



THE
FUTURE
STARTS

AT
AU

2025-2026

We are living in a time of unprecedented challenges. Across American University, we leverage the power and purpose of community to make an impact in this changing world. There is no issue too complex, no challenge too great. From social justice to sustainability—we step up, we show up, and we say, **“challenge accepted.”**



Washington, DC is our home.

laboratory.

classroom.

community.

playground.

THIS IS WHERE **BEAUTY**

Take one look at our campus, and you'll see why we're ranked the 4th Most Beautiful Urban Campus by *Best Choice Schools*. The trees, plants, and gardens that line our campus make you forget we're in a major city. With 385 different species and varieties of woody plants—totaling 5,000 trees—AU's campus is a designated arboretum.





MEETS SUSTAINABILITY

As the first university in the country to achieve carbon neutrality in 2018, AU is blazing a trail to a more sustainable future. AU's commitment to sustainability permeates every aspect of campus life and unites students, faculty, and staff in a common mission to preserve our environment.

50%

of AU's electricity is generated by 2,500 solar panels across campus

10

lead-certified buildings on campus, featuring energy and water efficiencies

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

African American and African Diaspora Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Arab World Studies
Arabic Studies
Art History
Asia, Pacific, and Diaspora Studies
Audio Production
Audio Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Computational Science
Computer Science
Dance
Data Science
Economics
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion

THIS IS YOUR PROVING GROUND

American University is a student-centered research institution located in Washington, DC, with highly ranked schools and colleges, and a reputation for creating meaningful change in the world. At AU, we offer a number of ways for you to pursue your academic goals. From three-year programs to more than 70 undergraduate degrees, the opportunities for your academic career are endless.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AU also has several special academic programs, which require an additional, separate application. The priority deadline is December 1.

THREE-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Global Scholars
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars
Public Health Scholars

AU HONORS

**LINCOLN SCHOLARS
PROGRAM**

AU-RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY SAKURA SCHOLARS

AU CORNERSTONE PROGRAM

When applying to AU, you can also express your interest in AU Cornerstone, a first-year program that offers you the opportunity to intern or study abroad.

american.edu/admissions/international/

History
Jewish Studies
Language and Area Studies
Literature
Mathematics
Mathematics and Economics
Music
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Public Health
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre
Women's, Gender,
and Sexuality Studies

Languages:
Arabic
Chinese
French
German
Hebrew

Italian
Japanese
Korean
Russian
Spanish
Swahili

KOGOD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting
Business Administration
Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Information Systems &
Technology
International Business
Management
Marketing
Business, Language,
and Culture
Language tracks:
Arabic
French
German
Russian
Spanish
Business and Entertainment
Finance

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies
Film and Media Arts
Foreign Language and
Communication Media
Journalism
Photography
Public Relations and Strategic
Communication

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Secondary Education

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International Studies
Environmental Sustainability
and Global Health
Foreign Policy and National
Security
Global and Comparative
Governance
Global Inequality and
Development

Identity, Race, Gender,
and Culture
Justice, Ethics, and
Human Rights
Peace, Global Security, and
Conflict Resolution
The Global Economy

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Communication, Legal
Institutions, Economics,
and Government (CLEG)
Data Sciences for Justice, Law,
& Criminology
Data Sciences for Political
Science
Justice and Law
Legal Studies
Political Science

PREPROFESSIONAL ADVISING PROGRAM

Premedicine

american.edu/programs.cfm

THIS IS WHERE **CHANGE BEGINS**

American University is committed to a robust liberal education core that challenges students to engage with complexity, value diversity, and understand change. To foster this, all incoming students will be enrolled in AU Core, AU's innovative general education program. During the first year, students will complete the American University Experience (AUx) as well as take a First-Year Complex Problems seminar. First-year students will also take foundation courses in University Writing and University Math.

american.edu/provost/undergrad/core/

CREDIT BY EXAM

AU will accept a maximum of 30 credit hours from one or a combination of Advanced Placement (AP), HL International Baccalaureate (IB), A Levels, CLEP subject examinations, or other AU-approved test credit. All exams for test credit must be completed prior to AU matriculation.

Advanced credit exams may not be used to satisfy AU Core requirements. Advanced credit exams may still be applied toward the major or minor, or as elective credit.

american.edu/admissions/exam-credit.cfm



THIS IS WHERE **LEARNING**

At AU, you'll learn from the best and the brightest. Our faculty is internationally renowned, with 93% of faculty holding the highest degree in their field. With our average class size at 23, you'll get to know your professor and your classmates. And as a research institution, first-year students can participate in research projects.

