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First-Year (Freshman) Applicants



WELCOME

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

RANKINGS

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.”

For 2011, *BusinessWeek* ranked our Kogod School of Business as the 37th best undergraduate business program in the United States. AU’s School of International Service—the largest school of international affairs in the United States—was recently ranked 17th for top undergraduate program and 8th for outstanding Master’s program by *Foreign Policy* magazine. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks our School of Public Affairs as one of the top 10 programs in the United States. AU’s Washington College of Law’s specializations in clinical training and international law rank second and sixth, respectively.

In 2011, Princeton Review ranked AU’s Career Center 18th in the nation for “Best Career Services.” *U.S. World & News Report* ranks AU in the top ten for national universities producing the most interns among their undergraduate students.

ACCREDITATION

American University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In addition, AU holds professional accreditations in several disciplines, including:

- AACSB International (business)
- APA - American Psychological Association (psychology)
- ABA - American Bar Association (law)
- International Association of Film and Television Schools
- NCATE (education)

AU maintains membership with the following professional organizations: the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Association of American Law Schools and CILECT, the International Association of Film and Television Schools.

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

AU is proud to have among its alumni the former Prime Minister of Mali, Panama’s former Vice Prime Minister and other dedicated

leaders, diplomats, CEOs and directors who are carrying on AU’s vision of turning ideas into action and action into service. The AU Office of Alumni Programs provides career mentoring and networking by keeping its graduates connected through regional chapters throughout the United States and with international chapters located in Beijing, Brussels, Istanbul, Amman, London, Paris, Seoul and Tokyo. Visit www.american.edu/alumni for more information on alumni networks worldwide.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Academic Support Center (ASC) provides a variety of sessions, services and programs to assist international students in all areas of study. ASC offers ESL tutoring referrals, a writing lab with counselors who are specially trained in working with international students, study skills workshops and other helpful services. AU’s Writing Center is available throughout the year to assist students with writing assignments. Experienced counselors can provide individualized attention to a specific project or they can also offer advice on time management techniques, brainstorming, outlining and other writing techniques.

RENOWNED FACULTY

At AU, personal attention and access to faculty are a reality. Our faculty represents a rich mix of academic and professional training. Of its 750 members, 95 percent have the highest degree in their field. Students have the opportunity to learn from professionals from organizations such as the World Bank, Discovery Communications, the Associated Press, the National Endowment for the Arts, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, AOL, NASA and other institutions, both public and private. These faculty members bring a real-world perspective to the classroom experience. The student-faculty ratio is 13 to 1. The average undergraduate class size is 23 students.

ACADEMICS

AU’s goal is to prepare a generation of leaders who are broadly educated, passionately engaged and capable of translating the lasting values that are hallmarks of a human, humane and civilized world to a complex environment.

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

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The top 15 percent of admitted students are invited to join the University Honors Program. The Honors experience is designed to promote a continuous learning environment, making optimum use of our outstanding faculty, campus facilities and the numerous resources available in the Washington, D.C., area and abroad. The program offers special courses, residence in Honors housing, individualized Honors advisement, preparation and support for national scholarship competitions, cultural opportunities and events and an environment designed to motivate talented students and to foster a life-long dedication to learning. To learn more, visit www.american.edu/honors.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

University College is a unique and challenging academic experience, open only to first-year students, that combines class work with a special residential setting and exciting learning activities in Washington, D.C. The program combines the best elements of college life with the vast opportunities for learning and discovery that the city has to offer. Visit www.american.edu/universitycollege for more information.

THE GLOBAL SCHOLARS (SIS) AND OTHER THREE-YEAR BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS

The Global Scholars Program is an accelerated course of study for entering first-year students interested in earning a Bachelor of Arts in international studies in three years and possibly the BA/MA in four. Students admitted to this rigorous program have the opportunity to take core required courses in a cohort during the first year, live in a residence hall during the first year of study in a living-learning program with other Global Scholars, study abroad (through AU Abroad or SIS) in the summer between the first and second years and enjoy tailored cocurricular experiences, such as mentoring by program directors and alumni, career development and advising and research supervision. For information on eligibility and the application process, please visit www.american.edu/sis/globalscholars.

Other new three-year Bachelor's degree programs are scheduled to be launched beginning fall 2011. Visit www.american.edu for more information as it becomes available.

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

University Library: The Bender Library and Learning Resources Center serves AU's informational needs with more than one million volumes, including more than 700,000 print books, 20,000 e-books, 250,000 digitized primary source materials, 45,000 online periodical subscriptions, 41,000 media and sound recordings and 14,000 musical scores. The library is part of the eight-member Washington Research Library Consortium, featuring a shared online catalog.

Technology and Computing Resources: Computing resources are delivered via a fiber optic network as well as through a wireless network. Wireless access for laptop computers and other devices is available throughout campus. High-speed wireless Internet access is available in locations such as the library, residence halls, classrooms and the quad.

