INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. GLOBAL NOMAD
FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) APPLICANTS
2017-2018
Greetings from American University, an environment that empowers.

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 1,600 international students representing diverse cultures and viewpoints from 144 countries. This diversity is reflected in our faculty, academic programs and exchanges. AU is also home to a large 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 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. In addition, more than 40 majors offer the option of pursuing a combined 5-year bachelors/masters program.

At AU, access and engagement are not merely catchphrases; the spirit of these words permeates 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

Senem Bakar
Director,
International Student & Scholar Services
GRADUATION OUTCOMES AND STATISTICS

The value of Career Center programs and services is reflected in AU students’ satisfaction and success.

Find out where an AU degree can take you at american.edu/weknowsuccess

SAMPLE OF PAST INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ABC News
American Express
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
Embassy of Panama
Ernst & Young
ESPN
European Commission
FBI
Institute for International Economics
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
National Geographic Society
NATO
Neiman Marcus
Nokia
Peace Corps
PwC
Prudential Financial
Smithsonian Institution
United Nations
U.S.-China Business Council
U.S.-Saudi Arabia Business Council
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post
White House
World Bank
World Wildlife Fund

WASHINGTON D.C. IS A LABORATORY for LEARNING.
Few locations can compare when it comes to INTERNSHIPS OF GLOBAL IMPORTANCE.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“Kogod’s biggest advantages include small classes, internship and job opportunities, as well a network of alumni and resources designed to prepare its students to be successful. I had the opportunity to take part in KPMG’s Discover Program and accepted an internship offer with KPMG in their commercial audit practice.”

Lee Shriki – AU Class of 2014, Kogod School of Business. President, Kogod Accounting Club; AU MS in Accounting – Class of 2015.
HOW TO APPLY

Apply online using the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) or Coalition Application (www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org). Your file will not be reviewed until all of the following are received by the International Admissions Office:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Common Application or Coalition Application form (with AU Writing Supplement), including essay and CV/Resume
- Application fee of U.S.$70
- Academic records for grades 9-12 with official transcripts and certified English translations (if applicable) for each secondary institution attended, if applicable
- Two academic letters of recommendation
- Demonstrated English proficiency
- Completed American University - Washington, D.C. Certification of Finances (AU CFIS) form showing at least U.S.$62,819 for first year of study and living expenses*
- Bank letter showing at least U.S.$62,819 for first year of study and living expenses*
- Interruption of Studies Statement, if you have already graduated from secondary school

* Only required from students who need a student visa (F or J). Financial documents showing less than U.S.$62,819 will not be accepted. All financial documents must be dated within the past three months to be considered valid.

For the AU Cost Guide, sample bank letters, the AU CFIS, and Transfer In forms, visit: www.american.edu/ocl/isss/Financial-Proof.cfm

NO SAT OR ACT NEEDED

AU does not evaluate SAT or ACT scores for students (including U.S. citizens) graduating from secondary schools outside the United States.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

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

All spring applicants, October 1

For students living outside the U.S., we strongly recommend September 1.

EARLY DECISION I AND II

The Early Decision Plan at American University is an application option for freshman students for whom American University is their first choice. It is a binding agreement, which means that when you apply as an Early Decision candidate, you agree to enroll at American University, if admitted, in exchange for receiving your admission decision early. You may submit applications to other schools before receiving an admissions notification from AU. However, if admitted to AU, you must submit a tuition deposit and withdraw your applications to all other colleges and universities at that time.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

Questions? Please contact: intadm@american.edu

For further assistance with the application process, visa and pre-departure orientation sessions, and information specific to your country, visit the U.S. Department of State’s website to locate an EducationUSA advising center in your region.

www.educationusa.state.gov

Tip: Check out “If You Want to Study in the United States” Book One (Undergraduate Study), available in PDF format in several languages at www.educationusa.state.gov.
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

American University requires strong English language skills. All freshmen applicants (including U.S. citizens) whose first language is not English can prove English proficiency by one of two options: **curriculum or testing**.

**CURRICULUM OPTIONS**

1.) Four years of study (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 or equivalent) in U.S.-accredited or IB, CXC or UK curricula (inside or outside the U.S.), where English is the only medium of instruction AND no ESL courses have been taken.

2.) Four years of study (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 or equivalent) in selected English-speaking countries* or in the educational systems of these countries* (regardless of location) where English is the only medium of instruction AND no ESL courses have been taken.

*English speaking countries include: UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada (except Quebec).

