

American University Info Guide

School General Info:

- Location: Located in Washington, D.C with the main campus acquiring 90 acres.
- Mostly centered in the Spring Valley neighborhood in Northwest D.C.
- School Type: Private research university located in Washington, D.C.
- School Size: 8,527 Undergraduate Students
- Average Class Size: 24
- Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 11:1
- Graduation Rate: 81%
- Acceptance Rate: 36%
- Tuition Cost: \$51,335 (2020-21)
- Founded in 1893

Application Info:

- Application Fee: \$75
- SAT Range: 1210-1390
- ACT Range: 27-31
- Test-Optional (SAT/ACT are considered, but not mandatory)
- GPA is REQUIRED
- Early Decision DEADLINE: November 15th
- Regular Decision DEADLINE: January 15th
- Transfer Applicants DEADLINE: January 15th
- Accepts the Common App

Student Life (Extracurricular, Greek Like, Etc):

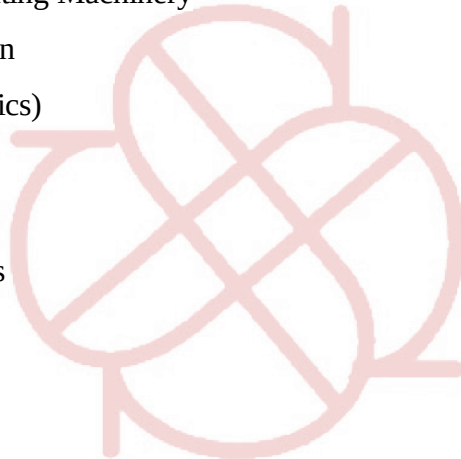
- 39% male students
- 61% female students
- Part of the NCAA I
- Offers 250 student-run organizations
- Offers 25 club sports

- Has 2,000 participants in intramural sports

Extracurriculars:

- Residence Hall Association (HRL)
- A Viva VOZ
- Active Minds at AU
- Aerospace Society of American University
- African Students' Organization
- Agapé Campus Christian Fellowship
- Albanian Students Association
- All-Sciences Graduate Students (Biology)
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
- Alpha Kappa Psi
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
- Alpha Sigma Phi
- American Bhangra Crew
- American Literary Magazine
- American Television
- American University Analytics Club
- American University Cheese Club
- American University College Republicans
- American University German Language and Culture Club
- American University Gospel Choir
- American University Hawaii Club
- American University International Relations Society
- American University League of United Latin American Citizens (AULULAC)
- American University Mediation Club
- American University Mock Trial

- American University Por Columbia
- American University Pre-Law Society
- American University Students for Life
- American University World Politics Society
- Amnesty International American University
- Analysis, Leadership, & Policy Association (ALPA)
- Anthropology Graduate Students
- Ara Student Association
- Arabic Club
- Ascend AU
- Asian American Student Union
- Association for Computing Machinery
- AU Alumni Association
- AU Blue Crew (Athletics)
- AU Catholic
- AU Club Council
- AU College Democrats
- AU Debate Society
- AU Design Club
- AU Gamers
- AU Improv
- AU in Motion
- AU Negotiation Project
- AU Orientation
- AU Outdoors
- AU Players
- AU Pride
- AU Quills and Capes
- AU Rude Mechanicals
- AU Student Government
- AU Student Zero Waste Club

