

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON  
COLLEGE *of* LAW

# Campus Walking Tour

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to our 8 ½ acre campus located one block from Tenleytown and just a short Metro ride to downtown DC. The American University Washington College of Law opened this new campus for the start of classes in January 2016. Our campus is comprised of three buildings: Capital, Warren, and Yuma. There is 312,000 square feet of space across all buildings and 37,000 square feet of teaching space. This walking tour takes you to locations in each of the buildings, highlights some of our programs, and shares some fun facts about our law school.





## ***Starting Point: Warren Building Terrace Level Main Entrance and Ceremonial Classroom***



Next to this lobby area is the Ceremonial Classroom (NT01), which is a classroom designed as an appellate courtroom. ***If there's not a class in session, please enter.*** This space is one of five courtrooms at our law campus. The Ceremonial Classroom is where many events and competitions such as the Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court competition are held. This is an opportunity for students to argue cases in three languages: Portuguese, Spanish, and English.

### ***Also located in the Warren building:***






- Pence Law Library
- 10 classrooms
- Office of Technology and Computer Help Desk

-  Walk back past the Information Desk, take a left to the elevators down the hall.
-  Take the elevator to the 1st floor and when you exit the elevator Pence Law Library entrance is on your left.

### ***Tour Stop: Pence Law Library***



The first floor of the library houses the reference and circulation services and reserve and state materials. The second floor has the general collections, microforms, Special Collections Room including the Goodman Rare Book Collection and WCL Archives, and a light-filled Reading Room. The third floor includes federal depository materials, periodicals, and legal encyclopedias. Each floor has convenience centers with copying and printing services. AUWCL gives students access to legal databases Lexis and Westlaw which you will learn to use in your 1L Legal Research and Writing course. ***When walking through the library, please be quiet and keep conversations to a minimum.***

-  Enter library and there's an elevator to your right. Take it to the 3rd floor. When you exit the elevator on the 3rd floor, there is an outdoor patio area on your right.
-  Turn left from the elevator landing, then turn right to walk along the study rooms. Proceed to the very back far left corner to see the view of Nebraska Avenue.
-  Walk along the wall of windows facing Nebraska Avenue towards the Courtyard view. Turn left and walk straight to the stairwell and walk down.
-  At the 2nd floor, view the Reading Room on your right, then turn left to continue down the stairs to the 1st floor.
-  Exit the Pence Law Library and turn left towards the Courtyard

**Fun Fact: There are 16 group study rooms in the Pence Law Library that students can reserve via our LibCal online reservation system.**

- Take the Warren staircase in front of you down to the Terrace level. Walk left through the Commons area. This area connects the Warren and Yuma buildings while providing a casual space for students to meet. Behind the wall of TV screens on your left are group study rooms.
- Once you have crossed through the Commons you've entered the Yuma Building, Take the elevators up to the 4th floor.

### ***Tour Stop: 4th Floor View from Yuma Building***

The 4th Floor is all classroom space. ***If no class is in session, peek into classroom Y401 or Y402 to see where a typical first-year doctrinal class meets.***

The incoming class has about 350 full-time students and 50 part-time students. The incoming class is split into 5 sections, 4 for full-time students and 1 for part-time students. Full-time sections consist of 80-90 students who will take all their doctrinal classes together throughout the year. Fall semester classes consist of Torts, Contracts, and Civil Procedure. Spring classes consist of Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Property. 1L students will also take a year-long Legal Research and Writing class. These classes are typically small with about 10-20 students per class. Students will also have the opportunity to take an elective during their spring semester.

AUWCL requires that students complete 6 experiential learning credits. These credits can be earned through Externships, Clinic, some Advocacy Program courses and competition teams (Mock Trial, Moot Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society, Transactional Law Society) or the Marshall Brennan Project. The Marshall Brennan Project gives students the opportunity to teach courses on constitutional law and oral advocacy at a local high school during the semester for credit.







Walk down the stairs or use the elevators to the 3rd Floor.

## ***Tour Stop: International Suite, Yuma 360***

Through an interdisciplinary approach to international law, our faculty, students, and staff respond to today's global challenges by engaging the world through advocacy, outreach, and scholarship. The International Suite houses the following:

- International & Comparative Legal Studies Program
- Center on International Commercial Arbitration
- Humphrey Fellowship Program
- WCL Abroad



***Fun Fact: Our International Law Program is ranked #9 in the nation. About 40% of our students earn academic credit from an overseas experience while in law school.***



Walk down the stairs or take the elevator to the 2nd Floor. Just off the elevator area, you'll find our Clinical Program suite.



## ***Tour Stop: Clinical Program, Yuma 265***

**Due to client confidentiality, only students and faculty working for the clinic may enter this suite.** The Clinical Program is a fully operational law firm within the school. The program is divided into eleven clinics which range from Human Rights Law to Tax Law. A list of our clinics is located outside the suite. Student attorneys represent low-income and under-represented clients or groups in litigation, administrative, and transactional matters.

***Fun Fact: Our program is ranked #2 in the nation and about 200 student attorneys work in the clinic.***

- Take the stairs or elevator to the 1st floor and turn left.
- Follow the wide hallway of lockers to the entrance of the Dining Hall.

