# Annual Fire Safety Report

**Reporting Year 2015** 



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# Overview of the HEOA Fire Safety Requirements

American University is required to comply with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) provisions regarding fire safety. The HEOA of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-315), signed into law on August 14, 2008, amends the Higher Education Act of 1965. The act is codified within 20 USC § 1092 (i) and published as 34 CFR 668.49, Institutional Fire Safety Policies and Fire Statistics.

For more information about the act, please see https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/pdf/PLAW-110publ315.pdf.

In accordance with the HEOA fire safety provisions, this report provides the fire safety provisions and fire statistics for the calendar years 2013-2015.

The HEOA is enforced by the United States Department of Education; institutions that fail to comply with the Act are subject to fines up to \$35,000 per violation (34 CFR § 668.84).

The act has three fire safety policy and fire statistics requirements, which mandate the following for Title IV institutions:

- Maintain a file log
- Report fire statistics to the Secretary of Education
- Publish an annual fire safety report

All three provisions pertain only to fire statistics, record keeping, and fire safety procedures for on-campus student housing facilities. For purposes of HEOA fire safety provisions, an on-campus student housing facility is defined as "any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus." The fire log must include the date the fire was reported and the date, time, general location, and nature of all fires in on-campus student housing facilities. All fire data must be recorded in the log within two business days of the fire's occurrence. AU's HEOA-compliant fire log is maintained by the American University Police Department. A paper copy of the log is available, upon request, at the Public Safety Building as well as online at www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety.

On-campus student housing facilities and all other campus buildings are also subject to building fire safety code as promulgated by the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS).

The University's Annual Fire Safety Report is produced by the American University Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs Office in conjunction with the American University Police Department.

# Notice, Availability, and location of the Annual Fire Safety Report

RMSP publishes the Annual Fire Safety Report and posts a copy on American University's website by October 1 of each year. The HEOA requires that all enrolled students and current employees receive either the Annual Fire Safety Report in its entirety or receive notice of the report's availability and location. We notify all students, staff, and faculty of the website via email and informational postings within the campus. This report is also available for download on the RMSP website at <a href="http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/asr.cfm">http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/asr.cfm</a>.

The HEOA requires that the Annual Fire Safety Report is made available to prospective students and employees. All current or prospective faculty, staff, and students can obtain a paper copy by calling 202-885-2537, visiting Public Safety on campus, or emailing <a href="mailto:clerycompliance@american.edu">clerycompliance@american.edu</a>, or writing to:

ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT REQUEST

American University Police Department

4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20016-8068

American University must also comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). In accordance with the Clery Act, each year AU prepares the Annual Security Report. This report contains statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings; on property owned or controlled by American University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. This report contains institutional policies regarding campus security, such as sexual assault and other matters. Additionally, this report provides details about safety programs and resources provided to the AU community. You may access the report at

http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/asr.cfm. A paper copy is also available upon request by calling Public Safety at (202) 885-2537 or emailing <a href="mailto:clerycompliance@american.edu">clerycompliance@american.edu</a>.

# Residence Hall Fire Safety Systems

In calendar year 2015, American University owned and operated 10 residence halls on main campus. Tenley campus was closed for renovations in 2013. All residence halls link to the automated smoke detection and fire alarm system. Upon activation, the automated system communicates to the American University Police Department through a monitor that indicates the building, specific area in the building, and specific device that has been activated. The automated system monitors the residence halls for fire and smoke 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Each hall is equipped with a full sprinkler system. Each resident's room is equipped with a centrally located smoke detector. Smoke detectors are battery operated, with preventative maintenance scheduled semiannually. Kitchen areas in the residence halls are equipped with heat detectors. Table 1 presents the fire safety systems for each residence hall.

Building-wide fire alarm systems consist of smoke detectors, pull stations, bells, and strobes. Activation of a building-wide system produces both audible and visual signals to indicate fire alarms. Individual smoke detectors in the residence rooms produce audible signals localized to the room. Rooms designated for disabled students also connect to the building-wide fire safety system and have individual smoke detectors.