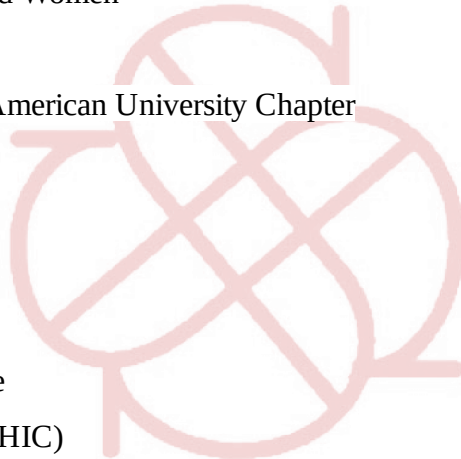


- AU Students Against Human Trafficking
- AU Students for DC Statehood
- AU Vets
- Audio Engineering Society
- Audio Technology People of Color
- AWOL
- Best Buddies @ AU
- Beta Theta Pi
- Bio Club @ AU
- Black Girls Vote: AU
- Black MBA AU Chapter (KOGOD Grad)
- Black Pre-Professional Society at AU
- Black Student Union
- BlackList AU
- BRAIN (Bringing Research And Interest in Neuroscience) at American University
- Brazilian Student Association at American University (BRASA AU)
- Caribbean Circle
- CAS Art Graduate Students
- CAS Computer Science
- CAS Grad Economics
- CAS History Graduate Students
- CAS Literature Graduate Students
- CAS Performing Arts Graduate Students
- CAS Sociology Graduate Students
- Center for Community Engagement & Service
- Center for Diversity and Inclusion
- Center for Student Involvement
- Chabad Lubavitch of AU
- Chi Omega
- Circle K International
- Climate Reality Campus Corps: AU Chapter

- College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Council
- Comic Book Club
- Comparative and Regional Studies
- Counseling Center
- Cru
- Culture and Communication Student Forum
- Days for Girls at AU
- DECA at AU
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Kappa Alpha Cinematic Arts Fraternity, Nu Chapter
- Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority
- Democracy Matters
- Digital Strategy & Innovation
- Dime a Dozen
- Eagle**THON** at American University
- Educators Rising AU
- EGO
- Emerging Arts Leaders Symposium- Dept of Performing Arts
- Engineers for a Sustainable World
- Ethiopian and Eritrean Student Association
- First Gen Forward
- Financial Management Association
- First Love Center
- First-Generation Student Union (FGSU)
- Founders Week
- Fraternity & Sorority Life at American University
- Friends of Tibet AU
- Fuyao Han Culture Association
- Global Politics Student Association
- Graduate Afghan Students Association
- Graduate Black Student Union

- Graduate Business Association Graduate Student Council
- Graduate Consulting
- Graduate Leadership Council
- Happiest Club
- Health Promotion & Advocacy Center
- Health Studies Graduate Students
- Her Campus American
- Hindu Students Association
- IDD Alliance Group (IAG) @ AU
- Intercultural Greek Collective (IGC)
- Interfraternity Council
- International Development Program Student Association
- International Student Association
- Iota Iota Iota, WGSS Honor Society
- Iranian Student Association
- J Street U
- Jewish Student Association
- K-District (AU K-Pop Dance Team)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
- Kay Spiritual Life Center
- Kennedy Political Union
- Kogod Accounting Club
- Kogod Organization of Latinx Leaders Across Business
- KOGOD Pride
- Kogod Private Equity & Venture Capital Club
- Kogod Women in Business
- Korean Student Association
- Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Inc.
- Latinx and American Students Organization
- Leading Women of Tomorrow AU
- Learning by Leading

- Les Coeurs D'Afrique (AU African Dance Team)
- March for Our Lives
- Movement Exchange at AU
- Mu Beta Psi National Honorary Musical Fraternity
- Muslim Student Association
- Mythology and Folklore Club
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People American University Chapter
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Net Impact Club at Kogod
- Network of Enlightened Women
- No Lost Generation
- Nourish International American University Chapter
- Office of Campus Life
- On A Sensual Note
- One Tent Health
- OneVoice AU
- Open Dialogue Theatre
- Panhellenic Council (PHIC)
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
- Phi Delta Epsilon
- Phi Mu
- Phi Sigma Kappa
- Phi Sigma Pi
- Philippine-American Coalition
- Philosophy & Religion Grad Students
- Photo Collective
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Pitches Be Trippin' A Capella