INTERNSHIPS

At AU, you can combine academics and experiential learning to gain training, professional experience and explore possible careers, **all within your four years** as an undergraduate student. No extra time is needed!

The AU Career Center is ranked 18th in the United States for best career services. Internships geared toward all majors are available to students in Washington, D.C., and around the world. In fact, more than 80 percent of AU undergraduate students complete at least one internship before graduating.

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



“Studying abroad in Madrid, Spain was definitely one of the best decisions I made. I learned so much more about Spain, traveled all over the country and met some of my best friends during this time. It was also so much easier to learn Spanish because I was hearing it at restaurants and on the street, and practicing with my host mom every day. It was very eye-opening to be exposed to an entirely different culture and people, and the experience changed my life!”

NAME: SHANIKA YAPA
CITIZENSHIP: SRI LANKA
SCHOOL AND MAJOR: SOC, PUBLIC COMMUNICATION



“AU has a large international community; people from all over the world and very interesting places. What I love the most is that you get to learn about their cultures and countries.”

NAME: TRIANA TELLO GEREZ
CITIZENSHIP: MEXICO
SCHOOL AND MAJOR: ECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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



also features an extraordinary art museum with a variety of gallery spaces for exhibition of contemporary art from local and international artists. The Greenberg Theatre hosts quality theatre, music and dance performances by the AU arts programs and professional companies for the AU and Washington, D.C., communities. The 300-seat theatre includes an orchestra pit, dressing rooms, lighting and acoustics, scene and costume design shops and excellent visibility from every seat.

SPIRITUAL

The Kay Spiritual Life Center serves the university community as a center for religious life and spiritual growth. The center is an interfaith house of worship and home to regular services and observances for Baha'i, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu/Vedic, Jewish, Church of Latter-Day Saints, Muslim, Unitarian Universalist and Protestant denominations. It provides personal and religious counseling, support-group workshops, discussions and retreats. The center also sponsors a monthly Table Talk series, Alternative Spring Break service opportunities and an Interfaith Council.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Students enjoy AU's fitness center, outdoor track, soccer and intramural fields and an indoor pool. Reeves Field, which is used as a soccer and lacrosse competition site, is recognized as one of the finest fields in the nation.

NCAA DIVISION I

American University is a member of the Patriot League and competes in men's and women's soccer, basketball, track, cross country, swimming and diving. AU also has women's teams in field hockey, lacrosse and volleyball and a men's wrestling team.

INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS

The intramural sports program is an exciting complement to the academic, cultural and social life of students. The program offers men's, women's and coed teams in such sports as basketball, flag football, outdoor soccer, volleyball and tennis.

Club sports are organized team sports coordinated and run by students that compete against other area and regional schools. AU Club sports include crew, cricket, ice hockey, rugby, equestrian, sailing, cycling and soccer.



“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 RAOUFOU
CITIZENSHIP: BULGARIA AND IVORY COAST
SCHOOL AND MAJOR: CAS, MAJOR: ECONOMICS, MINORS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS



FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) APPLICANTS

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online using the Common Application. The Common Application is available at www.commonapp.org. There is a U.S.\$65 fee for all applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

If you plan to begin your studies in August (fall semester):

Early Decision.....**November 15**

Regular Decision.....**January 15**

If you plan to begin your studies in January (spring semester):

Students living outside the United States.....**September 1**

Students living within the United States.....**December 1**

Tip: First-year “freshmen” applicants who wish to be considered for AU merit awards (partial scholarships) should apply for the fall semester. No scholarships are awarded for spring admission.

HOW TO APPLY

IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

To be considered for admission to AU, your application and **all** supporting documents listed below must be received by the appropriate deadline.

- Completed Common Application, including supplement, essay and CV/resume**
- Academic records with official transcripts and certified English translations if applicable**
- Two academic letters of recommendation**
- Demonstrated English proficiency**
- Completed AU Certification of Finances (CFIS) form, available at www.american.edu/admissions/international***
- Bank letter showing at least \$55,289 for first year of study and living expenses***
- Application fee of U.S.\$65**

***Non-U.S. citizens who will need a student visa (F or J) only.**

NO SAT NEEDED! AU does not evaluate SAT scores for students (including U.S. citizens) graduating from secondary schools outside the United States. Please DO NOT submit your SAT scores to our office

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:

Undergraduate Admissions
Office of Enrollment
3201 NEW MEXICO AVENUE, NW
STE-B1
WASHINGTON, DC 20016-8001
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)

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (CFIS)

IMPORTANT: Total costs for the 2011-2012 academic year are estimated at U.S.\$55,289. Please note that AU does NOT provide need-based financial aid to non-U.S. citizens. AU merit awards are partial scholarships and are very competitive. They are based on a combination of outstanding academic achievement, excellent communication skills in English, leadership, volunteerism and community service. (See “AU Merit Awards” below.)

Applicants who require a student or exchange visitor visa (F or J) **must** submit to the International Admissions Office the AU CFIS form and a bank letter showing proof of at least U.S.\$55,289 for your first year of studies and living expenses.

