

Preparing for an Informational Interview

What to Expect

We would like to get to know you as a potential student for American University, just as you are looking to learn more about AU as it relates to your future goals. You can expect that you will be asked questions about your academic interests, personality, extracurricular involvement, personal interests, what you are looking for in your college search, and how you found AU.

These are non-evaluative interviews, meaning that your admissions status will not be affected. An interview simply gives us a chance to learn more about you and for you to learn more about AU.

How to Prepare

These tips can help you prepare for an interview that will be productive and useful:

- Be on time. There are typically other interviews being conducted before and after your appointment time, so arriving promptly is much appreciated. If you are running late, please contact your interviewer by phone or email (contact information will be in your confirmation email). If you are no longer able to come to the interview, please contact your interviewer as soon as possible so another student may take your appointment time.
- Come prepared with questions and answers. We want to get to know you, so be prepared to talk about yourself! Before the interview, think about what questions you may have that are not answered on the AU website. One of the benefits of the interview is that you have a one-on-one opportunity to talk with an admissions expert. This is your time to ask as many questions as you would like. Coming equipped with questions on AU and the admissions process will help you get the most out of your interview.
- Don't stress. We often tell students that there really is no wrong answer. The interview is meant to be conversational, so there is no reason to be nervous. We are friendly and eager to get to know you and help you learn more about our wonderful school. Just be yourself!