- Project Pengyou
- Psych Grad Students
- Public Health Association
- Public Relations Student Society of America
- Puerto Rican Student Organization
- Re-Volv Solar Ambassadors at AU
- REbel at AU
- RecFit
- Revolution: The AU Fashion Society
- Robotics Club
- Roosevelt Network
- Rotaract Club
- Saudi Students Association
- School of Communication Grad Students Council
- School of Education Grad Students Council
- School of International Service Grad Student Council
- School of Public Affairs Grad Student Council
- Second District Records
- She's the First
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Delta Tau
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
- Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sister Circle
- Sister Sister
- Social Enterprise Association
- Society for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs
- Society for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Society of Environmental Leaders

- South Asian Student Association
- Spoon AU
- Student Historical Society
- Student Media Board
- Student Union Board
- Students for a Just Society
- Students for Justice in Palestine
- Students for the Advancement of Anti Racist and Anti-Bias Education
- Sunrise Movement
- Sustainable Ocean Alliance
- The Alexander Hamilton Society
- The American Agora
- The American University Ballroom Dance Club
- The Bethune-Woodson Society
- The Black print
- The Business and Development Club
- The Climate and Conservation Policy Club
- The Consulting Club
- The EAGLE
- The Ginsburg Pre-Law Union
- The Sikh Student Association
- Treble in Paradise
- Turkish Cultural Club
- Undergraduate Women in Business
- Underrepresented Students in STEM
- United Methodist Student Association
- United States Foreign Policy Association
- Vietnamese Student Association
- Visible
- Women in Science
- Women's Initiative

- WVAU
- YouthMappers
- ZARON: Student Research Institute on the Asia-Pacific
- Zeta Beta-Tau
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Sigma Pi Chapter
- Zeta Phi Eta
- Zeta Psi

Greek Life:

- AU has the typical fraternities and sororities, which you see at college. AU has 20 fraternities and 14 sororities. To be part of a frat or sorority, your application must be reviewed by either Interfraternity Council, Intercultural Greek Collective, or Panhellenic Council.

Sports and Athletics:

- AU is a part of the NCAA Division I.
- School Mascots is the Clawed Z. Eagle
- AU offers sports internships: Athletic Communications, Development & Special Event, Facilities & Organization, Graphic Design, Marketing & Promotions, Strength & Conditioning, Sponsorship Service & Fulfillment, Ticket Office Operations & Sales, Video & Multimedia Editing.
- Offers 25 club sports
- Has 2,000 participants in intramural sports
- Clubs sports offered: Men's Basketball, Baseball, Climbing, Crew, Cycling, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Rugby, Women's Rugby, Running, Sailing, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Men's Ultimate Frisbee, Women's Ultimate Frisbee, Men's Volleyball, and Women's Volleyball.
- Intramural sports offered: E-Sports, Staff Sand Volleyball, Summer Softball, Tennis, Spikeball, Flag Football, Slow-Pitch Softball, 4v4 Volleyball, Dodgeball, Badminton, Tennis, and Futsal.

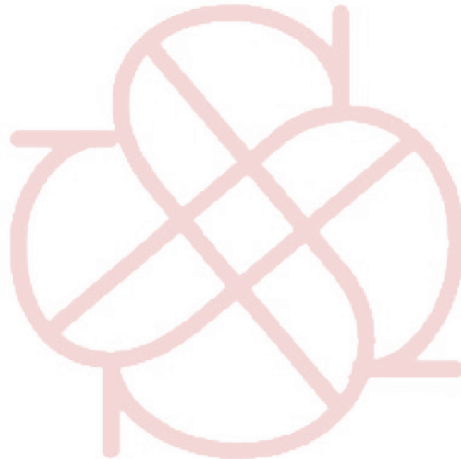
Academics:

