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International
Admissions

2012-2013

PASSIONATE

Global

International and U.S. Global Nomad
First-Year (Freshman) Applicants

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

AU is home to more than 1,300 international students representing diverse cultures and viewpoints from 146 countries. This diversity is also reflected in our faculty, academic programs and exchanges. AU is also home to an increasing number of U.S. citizen “Global Nomads” who have grown up outside the United States.

AU offers a broad choice of majors and minors as well as preprofessional advising programs in law and medicine. You may also double major or construct your own interdisciplinary major. AU’s flexibility also allows you to have your major in one AU school and a minor in another AU school or college. We understand that tomorrow’s careers require an understanding of a wide variety of fields, and we encourage students to transcend the traditional boundaries of academic disciplines.

At AU, “access” and “engagement” are not merely catchphrases; the spirit of these words permeate the campus environment. Students who share a desire to understand and shape tomorrow’s world are attracted to AU because of its culture of engagement and service.

We appreciate your interest and hope to welcome you to the American University community soon!



Evelyn Levinson
Director, International Admissions



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Assistant Vice President, Campus Life

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

American Studies (BA)
Anthropology (BA)
Art History (BA)
Audio Production (BA)
Audio Technology (BS)
Biochemistry (BS)
Biology (BS)
Business Administration (BSBA)
Business, Language and Culture Studies (BS)
Business and Music (BS)
Chemistry (BS)
Communication Studies (BA)
Computer Science (BS)
Economics (BA) (BS)
Elementary Education (BA)
Environmental Studies (BA)
Film and Media Arts (BA)
Fine Arts (BFA)
Foreign Language and Communication Media (BA)
French Studies (BA)
German Studies (BA)
Graphic Design (BA)
Health Promotion (BS)
History (BA)
Interdisciplinary Studies
Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government (BA)
International Studies (BA)
Jewish Studies (BA)
Justice (BA)
Language and Area Studies
French/Europe (BA)
German/Europe (BA)
Russian/Area Studies (BA)
Spanish/Latin America (BA)
Law and Society (BA)
Liberal Studies (BA)
Literature (BA)
Marine Science (BS)
Mathematics (BS)
Mathematics, Applied (BS)
Music (BA)
Performing Arts

Musical Theatre (BA)
Theatre (BA)
Philosophy (BA)
Physics (BS)
Political Science (BA)
Print/Broadcast Journalism (BA)
Psychology (BA)
Public Communication (BA)
Public Health (BA) - New!
Religious Studies (BA)
Russian Studies (BA)
Secondary Education (Secondary major only)
Sociology (BA)
Spanish Studies (BA)
Statistics (BS)
Studio Art (BA)
Women's and Gender Studies (BA)

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Prelaw Program
Premed Program

FIVE-YEAR BACHELOR'S/ MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Anthropology
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
Education
Environmental Science
Health Promotion and Health Fitness Management
History
International Studies
Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Mathematics and Computer Science
Mathematics and Statistics
Philosophy
Physics and Computer Science
Psychology
Sociology
Statistics
TESOL

Visit www.american.edu/degrees.cfm for a complete list of programs, majors and minors.

Among 4,000 institutions, American University is ranked in the top 100 in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges."



"I absolutely love AU. I fell in love with the school and made up my mind even before touring the campus. The academic programs are challenging and allow me to study what I am passionate about even if the fields are not related. The culture of this university is so open and diverse and I feel more open as well. I made great friends from abroad and I cannot wait to study abroad."

NAME: VANESSA ONGOLA

CITIZENSHIP: CAMEROON

SCHOOL AND MAJOR: KSB, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

HERE IS A SAMPLE OF WHERE AU STUDENTS HAVE
INTERINED IN THE PAST:

ABC News
Alcatel-Lucent
American Express
AOL
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 Chile
Embassy of Great Britain
Embassy of Korea
Embassy of Pakistan
Ernst & Young
ESPN
European Commission
FBI
Fox News Channel
Goldman Sachs
Institute for International
Economics
Inter-American Development
Bank
International Monetary Fund
The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
KPMG
Lockheed Martin
Mercedes-Benz
Merrill Lynch
Microsoft
Morgan Stanley
MTV
National Institutes of Health
(NIH)
National Geographic Society
NATO
Neiman Marcus
Organization of American
States (OAS)
Peace Corps
PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Prudential Financial
Smithsonian Institution
Standard Bank of South
Africa
United Nations
USA Today
U.S.-China Business Council
U.S.-Saudi Arabia Business
Council
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post
White House
World Bank
World Wildlife Fund
And more!