**TESTING OPTIONS**

**TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) | Code 5007**: Internet-based test (iBT) score of 80 or higher. Sub-scores for each section of the TOEFL should be 20 or higher. To be considered competitive, a 90 TOEFL iBT score or above is recommended.

OR paper-based test score of 550 or higher

**Pearson Test of English (PTE)**: score of 53 or higher

**IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**: Composite score of 6.5 or higher. Sub-scores for each section of the IELTS should be 6.0 or higher.

**SAT Critical Reading**: score of 530 or higher (or new SAT Reading Score 29 or higher)

**ACT English**: score of 23 or higher

**IMPORTANT**: Though English proficiency may be met in one of the above ways, the Office of Admissions may request additional documentation if deemed necessary. **For native speakers of English from the US, UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada (except Quebec)** who list English as their first language on the Common Application or Coalition Application, proof of English proficiency is not required, but may be requested.

**THE INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (IAP)**

In order to build upon our global outreach and capacity to serve talented international students, American University is proud to offer an innovative program that enhances our existing services. The International Accelerator Program (IAP) is a demanding program that combines intensive English language instruction with coursework and supplemental support resources that help fully integrate students into the university and their campus community.

The undergraduate program includes comprehensive academic, cultural, and social support by providing opportunities for international students that support their transition to degree seeking status and success through graduation. IAP is comprised of three distinct program tracks: the Extended Accelerator, the Academic Accelerator, and the Integrated Accelerator. Program placement depends on the student’s academic background, level of English-language proficiency, and personal preferences.

All Undergraduate Accelerator programs offer the following:

- **Flexibility** - allowing students to change majors and customize their education
- **24/7 Multilingual Support** - help for students and their families for issues such as airport pickup, opening a bank account, and mobile phone registration.
- **Dedicated Support Services Team** that provides regular tutoring sessions, dedicated career and academic advisors, and direct access to professors.
- **Small Class Size** to provide greater individual attention and tailored support
- **American Cultural Experiences**
- **Opportunity to study with U.S. and International Students**

Upon successful completion of the IAP program, students transition to degree seeking status at the university. For more information on IAP and how to apply, please visit: [www.american.edu/accelerator](http://www.american.edu/accelerator)

*Please note: IAP students are issued non-degree I-20’s.*
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN

American University offers two primary types of scholarship opportunities for international students.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
American University’s merit awards for international students are partial, not full, scholarships. They are highly competitive and based on a combination of outstanding academic achievement, excellent communication skills in English, leadership, volunteerism, and community service. No separate application form or process is needed to be considered for AU merit scholarships.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, scholarships ranged from U.S.$10,000 to U.S.$20,000 per academic year. They are renewable for all four years of study based on successful continued academic performance. Similar scholarship award amounts are predicted for 2017-2018.

AU EMERGING GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP
The AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS) covers all billable expenses to AU and is available for one outstanding international, first-year freshman student who is dedicated to positive civic and social change.

For more information about AU EGLS, please visit: american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You may wish to review the following for 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.state.gov

International Student Organization  
www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx

International Student Loans  
www.internationalstudentloan.com

Rowe Fund for Students from Caribbean/Latin America  
www.oas.org/rowe

NEW! Financial Planning Tips and Resources for International & U.S. Global Nomad Students

Applicants:  
american.edu/admissions/international/prospectivefinance.cfm

Admitted Students:  
american.edu/admissions/international/admittedfinance.cfm

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“Studying at AU has been the most amazing opportunity I have ever had. The university has been very resourceful to me as I pursue my passion for the development of intra-Africa trade. I studied abroad in Brussels, where I focused on European integration concerning the EU and NATO, as well as the challenges facing the union. The study abroad program included traveling across Europe, as well as an internship with one of Europe’s leading transportation firms, ERTICO. These experiences have equipped me with skills that I now use at my current internship with Bloomberg Government, where we are preparing for the first ever US-Africa Heads of State Business Forum. I am excited about the fascinating classes I will be taking this year, as well as the many other learning opportunities that AU has in store for me.”

Biggie Tangane  
American University’s 2012 Emerging Global Leader Scholar  
BA, International Economics and Business Relations - Class of 2015
HONORS PROGRAMS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM
The American University Honors Program is for those students who want to understand the issues of today by digging into them from every possible angle. Every course in this four-year program is taught by a team of faculty from different disciplines so that you will emerge specially prepared to think broadly, creatively, and collaboratively. You will work in teams on a project that will put your skills and knowledge into practice.