We have a number of opportunities to foster and support student research. A few examples include:

AU Summer Scholars and Artists Program

Entrepreneurship Incubator

Educational Enhancement Fund

Peace and Violence Research Lab

Provost Research Funding

Public Affairs and Policy Lab



EXAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

ABC News
American Express
Amnesty International
Asian Development Bank
Associated Press
Black & Decker
Booz Allen Hamilton
Cisco Systems
Citibank
CNN
Deloitte
Discovery Communications
Disney Channel
Embassy of Bahrain
Embassy of Canada
Embassy of Dominican Republic
Embassy of Great Britain
Embassy of Korea
Embassy of Pakistan
Embassy of Panama
Ernst & Young
ESPN
European Commission
FBI
Institute for International
Economics
International Monetary Fund

KPMG
Lockheed Martin
Mercedes-Benz
Merrill Lynch
Microsoft
Morgan Stanley
MTV
National Institutes of Health
National Geographic Society
NATO
NBC - Telemundo
Nokia
Peace Corps
PwC
Prudential Financial
Smithsonian Institution
United Nations
U.S.-China Business
Council
U.S.-Saudi Arabia
Business Council
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post
White House
World Bank
World Wildlife Fund

american.edu/careercenter

MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Washington, DC, is our biggest classroom, where you'll gain real world experience. AU students complete internships in the arts, sciences, business, communications, education, and, of course, domestic and international politics. Many of these internships lead directly to a job after graduation.

85% of students participated in at least one internship while at American University

91% of AU graduates were employed, in graduate school, or both six months after graduation

american.edu/weknowsuccess

THIS IS WHERE **CURIOSITY** **MEETS ADVENTURE**

As an international city, Washington, DC, has a lot to offer. But so does the rest of the world. With our AU Abroad programs, you'll have the opportunity to study just about anywhere in the world.

60%

of students study abroad at least once before they graduate



AU ABROAD

Abroad Programs	100+
Countries	40
Continents	6

Program Locations

Argentina	Israel
Armenia	Italy
Australia	Japan
Austria	Jordan
Belgium	Kazakhstan
Brazil	Kenya
Canada	Latvia
Chile	Mexico
China	Morocco
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	New Zealand
Ecuador	Northern Ireland
England	Poland
Finland	Scotland
France	South Korea
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
India	Taiwan
Indonesia	United Arab Emirates
Ireland	Wales



THIS IS HOME

Life on AU's campus buzzes with energy and activity. But you can't forget to recharge. There's no better place to do that than in one of our residence halls, which have everything you need to thrive. And when you need a good meal or even just a coffee, Dining Services has you covered with options for every dietary need.

11 residence halls
on campus

16 dining locations cater
to every dietary need

american.edu/student-affairs/housing/
american.edu/student-affairs/onecarddining/





AWAY FROM HOME

The true beauty of our campus is not found in our buildings or landscaping, but in our student body. Our 14,00 students—8,000 undergraduates and 6,000 graduates—not only come from all over the country, but from all over the world. Each student bringing a unique perspective and experience, from which we can all learn and grow.

9% international students

33% students of color

50 states represented

110+ countries represented

THIS IS WHERE INDIVIDUALS

College is a time of self-discovery. It's your time to pursue your dreams and to become the person you want to be. But that doesn't mean you have to go at it alone.

We have a number of resources to help you thrive during your time at AU, including:

Academic Support & Access Center

Center for Diversity & Inclusion

Counseling Center

Well-Being center

Kay Spiritual Life Center





FIND COMMUNITY

While you pursue your academic goals, you'll have plenty of time to pursue your passions and to find your people. You can join one of our many student organizations or create one. Play an intramural sport. Practice your faith. Debate. Volunteer. Or join AU Diplomats. Whatever you pursue, we know you'll belong.

15 NCAA Division I
Patriot league teams
+ Men's Wrestling

45 club and
intramural Sports

20 religious
communities

25 Sororities and
Fraternities at AU

250+ student-run clubs
and organizations

american.edu/student-affairs/get-involved.cfm



JACK L. and DOROTHY G. BENDER
LIBRARY and LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER





STUDENT PERSPECTIVE: LAKEISHA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, KENYA/SOUTH AFRICA
SOPHOMORE, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“My first impression of AU was extremely positive as someone who never got to visit the campus in person earlier. I love the mix of modern and classical architecture on campus, as well as the college town feel to Tenleytown. My favorite thing about AU is how warm and welcoming the community is. I felt at home as soon as I set foot on campus!”

APPLYING TO AU

At American University, we believe in a holistic admissions process. You are more than the sum of your grades and test scores, and we want to know about you inside and out of the classroom.

EARLY DECISION

If you decide that American University is the place for you, applying as an Early Decision candidate is a great way to demonstrate that interest to us. In exchange for submitting your application by one of our Early Decision deadlines, you will receive your admissions decision early.

EARLY ACTION

Early Action is a non-binding application deadline. Early Action applicants submit their applications earlier and receive their admissions decision earlier. They will have until May 1 to consider all of their admissions and merit and/or financial aid awards before deciding where to enroll in the fall.