Learn more about internships
on the Web at www.american.edu/careercenter/Internship-Basics.cfm.



“I had an incredible internship at *USA Today* Brand Marketing. I was able to get real experience by working on real projects. One of the advertisements I helped to develop was printed nationwide!”

NAME: CHRISTIAN KINGSTON

CITIZENSHIP: UNITED KINGDOM, ARGENTINA AND CANADA

SCHOOL AND MAJOR: KSB, MARKETING AND REAL ESTATE

CAREER SERVICES

AU's Career Center is dedicated to teaching students how to develop educational and career goals and the job search strategies needed to manage their professional and academic pursuits. Career advisers are available to work individually with students to identify the major and career that are best suited for their skills and interests. Internship advisers are also available to help students find meaningful work opportunities to complement their academic coursework.

The Career Center also offers workshops covering resume writing, networking techniques and interviewing skills to help prepare students for internships. Students also benefit from annual on-campus job and internship fairs, networking opportunities with AU alumni and on-campus recruiting by a wide range of companies and organizations.

WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES

International students studying on an F-1 student visa are allowed to work on campus for a maximum of 20 hours per week during the school year. F-1 students are also eligible for Optional Practical Training (OPT) once they graduate from AU. OPT is an employment option that allows F-1 visa holders to work full-time (40 hours per week) for a period of 12 months in their field of study. F-1 visa holders may also be eligible to participate in internships off campus during their studies. Students must receive authorization from both AU and the U.S. government before they can begin their OPT.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

AU's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office is committed to building a global community by orienting, advising and advocating on behalf of international students. AU's knowledgeable and welcoming team of international student advisors guide students from the time they apply for a visa to the time they graduate from AU.

Along the way, ISSS provides ongoing support through new-student orientation programs; cross-cultural training; personal, academic and financial counseling; and immigration advising. Our international student advisors work closely with AU international students to ensure they understand and comply with all U.S. immigration laws.

ISSS also advises international students on how to obtain work authorization for postgraduate employment.

AU ABROAD

Students who don't study abroad are now in the minority at AU. From Argentina to the United Arab Emirates—and everywhere in between—more than 60 percent of AU students will study abroad before they graduate. AU Abroad offers more than 150 programs in over 40 countries on six continents. Where would you like to go? Kenya, India and Turkey are just a few of the destinations in AU's study abroad program, ranked 5th in the nation by "Open Doors 2010," and by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best in the United States. To learn more, visit the AU Abroad Web site at www.auabroad.american.edu.

A short distance from Washington, D.C.'s centers of government, business, research, commerce and art, AU's 84-acre (34-hectare) traditional campus is located in one of the most attractive and safest residential areas of the city.

Originally planned by Frederick Law Olmsted, the noted architect of New York City's Central Park, AU's campus was designated an arboretum and garden in 2003.

The rich intellectual and cultural resources of Washington, D.C., are incorporated into all aspects of the university's academic programs. AU students have had the opportunity to hear guest speakers such as Barack Obama, Madeleine Albright, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, the Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev, Michelle Bachelet, Ted Kennedy and Desmond Tutu. The AU academic experience strives to integrate current issues into the curriculum through internships, fieldwork, research and volunteer service. Experiential learning opportunities abound, and many AU students intern in corporate offices, research labs, government agencies, embassies, consulting firms, media centers, high-tech firms, world-class art galleries, museums and think tanks.

CAMPUS LIFE

From the classrooms to the quad, the atmosphere at AU is friendly and the feeling of community is especially strong. Our residence halls are modern and comfortable with renovated rooms and suites, kitchens and lounges on every floor. Internet and cable access are available in every room. Because our campus is completely wireless, you can use your computer, tablet or smartphone anywhere on campus to connect to the AU network.

With more than 250 undergraduate clubs and organizations to choose from, students have the opportunity to get involved both on and off campus. Student organizations include social, cultural, political, religious, media, student government and performing arts groups. Here are just a few examples:

African Student Organization
Arab Student Organization
Asian Student Association
AU Diplomats
Caribbean Circle
Chinese Students and Scholars Association
Eco-Sense
French Club
German Club
Global Nomads
International Business Club

Jewish Student Organization
Korean Student Organization
Model United Nations
Muslim Student Association
Salsa Club
South Asian Student Alliance
For more, visit www.american.edu/ocl/activities.