All building fire alarm systems are tested annually. All sprinkler systems are tested quarterly, in addition to an annual inspection performed by American University's Facilities Management.

Table 1. Residence Hall Fire Safety Systems

Residential Facility <sup>1</sup>	Building-Wide Smoke Detection	Building-Wide Fire Alarm Monitoring System	Full Sprinkler System	Resident Room Smoke Detectors	Fire Extinguishers
Anderson Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berkshire Apartments <sup>2</sup>	Smoke detectors in each apartment and in front of elevators	Electronic display monitored by front desk 24 hours a day. Does not ring into fire department.	Partial system only in garage and common areas	Yes	Yes
Capital Hall (Closed 2013)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cassell Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Centennial Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clark Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Congressional Hall (Closed 2013)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Federal Hall (Closed 2013)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hughes Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leonard Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letts Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McDowell Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nebraska Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roper Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Residence hall addresses are listed on page 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of June 2016, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Berkshire Apartments are now considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting 2016 Edition.

# Mandatory, Supervised Fire Drills

Mandatory, supervised fire drills are conducted at least one time during both the spring and fall semesters for all residence halls. The 2015 drill schedule for the residence halls is presented in tables 2 and 3. The fire drill tests the fire alarm and safety systems at all levels, including alarm transmission, American University Police Department response, and residence hall evacuation. Upon activation of the fire alarm, students are expected to evacuate and gather at a predetermined location. Staff members from the Housing and Dining Programs conduct a review of fire safety for the student body, while the American University Police Department or Facilities Management personnel conduct a sweep of the hall.

The American University Police Department officer(s) conducting the drill records details of each fire drill in a Residence Hall Fire Drill Assessment Report. Assessment reports are archived in the Risk, Safety, and Transportation Programs office at 3201 New Mexico Avenue, N.W., Suite 330, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Table 2: Spring 2015 Fire Drills

Residential Facility <sup>3</sup>	Date	Total Time (Minutes)	Participants
Anderson Hall	02/09/15	41	Over 250
Berkshire Apartments <sup>4</sup>	N/A (Not Counted as	an On-Campus Reside	nce Hall During 2015)
Capital Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Cassell Hall	02/02/2015	17	Over 100
Centennial Hall	02/09/2015	36	292
Clark Hall	02/23/2015	17	Over 10
Congressional Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Federal Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Hughes Hall	02/05/2015	20	67
Leonard Hall	01/28/2015	12	72
Letts Hall	02/09/2015	36	292
McDowell Hall	02/05/2015	18	55
Nebraska Hall	02/02/2015	18	75
Roper Hall	02/23/2015	17	30

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As of June 2016, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Berkshire Apartments are now considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting 2016 Edition.

Table 3: Fall 2015 Fire Drills

Residential Facility <sup>5</sup>	Date	Total Time (Minutes)	Participants
Anderson Hall	09/08/2015	27	165
Berkshire Apartments <sup>6</sup>	N/A (Not Counted a	s an On-Campus Residen	ce Hall During 2015)
Capital Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Cassell Hall	09/15/2015	21	66
Centennial Hall	09/08/2015	27	40
Clark Hall	09/08/2015	9	25
Congressional Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Federal Hall (Closed 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)	N/A (Closed May 2013)
Hughes Hall	09/14/2015	14	18
Leonard Hall	09/14/2015	25	9
Letts Hall	09/08/2015	27	260
McDowell Hall	09/14/2015	19	55
Nebraska Hall	09/15/2015	10	43
Roper Hall	09/08/2015	8	30

# Residence Hall Policies on Fire Prevention

# Fire Safety Prohibitions

Student responsibilities and prohibitions related to fire safety and prevention are detailed in the Student Conduct Code, published annually by the American University's Office of Campus Life. To obtain a copy of the code, please visit <a href="https://www.american.edu/ocl/studentguide/Student-Policies.cfm">www.american.edu/ocl/studentguide/Student-Policies.cfm</a>.