These and all other supporting documents must be received by January 15, 2012, for fall (August) 2012 semester, or September 1, 2012, for spring (January) 2013 semester. Application packets without the AU CFIS form and bank letter will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

TRANSFER-IN FORM: If you are currently studying in the United States on an F or J visa and decide to attend AU, you will be required to submit the “Immigration Transfer-In Form” before your AU I-20 or DS-2019 can be issued.

Visit www.american.edu/ocl/iss/Financial-Proof.cfm for the AU Cost Guide, sample bank letters and the AU CFIS and Transfer-In forms.

EARLY DECISION

The Early Decision (ED) Plan at American University is an application option for first-year students for whom AU is their first choice. The benefits of applying Early Decision are early notification of the admission decision, on-campus housing priority and early course registration.

If you apply for ED and sign an ED agreement, you are agreeing to enroll at AU if admitted. You may initiate applications to other schools before notification of admission to AU. However, if admitted to AU, you must submit a tuition deposit and withdraw your applications to other colleges and universities.

The ED Plan at AU does not provide students with additional merit awards beyond what the Regular Decision Plan offers. Questions regarding Early Decision should be directed to the International Admissions Office at +1-202-885-6000 or via e-mail at intadm@american.edu.

ADVANCED CREDIT FOR EXAMS

Students may be eligible to receive advanced credit for exams passed during secondary school. The number of credits awarded is dependent upon the exams and academic subject. A sample list of the exams that are most frequently taken is below:

1. International Baccalaureate (IB): Credit will be awarded for most IB Higher-Level exam results of 4 or higher. Exceptions include:
 - IB English A1 HL or A2 HL require a score of 5 or higher
 - IB Statistics HL requires a score of 5 or higher
 - IB Mathematics HL requires a score of 6 or higher
 - IB Film HL requires a score of 4 or higher and submission and approval of a portfolio before credit can be awarded
2. A-Level: Credit will be awarded for most A-level exam results of A, B, C, D or E. Credit will not be awarded for AS-level exam results.
3. Advanced Placement (AP): Credit will be awarded for most AP exam results of 4 or 5.

Other leaving exams such as French Baccalaureate, Abitur and CAPE may be eligible for advanced credit and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

AU MERIT AWARDS

No separate application form or process is required for AU merit scholarships.

American University’s merit awards for international students are partial, not full, scholarships. They are based on a combination of outstanding academic achievement, excellent communication skills in English, leadership, volunteerism and community service. No need-based financial aid is available to international students (non-U.S. citizens).

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

- International Student Organization
www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx
- International Student Loans
www.internationalstudentloan.com
- Rowe Fund for Students from Caribbean/Latin America (no-interest loan)—for third and fourth year of undergraduate study
www.oas.org/rowe

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In addition to the regular undergraduate costs for tuition, room and board and fees, international students must be able to pay the following costs if they are applicable to their particular situation:

- Travel expenses from their home country to the United States during vacation periods
- Large purchases (such as computers or furniture if the student will not be living in campus housing)
- Medical expenses not covered by health insurance (such as eye care, dental care and medical problems developed before arriving at the university)
- Food and housing during school holidays
- Tuition and living expenses for the summer session (May through August) should the student decide to take classes during that term

APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

If accepted to American University, students will need immigration documents to present at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate for the application for an F-1 or J-1 student visa. Study on an F-1 student visa requires an I-20 form, which is issued by AU. Study on a J-1 student visa requires a DS-2019 form, which is issued by the student's financial sponsor. If the sponsor does not issue the DS-2019, AU will issue it.

All students must be able to demonstrate financial ability to pay for at least one year of academic and living expenses before being issued an I-20 or DS-2019. For the 2011–12 academic year, total costs are estimated to be U.S.\$55,289. For all subsequent years, expect a 4-6 percent increase per year.

If you are currently studying in the United States on an F or J visa and decide to attend AU, you must also submit the “Immigration

and Transfer-In Form” before your AU I-20 or DS-2019 can be issued.

Please visit www.american.edu/ocl/iss/Financial-Proof.cfm for the AU Cost Guide, sample bank letters, the AU Certification of Finances for International Students (AU CFIS) form and the Immigration and Transfer-In form.

All financial documents must be in English and dated within the past three months to be considered valid.



EDUCATION USA

For further assistance with the application process, visa and predeparture orientation sessions and information specific to your country, please contact your local U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate or Office of Public Affairs for referral to an overseas educational advising center near you. You may also wish to consult the U.S. Department of State's Web site, www.educationusa.info/centers.php, to locate an EducationUSA Advising Center in your region.

Tip: For answers to many questions and further helpful information, be sure to check out “If You Want to Study in the United States,” Book One (Undergraduate Study) and Book Four (Predeparture), available in PDF format in six languages on educationusa.state.gov.

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 AUDIPLDMATS@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