Leaving lecture halls behind, you will work with professionals, scholars, scientists, artists, and policy makers from such institutions as the Smithsonian, the National Security Agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the World Bank, and the National Institutes of Health, among others. Key to your success will be your faculty mentor, who will help you discern not just your path through college but your path afterward.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Only 20 students are admitted each year, and all are guaranteed to receive a $30,000 merit scholarship. We seek highly motivated, extraordinary students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, curiosity, creativity, and leadership and who can make full use of the rare opportunities and advanced skills that the program offers.

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit an application. Instructions on how to submit the application can be found on the Common Application or Coalition Application.

american.edu/learning-communities/honors

THREE-YEAR PROGRAMS
Three-Year Scholars are a unique group of students at American University interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in three years as opposed to the traditional four. To learn more, please visit american.edu/learning-communities/3yrscholars

PROGRAMS
• Global Scholars
• Politics, Policy and Law Scholars
• Public Health Scholars

FEATURES AND BENEFITS
• Study and live with a cohort during the first year in a living-learning community.
• Receive enhanced mentoring by faculty and alumni.
• Attend special summer seminars and programs.
• Take a typical course load (15-17 credits/semester).
• Receive priority course registration each semester.
• Use financial aid, including scholarships, toward summer expenses.
• Earn a MA in some programs with additional two or three semesters (varies by program).

School of International Service
McKinley Building, home of School of Communications
MAJORS

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Mathematics
Arab World Studies
Arabic Studies
Art History
Asian Studies
Audio Production
Audio Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Computational Science
Computer Science
Economics
Elementary Education
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Fine Arts
French Studies
German Studies
Graphic Design
Health Promotion
History
Jewish Studies
Language and Area Studies
Literature
Mathematics
Mathematics and Economics
Music
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Psychology
Public Health
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Secondary Education
Sociology
Spanish Studies
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Languages:
Arabic
Chinese
French
German
Hebrew
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Swahili

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International Studies
Environmental Sustainability and Global Health
Foreign Policy and National Security
Global and Comparative Governance
Global Inequality and Development
Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights
Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution
The Global Economy

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Communication Studies
Film and Media Arts
Foreign Language and Communication Media
Journalism
Public Relations and Strategic Communication

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG)
Justice and Law
Law and Society
Political Science

ADVANCED CREDIT FOR SECONDARY EXAMS

Students may be eligible to receive advanced credit for exams passed during secondary school.
If you took IB, A level, AP, the OIB English exam, or CAPE Unit Two exams while in secondary school, visit american.edu/admissions/examcredit.cfm for full details on AU exam policies.
With more than 135 offerings in 38 locations, from Kenya to Chile, across 6 continents, 59 percent of our students participate in one of our one- or two-semester, alternative spring break or language immersion programs before they graduate. Incoming first-year undergraduates also have the opportunity to study abroad prior to their AU academic career through a First-Year Seminar Abroad.

Where in the world will you go with AU? Here is just a sampling of AU Abroad’s programs around the world:

**AU ABROAD**

**MIDDLE EAST**
- Israel: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Jordan: Intensive Arabic and Cultural Studies in Amman (CET)
- United Arab Emirates: AU Sharjah

**ASIA**
- China: Beijing Program
- China: Chinese University of Hong Kong
- India: Contemporary India Program - Pune (Alliance)
- Japan: Waseda University
- Korea: Yonsei University
- Taiwan: National Chengchi University

**CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA**
- Argentina: Universidad Católica
- Argentina
- Brazil: Pontificia Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro
- Chile: Santiago Program
- Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional Autónoma (IFSA - Butler)
- Uruguay: University of Montevideo

**OCEANIA**
- Australia: University of Queensland
- Australia: University of New South Wales
- New Zealand: Victoria University of Wellington

**AFRICA**
- Kenya: Turkana Basin Field School
- Morocco: AMIDEAST in Rabat and Regional Studies in French

**EUROPE**
- Belgium: European Union in Action
- Czech Republic: CET Prague Programs
- Denmark: Copenhagen (DIS)
- France: Intensive French in Paris
- France: University of Paris System (MICEFA Exchange)
- Germany: Freie Universitaet
- Germany: Junior Year in Munich at LMU
- Italy: American University of Rome
- Italy: Studio Art Centers International
- Netherlands: University of Leiden
- Poland: Jagiellonian University, Centre for European Studies
- Russia: Bard-Smolny Program
- Spain: Iberian Experience
- Tajikistan: Eurasian Regional Language Program (ACTR)
- Turkey: Koc University

