WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE
SET THE FOUNDATION FOR COLLEGE AND YOUR FUTURE

Be part of a one-of-a-kind experiential learning internship. Right in the epicenter of an international capital.

The Washington Mentorship Program (WMP) is an enriching Washington, DC, immersion for students offered spring admission to AU. From day one, start building the foundation for the degree program you begin in spring semester, because your WMP classes focus on skills that will serve you well in your academic and professional careers.

Live on campus, join in on student activities—and enjoy access to campus resources. Develop close relationships with other students and faculty, and be part of classes where professors serve as mentors, working with you one-on-one, and in small groups—creating a breadth of on-campus experiences and off-campus leadership development.
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FITS WITH YOUR COLLEGE PLAN

We understand that you have many options for fall semester, prior to beginning your degree program in the spring—but, remember, when you join the fall Washington Mentorship Program,* you take college classes that, upon successful completion, carry over to your spring 2016 semester, keeping you on track to graduate.

WMP is flexible—allowing you to take 12 or 15 credits’ worth of classes. With International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement credits, you can easily stay on track to graduate with a 12-credit program. Even without IB or AP credits, you can stay on track to graduate if you enroll in additional classes in future semesters.

YOUR FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE CONSISTS OF FOUR OR FIVE 3-CREDIT CLASSES:

• Mentored Field Practicum (an internship)
• Intercultural Understanding
• College Writing
• Introduction to College Inquiry
• Your choice of either Politics in the United States or a math or statistics course (to be determined by placement test)

*Students who enroll in the Washington Mentorship Program must abide by the policies, regulations, and codes relating to student behavior at American University. Any student who violates the Academic Integrity Code while in the Mentorship program will have his or her spring admission offer reevaluated. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in order to meet the standard for satisfactory academic progress. The GPA earned in fall semester will be your starting GPA for the spring semester.
“IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE NO OTHER. THE CONNECTIONS YOU MAKE AND THE PLACES YOU VISIT ARE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME AND WILL BENEFIT YOU IN YOUR CAREER. IT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO START YOUR AU EXPERIENCE, AND THE PERFECT RÉSUMÉ BOOST.”
12-CREDIT PROGRAM

MENTORED FIELD PRACTICUM—YOUR INTERNSHIP
Imagine spending two days a week at BBC News, or at the National Institutes of Health, or even at the U.S. Senate. Think of its impact on your understanding of world issues, how it might change your outlook on your major, or what it could mean to your future. When you join the Mentorship program, this can happen.

Helping you along your way is an AU professor, serving as your mentor—and guiding you on academic matters and in your internship. Throughout the semester, you read professional articles, write papers, and keep a journal. And, you meet one-on-one regularly with your professor to discuss your experience. Regardless of your intended major, you should find an internship that fits, because we have the largest collection of offerings for internships in the DC area.

INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING
Enhance your ability to think critically and creatively about today’s cultural challenges, to practice intercultural relations, and to provide a perspective on our personal and social responsibility.

COLLEGE WRITING
Prepare for the writing required throughout your academic career. We encourage you to think as a writer—to anticipate the responses of a reader, to explore the depth and breadth of a subject, and to work with language to best express your understanding.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE INQUIRY
Develop questioning, research, and problem-solving skills. While collaborating with your peers, you will use the practice of inquiry to examine the intellectual endeavors that influence society.

15-CREDIT PROGRAM
If you do not have IB or AP credits and want to stay on track to graduate, we recommend the 15-credit curriculum, which consists of the above classes, plus your choice of one of the following:

POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES
Explore the American political system and government.

MATH OR STATISTICS
Take a math or statistics course that counts toward the General Education requirement (math course based on availability; level and enrollment determined by placement test).

Some of your classes will be learning laboratories—taking full advantage of our Washington, DC, location. Classes include interactive lectures, guest speakers, and site visits that may include meetings with diplomats, policy makers, members of Congress, journalists, and lobbyists.

A SAMPLING OF ORGANIZATIONS WHERE STUDENTS HAVE INTERNED
ABC Radio
Aerospace Industries Association
Association for Diplomatic Service and Training
Children’s National Medical Center
Council on Hemispheric Affairs
DC Arts Center
Democratic National Committee
District of Columbia Public Schools
Earth Day Network
Embassy of Bahrain
Embassy of Nigeria
Fox News
The George Washington University Hospital
Hispanic Link News Service
Hollywood on the Potomac
Inter-American Development Bank
League of Conservation Voters
Library of Congress—Music Division
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Geographic
National Institutes of Health
NBC Sports
Organization of American States
Peace Corps
Recording Industry Association of America
Republican National Committee
Rock the Vote
Save Darfur Coalition
Small Business Administration
Sports America
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate
Washington Animal Rescue League
Washingtonpost.com
“I HONESTLY THINK THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO BE INTRODUCED TO AU. THIS WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY LIFE.”
THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO FRESHMAN DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, BENDER ARENA, 4400 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20016-8083

RSVP BY APRIL 10
202-885-6000 OR FRESHMANDAY@AMERICAN.EDU
WE’RE EXCITED THAT YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE WASHINGTON MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The costs* for the Washington Mentorship Program are equal to the costs of degree program classes at American University. Please note that financial aid is not available for the WMP. Although students may receive financial aid packages for the spring semester, this aid cannot be applied to fall semester studies in the Mentorship program.

TUITION: $20,658
HOUSING: $3,585–$4,804/semester (triple/double room)
MEAL PLAN: $2,287–$2,850
SPORTS CENTER: $65
TECHNOLOGY: $120
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FEE: $80
STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE: $1,815
($800 FOR FALL SEMESTER ONLY)

Financing options for your fall 2015 semester as a nondegree-seeking student in the Mentorship program are available at american.edu/financialaid/washmentorship.cfm (see Alternative Credit-Based Loans on the right side).

*Actual costs available April 2015

QUESTIONS?
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To indicate your plan to participate in the fall 2015 Washington Mentorship Program, you must first accept AU’s offer of admission to the spring 2016 semester by May 1, 2015.

**TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER:**

1. Create a myAU.american.edu account following the six steps below, under **To Create an Admitted Student Account**.
2. Select “Academics” under Personal Links, then select the Enrollment Agreement and Housing Application, paying the $600 deposit.
3. To indicate that you plan to participate in the fall 2015 Washington Mentorship Program, please check the WMP box located on the Enrollment Agreement and Housing Application.
4. If you choose not to participate in the Washington Mentorship Program in the fall 2015 semester, you are still invited to join AU in January 2016 for the spring semester. To indicate this decision, as you complete the Enrollment Agreement and Housing Application, do not select the WMP option.

As a new student, you have access to many AU online resources through your secure personal Admitted Student portal, myAU.american.edu. The first time you log in to the portal, a tutorial will explain the portal’s features and how to use the site. Even if you created a Prospective Student portal, you still need to activate your Admitted Student portal by following the steps below.

**TO CREATE AN ADMITTED STUDENT ACCOUNT:**

1. Open a web browser and go to myAU.american.edu/accounts.
2. Click on “Create Your Account.”
3. Enter the required personal information, including your seven-digit AU ID found on any official document from the university.
4. Enter an initial password.
5. After the system takes a moment to create your account, proceed through the tutorial.
6. Write down your user name and password and keep them accessible.
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