HOUSING AND DINING

AU has eight smoke-free residence halls on the main campus. On-campus housing is guaranteed for all first-year and transfer students (with 36 or less credits) if enrollment and housing paperwork is submitted on time. All rooms are wired for digital phone, computer, voicemail and cable. The residence halls are modern and offer a choice of single-sex or coed floors and special interest options, such as the University Honors Program and University College floors. Students dine in the campus dining hall, campus eateries and nearby restaurants.

THE ARTS

The Katzen Arts Center provides an inviting home for AU students studying the arts—music, dance, theatre, music theatre, arts management, studio art, sculpture, art history, multimedia and graphic design. The spacious Katzen Arts Center provides instructional, exhibition and performance space to inspire creativity and nurture multidisciplinary collaboration and inquiry. The center



“AU gives you the opportunity to create long-lasting friendships with students, staff and faculty. You feel you always have support when you are going through academic, professional and personal situations.”

NAME: BILLY RAOUFU
CITIZENSHIP: BULGARIA AND IVORY COAST
SCHOOL AND MAJOR: CAS, MAJOR: ECONOMICS, MINORS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

IMPORTANT: A completed application means that the application form and all supporting documents listed in the previous checklist, including the AU Certification of Finances for International Students (CFIS) and bank letter, must be submitted on time by the indicated deadline. Your file will not be reviewed until **all** of the above materials have been received by the International Admissions Office. Late applications will significantly reduce your chances of being admitted, as well as disqualify you from merit scholarship consideration.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: Please use a **courier service** (and keep your tracking number) to send your complete application packet to:

International Admissions
American University
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
USA
Tel: +1-202-885-6000

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact the International Admissions Office directly at intadm@american.edu.

THE APPLICATION FORM

Complete the application carefully. Please make sure to include your full name (exactly as it is spelled on your passport), date of birth, complete educational history, country of birth, citizenship, current mailing address and a permanent address outside of the United States, even if you are currently living or studying in the United States.

APPLICATION ESSAY

Address one of the essay topics suggested in the application. Be sure to take the time to prepare a strong essay that reflects your ability to organize and express your thoughts clearly.

YOUR ACADEMIC RECORDS

Please have your academic records from **each** secondary school you attended for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades sent directly from those schools to American University in sealed envelopes. These records should be submitted in their original language and

accompanied by notarized English translations if applicable. Include any examination results such as IB, GCSE, GCE, Bagrut, Tawjihi,

French Baccalaureate, CAPE, Abitur, Attestat or Secondary School Leaving Certificates.

Certain exam results such as, but not limited to, IB, WAEC, GCE, GCSE and CAPE must come directly to our office from the examination board or authority.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters are required. One must come from a teacher; the second letter may be written by your school's college counselor, your principal or headmaster or another teacher. These letters are confidential. Each letter must be in English. Please have your reference sign or place a school stamp across the sealed flap of the envelope.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Course work at AU requires strong skills in the English language. All applicants (regardless of citizenship) whose first language is not English are required to take one of the following exams and achieve the indicated scores to demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency.

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - Internet-based test score of 80 or higher*
 - Paper-based test score of 550 or higher
2. IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
 - Composite score of 6.5 or higher
3. Pearson Test of English (PTE)
 - Score of 53 or higher

***To be considered competitive, a 90 iBT score or above is recommended.**

Please arrange for scores to be sent directly from the testing agency. (TOEFL Code: 5007)

Merit award consideration is highly competitive and the number of scholarships available is limited. For the 2011-2012 academic year, only one-third of all admitted international students received merit awards, which ranged from U.S.\$6,000 to U.S.\$32,000 per academic year. These funds are renewable for all four years of study based on successful continued academic performance. Similar scholarship award amounts are predicted for 2012-2013.

