

Welcome to the AU 2009 Summer Sessions!

For many individuals, summer is an ideal time to travel, to explore interests or to try something new. For students in particular, summer affords an opportunity to accelerate academic progress or to jump-start academic goals. Whether you are a college student, high school student, working professional, or a life-long learner interested in taking courses to meet your academic goals or for personal or professional enrichment, American University offers an exceptional and exciting array of educational opportunities for Summer 2009.

Take a summer course. The summer curriculum offers more than 250 undergraduate and graduate courses in AU's College of Arts and Sciences and in the schools of business, communications, international studies, and public affairs. Many of these courses are tailored especially for summer and take advantage of the special opportunities and rich resources available only in Washington D.C.

Gain hands-on experience. Students from around the world can intern in the nation's capital through the internationally recognized Washington Semester Program. In Washington Semester, students can earn academic credit while working for professional organizations or federal agencies in Washington D.C., meeting public officials, and learning with professor-mentors who will help to bridge the classroom and the real world.

Explore the world through AU while earning academic credit. AU Abroad and the academic units offer several options to study abroad. Learn about globalization in southeast Asia, the political economy of the middle east, democracy and development in South Africa and other international topics while studying abroad. Immerse yourself in a foreign language and culture in one of AU's short-term language immersion programs. Or gain a competitive edge in the global marketplace and enroll in an international internship.

Enroll in an online course. If your schedule or location prevents you from taking a class in a traditional classroom setting, you can choose courses from over 50 courses taught completely online and by AU faculty.

Pre-collegiate students can participate in a variety of programs tailored to various interests and talents such as international relations and diplomacy, communications, criminal justice and forensics, and athletics. Additionally, high school students with a B or better grade point average may enroll as nondegree students in summer session courses at the 100- or 200-level.

Explore AU's summer options. I am confident you will make AU a part of your summer plans!

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