that I must abide by the code of conduct and all rules and regulations of American University. I will conduct myself in a safe and prudent manner while participating in the Conference.

Further, I hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of injury or illness while participating in the Conference.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT AS INDICATED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Must be signed by parent or guardian if participant is a minor (under 18).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTER AND JACOBS FITNESS CENTER: AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

1. In consideration of becoming a member or being allowed to participate in the activities and programs of the American University Sports Center and the Jacobs Fitness Center (hereafter Sports Center) and to use its facilities and equipment, in addition to the payment of any fee, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge American University, its' employees and agents, from any responsibilities or liability for injuries or damages resulting from my participation in activities or use of equipment in the Sports Center. I do also hereby release all of those mentioned, from any responsibility or liability for any injury, including those caused by a negligent act or omission, of any of those mentioned or others acting on their behalf, arising out of or connected with my participation in any activities or the use of any equipment or facilities at the Sports Center.

(Please initial \_\_\_\_\_)

2. I understand and am aware that strength, flexibility and aerobic exercises, including the use of exercise equipment and any Sports Center facility, are potentially hazardous activities. I also understand that physical fitness activities involve a risk up to and including death and that I am voluntarily participating in these activities and using equipment and facilities with knowledge of the dangers involved. I hereby agree to expressly assume and accept any and all risk of injury and/or death.

(Please initial \_\_\_\_\_)

3. I do hereby further declare myself to be physically sound and suffering from no condition, impairment, disease, infirmity, or other illness that would prevent my participation in any of the activities and programs of the Sports Center or use of equipment or facilities. I acknowledge that I have either had a physical examination and have been given my physician's permission to participate, or that I have decided to participate in activity and/or use of equipment and facilities without the approval of my physician and do hereby assume all responsibility for my participation in activities, and utilization of equipment and facilities.

(Please initial \_\_\_\_\_)

4. I hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of illness or injury while participating in the activities and programs of the Sports Center facilities.

(Please initial \_\_\_\_\_)

I have read and understand the above provisions and agree to be bound by them, as indicated by my signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature (if participant under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

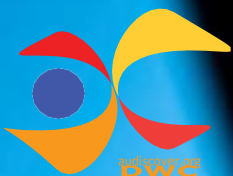
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I will be at American University during the following dates \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All Sports Center users must read and sign this form. Individuals ages 14-17 must also have a legal guardian read and sign. Children under 14 are not eligible to utilize these facilities. Signed forms must be returned to the residence hall front desk or to the residence hall staff prior to using the gym facilities.



# DISCOVER THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATION: TRANSPORTATION

Name: _____	Cellphone number of Student: _____
Address: _____	Cellphone number of Parent/Guardian: _____

## ARRIVAL

By Car

By Airplane into DCA (Ronald Regan National Airport)

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number: \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to DCA

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

yes  no

By Train to Union Station

Amtrack Train Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

Yes  No

By Bus to Union Station (Washington, D.C.)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to Union Station (Washington, D.C.)

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

yes  no

## DEPARTURE

By Car

By Airplane into DCA (Ronald Regan National Airport)

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number: \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to DCA

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

yes  no

By Train to Union Station

Amtrack Train Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

yes  no

By Bus to Union Station (Washington, D.C.)

To \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be accompanied to campus? *Additional fee included*

yes  no

## NOTES:

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Please send travel information two weeks prior to start of program to [audiscover.american.edu](http://audiscover.american.edu)