IMPORTANT FOR FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AU'S PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Apply for the fall (August) semester, not spring. Fall application deadline is January 15.
2. Make sure your application packet is complete and includes the AU CFIS form and bank letter.
3. Your CFIS and letter must demonstrate that you have at least U.S.\$55,289 available for your first year of study, even if you hope to qualify and receive one of AU's competitive merit awards. Plan to have similar funding available for **each** additional year of undergraduate study (up to four years total).
4. First-year applicants will be notified of any merit awards together with their admission letter that is sent in the spring.
5. AU merit awards are offered only at the time of admission. There are **no** further opportunities for AU partial scholarships once you have begun your studies.
6. No increases in scholarship amounts are available from year to year. The initial amount of your AU merit award remains constant for all four years of study.
7. Costs for the 2012-2013 academic year are estimated at U.S.\$55,289. This includes tuition, mandatory fees, room, board, insurance and personal expenses. For all subsequent years, expect a 4-6 percent increase per year.

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You may wish to contact the following institutions to seek information on additional sources of financial assistance:

- Your Embassy in Washington, D.C.
www.embassy.org/embassies
- EducationUSA Advising Center in your country
www.educationusa.info/centers.php

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (EGLS) promotes educational access and opportunity while enhancing international diversity. Bringing together the best of AU—academic excellence, leadership development and global engagement—the AU Emerging Global Leader achieves, inspires and serves with vision. The AU EGL is dedicated to positive civic and social change, and to returning home to improve under-resourced, underserved communities in their home country.

The scholarship provides full tuition, room and board and fees for **one** international student who will need a visa to study in the United States (preference will be for those who need an F-1 or J-1 student visa). It is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study, based on continued satisfactory academic performance. U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents or dual citizens of the United States and another country are not eligible to apply.

To be considered for the scholarship, students must be applying as first-year (freshmen) for fall (August) 2012, and must submit the AU EGLS application, the Common Application and all supporting documents by January 15, 2012. Preference will be given to international students who have overcome various obstacles and challenges as well as those from diverse and underrepresented global and socioeconomic backgrounds. The most competitive applicants should have:

1. A minimum 3.8 GPA equivalent (or in the top 10 percent of graduating class)
2. A demonstrated commitment to service and advancing the needs of people in their home country
3. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, with a minimum 90 TOEFL iBT
4. Demonstrated leadership, volunteerism and community service

For more information, please contact EGLS@american.edu or visit www.american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm

CHARACTER

Private, urban, coeducational research university founded in 1983 by an act of Congress and located in one of Washington, DC's safest residential neighborhoods near "Embassy Row."

CALENDAR

2 semesters plus summer sessions

STUDENTS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT OF 13,047, with 6,827 undergraduates and 5,725 graduate and law students from across the United States and 146 countries

FACULTY

From world-renowned academic experts to former ambassadors, 95 percent of the faculty has the highest degree in their field.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

College of ARTS AND SCIENCES
KOGOD School of BUSINESS
School of COMMUNICATION
School of INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
School of PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON College of LAW

DIVERSITY

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED: **146**

STATES REPRESENTED: **50**

INTER NATIONAL: **12%**

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

23

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

13:1

AT A GLANCE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

ESTIMATED COSTS

2011-2012* (BASED ON 9 MONTHS):

TUITION	FEES
\$37,544	\$517
ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	BOARD (MEAL PLAN)
\$9,018	\$4,540
BOOKS	HEALTH INSURANCE
\$800	\$1,670
PERSONAL (CLOTHING, TELEPHONE, TRANSPORTATION, MISC.)	
\$1,100	
TOTAL: \$55,289	

* EXPECT A 4-6% INCREASE IN COSTS FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

AU DIPLOMATS

AU Diplomats are international student and U.S. Global Nomad volunteers who represent American University to the global community. For more information, visit WWW.AMERICAN.EDU/OCL/ISSS/AU-DIPLOMATS.CFM or write to AUDIPLOMATS@AMERICAN.EDU.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

State-of-the-art labs and studios, performing arts spaces, museums, fitness center and newly renovated residence halls

HOUSING and DINING

University housing guaranteed for first-year students, optional for continuing students. Main campus offers traditional residence halls, plus suite-style and apartment-style buildings, and varied dining options.

CAREER CENTER

OUR AWARD-WINNING CAREER CENTER offers career preparation and planning, an alumni network, internships and national merit award mentoring.

ATHLETICS

NCAA DIVISION I PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS, club and intramural sports, state-of-the-art fitness center

TECHNOLOGY

WIRELESS CAMPUS, with 24-hour computer labs and Internet access in classrooms and residence halls