NO SAT OR ACT REQUIRED

American University believes in increasing access to higher education. To that end, the SAT or ACT is not required for students (including U.S. citizens) graduating from secondary schools outside the United States.

american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Common Application or Coalition Application
- \$75 Application Fee — no fee waivers
- Secondary School Report
- High School Transcript
- Teacher Recommendation Letter
- Application Essay
- Resume/activity Report
- Proof Of English Proficiency
- HS Counselor Recommendation Letter (Optional, highly recommended)
- AU Declaration of Finances Form (AU DFF) for US\$81,620, only required for students on F/J visas

APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY ACTION	EARLY DECISION	EARLY DECISION II	REGULAR DECISION
NOV 1	NOV 1	JAN 15	JAN 15



COST OF ATTENDANCE 2024-2025

First-Year Students, Living On Campus

Tuition	\$57,952
Fees	\$548
Average Room	\$11,924
Average Board	\$6,058
Books & Supplies *	\$1,000
Health Insurance	\$2,302
Personal *	\$1,836
Total	\$81,620

** Estimated costs*

Personal expenses include clothing, telephone, transportation & miscellaneous expenses.

AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship promotes educational access and opportunity while enhancing international diversity. The 2025 AU EGL scholarship covers all billable AU expenses (full tuition, room and board) for two international students who will need a non-immigrant visa (preferably an F-1 or J-1 student visa) to study in the United States. The scholarship does not cover non-billable expenses such as mandatory health insurance, books, airline tickets and miscellaneous expenses (approximately U.S.\$4,000 per year).

AU will also offer up to eight additional generous AU EGL partial scholarships valued at up to US\$40,000/per year.

The AU EGL scholarships are renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study, based on continued satisfactory academic performance.

**[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/
INTERNATIONAL/AU-EGLS-APPLY.CFM](https://american.edu/admissions/international/au-egls-apply.cfm)**

**[AMERICAN.EDU/ADMISSIONS/
INTERNATIONAL/AU-EGLS-10-YEARS.CFM](https://american.edu/admissions/international/au-egls-10-years.cfm)**

FINANCING AN AU EDUCATION

We understand that students and parents have many questions about financing an education in the U.S. The following websites provide resources on financial planning and advice for prospective and admitted international students.

american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm

american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT AU

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

All AU applicants are automatically considered for partial merit scholarships based on their academic achievements. Additional scholarships that do require separate applications or processes include:

Athletics Scholarships

Tuition Exchange Scholarships

Private/Restricted Scholarships

NEED-BASED AID

U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for financial aid. To assess a family's financial need, we use the FAFSA and CSS Profile to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs. Students applying for financial aid must submit both the FAFSA and CSS Profile. No need-based financial aid is available for international students.

american.edu/financialaid



CHAITANYA VENKATESWARAN **2020 AU EGLS SCHOLAR, INDIA**

Chaitanya graduated with a double major in International Studies and Economics, together with certificates in Advanced Leadership Studies and Political Thought. She was a member of the School of International Service (SIS) Honors Program, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Economics Honors Program, an SIS Olson Scholar, and consistently made the Dean's List.

During her junior year, she took advantage of AU's robust study abroad programs to pursue a Policy and Politics Program at AU's Brussels and Nairobi Transcontinental centers.

Chaitanya held numerous campus leadership positions including Student Co-Director of the School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, teaching assistant, AU Ambassador tour guide, AU Diplomat international student ambassador, and managing director of the AU Clocks & Clouds Undergraduate Research Journal. She also found time to participate in numerous fellowships, research, and special academic programs such as the Hoover Institution Summer Policy Boot Camp, Stanford University Student Fellow, and AU's Public Affairs and Policy Lab, AU School of Public Affairs, Student Researcher.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements, leadership abilities, maturity, and contributions to the AU community, Chaitanya received the 2024 AU Bruce Hughes Award, awarded to one graduating senior each year.

Starting fall 2024, Chaitanya will pursue a master's degree in international economics at the prestigious Geneva Graduate Institute on a full scholarship.

YOU ARE WELCOME **HERE**

As a global university, American University has a long tradition of welcoming students from across the United States and the world to our campus.

American University is also home to 300 U.S. citizens and permanent residents who graduated from secondary schools outside the U.S. We call them our AU U.S. Global Nomads.

Our AU Diplomats are a diverse group of current AU international students and U.S. Global Nomads who serve as student ambassadors to new and prospective AU students, and other members of the international community.

american.edu/admissions/international/au-diplomats.cfm





THIS IS YOUR **OPPORTUNITY** **TO LEARN MORE**

We have a number of opportunities for you to connect with us and learn more about American University.

Visits & Events

american.edu/admissions/experience-au/

Why choose AU?


Interested in hearing why students come to American University? Our AU Diplomats share their thoughts and experiences on choosing AU.



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