**UNITED KINGDOM/IRELAND**
- England: King’s College London
- England: British American Drama Academy
- England: London School of Economics
- England: Oxford University
- England: University College of London
- England: University of Exeter
- Ireland: National University of Ireland, Galway
- Ireland: Trinity College Dublin
- Scotland: University of Edinburgh
- Scotland: University of Glasgow

auabroad.american.edu

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

International students can enjoy a wide range of on-campus activities that include speakers, panel discussions, movies, concerts and plays. With more than 200 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. american.edu/ocl/activities/

**EXAMPLE CLUBS**

- 1955 Club
- Accounting Club
- African Student Organization
- American Television (ATV)
- Arab Student Organization
- Asian Student Association
- AU Ambassadors
- Beekeeping Society at AU
- Bhangra
- Business and Service Fraternities
- Caribbean Circle
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- Eco-Sense
- Fair Trade Student Association
- Global Nomads
- Gospel Choir
- International Business Club
- Jewish Student Organization
- Korean Student Organization
- Model United Nations
- Muslim Student Association
- Operation Smile
- Peace Corps Community at AU
- Pre-Medical & Pre-Dental Society
- Professional Women’s Association
- Salsa Club
- South Asian Student Alliance
- Student Government

And more!
SUPPORT SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES
The International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office is dedicated to meeting the special needs of international students. In addition to providing visa and immigration support, the office organizes orientation sessions for international students and U.S. Global Nomads, international leadership opportunities, and offers individual counseling.
american.edu/ocl/issss/

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & ACCESS CENTER
The Academic Support & Access Center (ASAC) has a dedicated counselor for international students, who can assist individuals in gaining the tools necessary for academic success in the United States. ASAC services, including individual instruction and writing support, are available to international students.
american.edu/ocl/asac/index.cfm

WRITING CENTER
The Writing Center aids students with academic writing skills. International students can be paired one-on-one with a consultant to improve their writing fluency.
american.edu/cas/writing/

HOUSING
On-campus housing is guaranteed for all new first-year, freshman students.

The university has ten smoke-free student residence halls on AU’s main campus. Students in university-managed housing will live in double or triple rooms with a bed, desk, dresser, and closet space for each resident, plus in-room wiring for computers, internet access and cable TV. Clean, modern bathrooms and laundry facilities are shared on each floor.

The average age range of students living on campus is 18-21. Students age 21 and older often prefer to live off-campus. Off-campus housing is available in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.
american.edu/ocl/housing/index.cfm

HEALTH CENTER
The AU Student Health Center provides AU students with primary care medical services, health education and wellness programming. The Health Center is staffed by a dedicated team of medical professionals.
american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/

KAY SPIRITUAL CENTER
The Kay Spiritual Life Center is the campus interdenominational religious center for nearly 30 faiths. The center also sponsors a monthly lecture series and an Interfaith Council.
american.edu/ocl/kay/index.cfm

Kay Spiritual Life Center
Private, urban, coeducational research university founded in 1893 by an act of Congress and located in one of Washington, DC’s safest residential neighborhoods near Embassy Row.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS
College of ARTS AND SCIENCES
KOGOD School of BUSINESS
School of COMMUNICATION
School of INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
School of PROFESSIONAL & EXTENDED STUDIES
School of PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON College of LAW

DIVERSITY
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED: 144
STATES REPRESENTED: 50
INTERNATIONAL: 11%

ESTIMATED COSTS
2016-2017 (BASED ON 9 MONTHS):

TUITION $44,046
FEES $547
ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) $9,800
BOARD (MEAL PLAN) $4,726
BOOKS $800
HEALTH INSURANCE $1,800
PERSONAL (CLOTHING, TELEPHONE, TRANSPORTATION, MISC.) $1,100
TOTAL: $62,819

At American University, 91 percent of recent AU graduates were employed, enrolled in graduate school, or both, within six months of graduation. 89 percent of recent AU graduates participated in at least one internship prior to graduation, preparing them to excel in their careers.

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

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

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.

Students Total enrollment of 13,347, with 7,234 undergraduates and 5,273 law and graduate students from across the United States and 144 countries

Faculty From world-renowned academic experts to former ambassadors, 94 percent of the faculty has the highest degree in their field.

Graduate Outcomes
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