

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

FAST FACTS | 2023-2024



AU

CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

R2: Doctoral Universities – High research activity

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

Location	Urban
Setting	Suburban
Acreage	90 square miles

UNIVERSITY DIVISIONS

Alumni Relations
Athletics & Recreation
Campus Life
University Communications & Marketing
Finance & Treasurer
General Counsel
Information Technology
People & External Affairs

KEY RANKINGS

PRINCETON REVIEW 2024 (AUGUST 2023)

Best 300+ Colleges	Yes	Most Active Student Government	14
Best Mid-Atlantic	Yes	Most Politically Active Students	16
College City Gets High Marks	3	Best College Newspaper	17
Green Matters: Everyone Cares about Conservation	11		

PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Total	298
Bachelor's	79
Master's	95
Doctorate	11
Undergraduate Certificate	31
Graduate Certificate	69
Master of Laws	10
Master of Legal Studies	1
Juris Doctor	1
Doctor of Juridical Science	1

Source: AU Online Catalog (AY2023-24)

PROGRAM MODALITY

In-Person	235
Online	32

Source: AU Degrees website

COURSES

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Total	20.4
Undergraduate*	21.0
Graduate	14.5
Law	26.8

*Most commonly published/cited

COURSE SECTION MODALITY

In-Person	83.4%
Hybrid	2.9%
Online	12.8%
Off-Campus	0.8%

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO**

10:1

**Excludes WCL and OGPS (standard method for this calculation excludes schools/colleges which only teach graduate students)

STUDENTS

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2023)

	Total	M	W	FTE
Total Enrollment	13,019	4,819	8,200	11,951
Undergraduate	7,817	2,865	4,952	7,701
Graduate	3,704	1,437	2,267	2,909
Law	1,498	517	981	1,341
Undergraduate Degree	7,571	2,764	4,807	7,491
Graduate Degree	3,613	1,397	2,216	2,848
Law	1,498	517	981	1,341
Undergraduate Certificate/Non-Degree	246	101	145	210
Graduate Certificate/Non-Degree	91	40	51	61

12-MONTH ENROLLMENT

IPEDS (AY2022-23)**	
	Total
Unduplicated Enrollment	16,240
	FTE
Total	13,588
Undergraduate	8,159
Graduate (less JD)	4,033
Juris Doctor	1,396

**IPEDS 12-Month data always includes the prior academic year

NEW STUDENTS (FALL 2023)

	Total	FT	PT
First-Year First-Time	1,856	1,848	8
External Undergraduate Transfer	148	135	13
Internal Undergraduate Transfer	69	69	-
Accelerator	94	70	24
Master's	1,246	827	419
Doctorate	78	50	28

PERSISTENCE

1-Year Retention Rate (Fall 2022 first-year to sophomore)	86.1%
4-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2019 first-year cohort)	66.4%
6-Year Graduation Rate (Fall 2017 first-year cohort)	78.5%

GRADUATION HEADCOUNT & DEGREES AWARDED (AY2022-23)*

	Graduates	Awards
Total	4,747	4,807
Bachelor's	1,804	1,833
Master's	2,133	2,141
Doctorate	75	75
Undergraduate Certificate	161	183
Graduate Certificate	96	97
Master of Laws	89	89
Master of Legal Studies	70	70
Juris Doctor	317	319
Doctor of Juridical Science	2	-



*Graduations are for the previous academic year

FACULTY & STAFF (FALL 2023)

AU FACULTY BY AU TYPE

	FT	PT/Adjunct*
Total	960	816
Teaching	846	816
Research	38	
Library	24	
Admin	36	
**Other	16	
FT Tenure	394	
FT Tenure Track	92	
FT Term	463	
FT Other***	11	
Adjunct		816

*Includes only part-time instructional staff whose primary assignment at AU is instruction

**LWOP, not paid by AU or spring start

***Library faculty on Continuing & Pre-Continuing contracts

IPEDS ALL EMPLOYEES BY STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	FT	PT	FTE
Total	2,706	1,022	3,047
Instructional	846	816	1,118
Research	45	0	45
Library and Student & Academic Affairs	111	2	112
Management	482	0	482
Business & Financial Operations	275	0	275
Computer, Engineering, & Science	189	1	189
Community, Social Service, Legal, Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	321	23	329
Healthcare	17	0	17
Service	87	1	87
Office & Administrative Support	225	179	285
Natural Resources, Construction, & Maintenance	64	0	64
Production, Transportation, & Material Moving	44	0	44

TEACHING LOAD: % SECTIONS TAUGHT BY FACULTY TYPE

FT Tenure + Tenure Track	24.1%
FT Term	37.4%
Adjunct	38.5%

Notes: In-Residence is included in Term

Excludes Research and Visiting faculty

Excludes sections with unknown faculty status

Excludes Online Partnership sections

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