American University students are prohibited from:

- Setting any fire within buildings or areas contiguous to the buildings;
- Tampering with fire equipment
- Activating any fire alarm system under false pretenses or making fraudulent fire or emergency reports;
- Disconnecting or tampering with any smoke detector device;
- Running electrical wires beneath any rug or carpet;

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 Smoking outside of designated areas within University property, including without limitation, vehicles, buildings, parking lots, and garages (see http://american.edu/initiatives/tobaccofree/tobacco-Free-AU.cfm)

### Electronic Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames

American University students are expressly prohibited from having the following items in residence hall rooms, on carpeted areas, in hallways, or in other undesignated areas:

- Halogen lamps
- Appliances, including but not limited to, coffeemakers, popcorn poppers, microwave ovens, hot
  plates, or other electric water-heating devices
- Refrigerators drawing greater than a 7-amp current.
- Any cooking device with an open flame or any open-flame devices, including candles, incense, and open burners.

The combined wattage from all electrical devices in a resident's room must not exceed 850 watts.

# Procedures for Student Housing Evacuation (in case of a fire alarm)

Fire evacuation procedures are available to the campus community on the Emergency Preparedness website: www.american.edu/emergency/upload/evacuation-procedures.pdf.

All students, employees, and faculty are required to evacuate all university buildings immediately upon the sounding of a fire alarm. Once safely outside a building, they may call 911 and the American University Police Department. If circumstances warrant relocation, students and employees are informed of where to go at the time of the alarm. Students, employees, and faculty are further restricted from entering a building during or following a fire alarm until receiving permission from a Housing and Dining Programs or American University Police Department representative.

During fire drills, residence halls are swept by American University Police officers or Housing and Dining Programs staff to assist disabled students, verify evacuation, and inspect for fire safety violations. In the event of an actual fire, residence halls would be swept for complete evacuation and assistance would be given to disabled students by the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS).

Students who choose to register with the Academic Support and Access Center and request accommodation for an impairment that may impact their ability to evacuate a building in an emergency, are oriented to all procedures related to their safety in all university buildings, including residence halls and academic buildings, during an intake meeting with an academic counselor in the Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC). Information about the ASAC can be found at american.edu/asac or by calling 202-885-3360.

To ensure that students with disabilities receive information about safety related specific disability concerns, a staff member from ASAC discusses it with them during the intake meeting.

Housing staff provides information on emergency evacuation plans and designated areas of rescue in the residence hall during the opening floor meetings at the beginning of each semester.

The Office of Risk, Safety, and Transportation Programs has placed "Areas of Rescue Assistance" signs in highly trafficked areas of university buildings to ensure that students, faculty, staff and visitors with mobility impairments can be quickly located and evacuated from the building in the event of an emergency.

The residence halls are scheduled for semiannual fire evacuation drills in the spring and fall semesters. Evacuation drills are coordinated by the American University Police Department and Housing and Dining Programs.

# Policies on Fire Safety Education and Training for Students and Employees

Fire evacuation protocol and procedures training for residence hall directors and assistants is provided by the senior staff of Housing and Dining Programs. Residence hall directors and assistants are also trained in evacuation procedures. In each housing facility this training provides instruction on procedures to be followed in case of a fire and distribution of information on the colleges fire safety policies. Following fire drills, students are also advised on these procedures by Housing and Dining Programs staff. Introduction to the fire systems in each housing facility can be provided by Facilities Management.

If a fire occurs, students are instructed to leave hazardous areas per the posted evacuation routes and to proceed to the predetermined muster location before calling (202) 885-3636 for help. They are to remain in that location so that Housing and Dining Programs staff can document that they have left the building. Resident Assistants are instructed to pull the fire alarm when exiting the building if able to do so without risking their safety.