- Notice that the Academy on Human Rights & Humanitarian Law and the War Crimes Research Office are located off this hallway in Yuma Y110-11**



### **Tour Stop: Dining Hall and Courtyard Patio, Yuma 103**

Students can eat in the dining hall, adjoining outdoor patio, and various other locations throughout campus. It's common to see faculty and students conversing over a lunch break. To see the food options, walk through the seating area to the serving area at the far-right end. During the academic year, the dining hall serves Monday-Thursday until 6pm and on Fridays until 2pm. Other areas of the campus also offer to-go food options, including the Atrium Café. Wellfound Foods is another to-go option which provides 24-hour meal options on campus. There are also student microwaves and fridges around campus for those who want to bring food from home.

- Walk back to the elevator area, with the Courtyard on your right and walk straight towards Capital Building. There will be a fork in the hallway and bear right up the ramp and cross a glass-walled bridge.
- Turn right and walk toward the Atrium area. Stop on the landing to view the Atrium and the café area below.





## ***Tour Stop: Capital Hall Atrium***

Located in Capital Hall are many of the law school's administrative and program offices as well as the Atrium Cafe.

### **Offices include:**

- Admissions (C201)
- Academic Affairs (C302)
- Academic Excellence (C100)
- Academic Services Suite/ Registrar (C107)
- Career & Professional Development (C115)
- Dean's Office (C301)
- Development & Alumni Relations (C202)
- Diversity, Affinity & Inclusion (C303)
- Public Interest (C303)
- Financial Aid (C305)
- Student Affairs (C101)

### **Programs include:**

- Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (C205)
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (C205)
- Tech Law & Security (C205)
- Trial Advocacy (C111)
- Women & the Law (C205)

NOTE: The offices for the five law journals (American University Law Review, Administrative Law Review, Business Law Review, International Law Review, and Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law) as well as multiple student-edited briefs occupy the entire Terrace level of Capital. You can access the offices by either the elevator or steps located to the right of the Atrium café.



***Fun Fact: The student journals and briefs range in areas of focus including Health Law & Policy, National Security, Science & Technology, Arbitration, Sustainable Development, and more!***



From the landing area, turn around and walk into the Weinstein Courtroom. ***If an event is in session in the courtroom, you can peek through the windows.***






### ***Tour Stop: Weinstein Courtroom, C116***

The Capital Building of the Tenley Campus is mostly a historic structure. It was originally the Immaculata School and American University purchased the property in 1987. This trial courtroom maintains the chapel architecture of the historic building. **If there's not a class or event in session, enter the Weinstein Courtroom.**

Our highly-ranked Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program teaches more than 450 students each year and includes our student competition teams: Mock Trial, Moot Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Transactional Law Society

There are three smaller training courtrooms also located in the Capital building used by our Trial Advocacy Program to teach small-section simulation courses.

-  Exit the Weinstein Courtroom and turn left to walk back across the glass-walled bridge to the Yuma Building.
-  Once back in Yuma, take the stairs or elevator down one floor to the Terrace level.
-  Exit to the left and Claudio Grossman Hall conference center area will be down the hall on your right.





## ***Tour Stop: Claudio Grossman Hall***

Across from the Events Registration Desk is Claudio Grossman Hall. Named in honor of Dean Emeritus Claudio Grossman, this conference center holds up to 500 people and can be split into two rooms. Many local attorneys attend our events and receive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit towards their bar membership. Students can attend most events at no cost, providing many opportunities to learn about different legal topics and network with alumni and other attorneys.



***Fun Fact: Throughout the academic year, the law school hosts more than 50 events encompassing a wide range of current issues affecting the nation and the world as well as events aimed at helping students find externship and employment opportunities. AUWCL hosts the largest externship fair in the DC area each year!***

-  Walk back towards the elevators and follow the hallway between the lockers and the glass-enclosed group study rooms. Students can reserve these study rooms in addition to those in the Pence Law Library.
-  At the end of the hallway, take the left and you'll see the Commons area connecting Yuma and Warren on your left. Turn right and head back to your starting point at the Warren Information Desk.

At AUWCL, we

*Champion What Matters*

# THANK YOU FOR VISITING AUWCL!

Thank you for taking the time to visit American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) and our beautiful 8.5 acre law campus. We hope during your visit today that you were able to gain valuable information about our programs, initiatives, and campus life. If you would like to connect with us further, we encourage you to book a virtual appointment or information session, or even better, meet us in-person at a law fair, forum, or panel near you!

If you'd like to explore the area surrounding AUWCL's campus here are some suggestions:

- If you're interested in exploring AU's main campus or want to visit the **bookstore**, just head south on Nebraska Avenue for about 1 mile and take the Massachusetts Ave (west) exit off Ward Circle.
- **Target** – located just outside the Tenleytown Metro entrance and two blocks from AUWCL's campus, this is a convenient stop for our students to grab food, snacks, and other supplies.
- Two blocks north and across Wisconsin Avenue, this block features **Chick-Fil-A**, **Five Guys**, **Panera**, and **Robeks**. As well as sit-down restaurant **Guapo's**.
- Located behind this strip is a **Whole Foods** (closest grocery store to AUWCL's campus) and a **Wawa**.
- Also across Wisconsin Ave. but located a block south of AUWCL's campus you can find an **& Pizza**, **Cava**, **Chipotle**, **Nandos**, and **Z-Burger**. Another sit-down option is **Surfside**. Next door is **Saku Saku Flakerie**, a new Japanese bakery.
- Less than 1.5 miles from AUWCL's campus is the **National Cathedral** (3101 Wisconsin Ave NW) which is open M-Sa 10:00a – 5:00p. Around the corner from the National Cathedral, is the start of **Embassy Row** on Massachusetts Ave NW, which depending on when you visit may feature open houses.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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(Please note that our team works remotely on Tuesdays and our suite is closed.)

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### Current JD Students

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