No training is provided to students or employees in fire-fighting suppression activity, as this is inherently dangerous. Each community member's only duty is to exit safely and quickly, shutting doors along their exit path to contain the spread of flames and smoke; and activating the fire alarm. At no time should the closing of the doors or activation of the alarm delay exit from the building.

# **Contact Number for Reporting Fires**

American University faculty, staff, and students are instructed to notify the American University Police Department at (202) 885-3636 regarding all emergency situations including fire. The responding university police officer will determine if additional resources should be activated. The American University Police Department is staffed and support campus safety activities 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Per federal law, American University is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. To report fires in on-campus housing that have already been extinguished, or if you are unsure if the American University Police Department has been notified please call (202) 885-3636.

# American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2015

Residential Facility	Total Fires in Building	Fire Number	Date	Location Detail	Received Via	Cause of Fire	Value of Property Damage caused by Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire
Anderson Hall	2	1	3/20/15	Anderson – Inside Elevator	Email Notice	Melted Emergency Light (Non-criminal)	\$0	0	0
		2	3/24/15	Anderson Terrace Lounge	Email Notice	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Berkshire Apartments <sup>7</sup>	0								
Capital Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Cassell Hall	0								
Centennial Hall	0								
Clark Hall	0								
Congressional Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Federal Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Hughes Hall	1	1	2/14/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Leonard Hall	0								
Letts Hall	0								
McDowell Hall	1	1	4/1/15	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lobby	Telephone	Intentional-arson (Burnt Glass)	\$100-999	0	0
Nebraska Hall	0								
Danas Hall	2	1	5/24/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Roper Hall	2	2	11/26/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As of June 2016, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Berkshire Apartments are now considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting 2016 Edition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Closed in 2013 for construction; Capital Hall reopened in January 2016 as a non-residential part of the Washington College of Law Tenley Campus.

# American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2014

Residential Facility	Total Fires in Building	Fire Number	Date	Location Detail	Received Via	Cause of Fire	Value of Property Damage caused by Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire
Anderson Hall	2	1	7/14/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	Telephone	Intentional-Attempted Arson (Stove)	\$0	0	0
		2	4/8/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge	Telephone	Intentional-Arson (Paper)	\$0	0	0
Berkshire Apartments <sup>9</sup>	0								
Capital Hall <sup>10</sup>	0								
		1	2/17/14	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	System Alert	Unintentional-Food Preparation	\$0	0	0
Cassell Hall	4	2	5/9/14	8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	System Alert	Unintentional-Food Preparation	\$0	0	0
Cassell Hall	4	3	8/14/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lounge	System Alert	Unintentional-Food Preparation	\$0	1	0
		4	9/25/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	System Alert	Unintentional-Food Preparation	\$0	0	0
Centennial Hall	0								
Clark Hall	0								
Congressional Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Federal Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Hughes Hall	1	1	2/14/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
		1	1/28/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Leonard Hall	3	2	10/8/14	8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Bathroom	Email Notice	Unknown Cause (Paper)	\$0	0	0
		3	12/13/14	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Elevator Lobby	Telephone	Intentional-Arson (Paper on Bulletin Board)	\$0	0	0
Letts Hall	2	1	7/13/14	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge	Telephone	Intentional-Arson (Plastic Bottle)	\$0	0	0
		2	9/19/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
McDowell Hall	0								
Nebraska Hall	0								
Roper Hall	1	1	10/14/14	Lobby Kitchen Area	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Closed in 2013 for construction; Capital Hall reopened in January 2016 as a non-residential part of the Washington College of Law Tenley Campus.

# American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2013

Residential Facility	Total Fires in Building	Fire Number	Date	Location Detail	Received Via	Cause of Fire	Value of Property Damage caused by Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire
Anderson Hall	2	1	8/7/13	Outside: LA Quad	Telephone	Intentional-Malicious Burning (Chair)	\$0-\$99	0	0
Anderson nan	2	2	2/20/13	Outside: LA Quad	Telephone	Intentional-Malicious Burning (Toy)	\$0-\$99	0	0
Berkshire Apartments <sup>11</sup>	0								
Capital Hall <sup>12</sup>	1	1	3/31/13	1st Floor Bathroom	Telephone	Intentional-Malicious Burning (Bathroom Fixture)	\$2,000	0	0
Cassell Hall	1	1	12/14/13	Residence Hall Room	Telephone	Unintentional-Malfunctioning Spaceheater	\$30	0	0
Centennial Hall	1	1	7/3/13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Clark Hall	0								
Congressional Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
Federal Hall <sup>8</sup>	0								
		1	7/14/13	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Hughes Hall	3	2	7/13/13	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
		3	7/11/13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Leonard Hall	1	1	5/2/13	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Letts Hall	1	1	4/27/13	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Kitchen	Telephone	Intentional-Malicious Burning (Trash Can)	\$20	0	0
McDowell Hall	1	1	2/16/13	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Hallway	Telephone	Intentional-Malicious Burning (Paper on Bulletin Board)	\$100-999	0	0
Nebraska Hall	0								
		1	8/19/13	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
Roper Hall	2	2	7/28/13	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0
		3	6/5/13	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Kitchen	System Alert	Unintentional–food preparation	\$0	0	0

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# Future Improvements in Fire Safety

In 2016, American University's Police Department, Office of Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs; and Housing and Dining Programs will review fire safety procedures, training, and policies. Changes to current practice will be instituted as deemed necessary to improve the safety and American University's students and employees.

American University strives to provide a safe and fulfilling residence life program on our campuses. The office of Risk, Safety, and Transportation Programs are committed to promoting fire safety in all American University buildings.

## **Definitions**

Fire Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the

burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

Fire Drill A supervised practice of mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire

Fire-Related Injury Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of fire, including an injury

sustained from a natural or accidental cause involving fire control, rescue attempts, or

escape from the dangers of a fire.

Fire-Related Death Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of fire, including death resulting

from a natural or accidental cause involving fire control, rescue attempt, or escape from the dangers of a fire (including any person who dies within one year of injuries

sustained as a result of a fire).

Fire-Safety System Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from

a fire, or the control of a fire including the following:

Sprinkler or other fire-extinguishing system

Fire-detection devices

• Stand-alone smoke alarms

 Devices that alert students, faculty, or staff to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights

Smoke control and reduction mechanisms

Fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of fire

Person Students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individual

A postsecondary educational institution that has entered into a formal agreement with

the Secretary of Education, allowing the institution to participate in Title IV federal

student aid programs.

Value of Property Damage

Title IV Institution

The estimated value of loss of a structure and its contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity, including the following:

Contents damaged by fire

 Related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul, not including indirect loss such as business interruption.

# American University Residence Hall Addresses

Main Campus – 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20016

Anderson Hall
Cassell Hall
Centennial Hall
Clark Hall
Hughes Hall
Leonard Hall
Letts Hall
McDowell Hall
Nebraska Hall
Roper Hall

AU controlled apartments located at the Berkshire Apartments – 4201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 (For the purposes of Compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, this is counted as an oncampus residence hall located at 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016)

Tenley Campus – 4300 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016<sup>13</sup>

Capital Hall Congressional Hall Federal Hall

American University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution that operates in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The university prohibits discrimination and discriminatory harassment (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) against any AU community member on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, personal appearance, gender identity and expression, family responsibilities, political affiliation, source of income, veteran status, an individual's genetic information, or any other bases under federal or local laws (collectively "Protected Bases").

For information, contact that Dean of Students (dos@american.edu), Assistant Vice President of Human Resources (employeerelations@american.edu), or the Dean of Academic Affairs (academicaffairs@american.edu); write American University (4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016; or call (202) 885-1000.

For information regarding the accreditation and licensing of American University, please visit www.american.edu/academics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> By May 2013, all residence halls at Tenley Campus were vacated due to construction. None will reopen at that location. As of January 2016, the Tenley campus has been reopened as the Washington College of Law and no longer contains residence halls.

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