- AU has 8 schools
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - Kogod School of Business
 - School of Communication
 - School of Education
 - School of International Service
 - School of Professional & Extended Studies
 - School of Public Affairs
 - Washington College of Law
- Core Curriculum:
 - Has a liberal arts-based education.
 - Three components of AU Core Curriculum: Foundation course, Habit of Mind, and integrative course.
 - The foundation courses of AU core that are typically taken the first year:
 - AU Experience I (1.5 credits hours)
 - AU experience II (1.5 credits hours)
 - Complex Problems Seminars (3 credit hours)
 - Quantitative Literacy I (3-4 credit hours)
 - Written Communication and Information Literacy I (6 credit hours)
 - Habit of Mind Courses:
 - Creative-Aesthetic Inquiry (3 credits hours)
 - Cultural Inquiry (3 credit hours)
 - Ethical Reasoning (3 credit hours)
 - Natural-Scientific Inquiry (4 credit hours)
 - Socio-Historical Inquiry (3 credit hours)
 - Integrative Courses:
 - Diversity & Equity (3 credit hours)
 - Quantitative Literacy II (3 credit hours)
 - Written Communication and Information Literacy II (3 credit hours)
 - Capstone (3 credit hours)

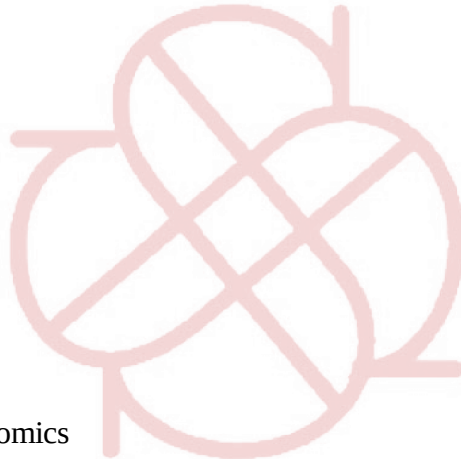
Majors:

College of Arts and Science:

- African American and African Diaspora Studies
- 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
- Dance
- Data Science
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Foreign Language and Communication Media
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Graphic Design
- Health Promotion
- History
- Jewish Studies
- Language and Area Studies:



- French/Europe
 - German/Europe
 - Russian/Asia Studies
 - Spanish/Latin America
- Languages:
 - Arabic
 - Chinese
 - French
 - German
 - Hebrew
 - Italian
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Portuguese
 - Russian
 - Spanish
 - Swahili
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Economics
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Religious Studies
- Russian Studies
- Sociology



- Spanish Studies
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- Theatre
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Kogod School of Business:

- Accounting
- Business Administration:
 - Accounting
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Finance
 - Information Systems & Technology
 - International Business
 - Management
 - Marketing
- Business and Entertainment
- Business, Language & Culture Studies:
 - Arabic
 - French
 - German
 - Russian
 - Spanish
- Finance

School of International Service:

- International Studies:
 - Environmental Sustainability and Global Health
 - Foreign Policy and National Security
 - Global and Comparative Governance
 - The Global Economy

- Global Inequality and Development
- Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture
- Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights
- Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution

School of Communication:

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

School of Public Affairs:

- Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG)
- Data Sciences for Justice, Law, & Criminology
- Data Sciences for Political Science
- Justice and Law
- Political Science

School of Education:

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

Dorms/Housing:

- Includes on-campus housing, off-campus housing, and residential programs.
- AU has 11 residence halls: Anderson Hall, Hughes Hall, Leonard Hall, Letts Hall, McDowell Hall, Roper Hall, East Campus, Cassell Hall, Centennial Hall, Nebraska Hall, and Frequency.
- **Anderson Hall:**
 - Houses over 770 student residents.

- Has a traditional residence hall design that has fully furnished double and triple rooms.
- Each floor has a lounge space with a kitchen, lounge furniture, and television. Also, a study area and a laundry room.
- Single, double, and triple-style furnished rooms with twin beds that are adjustable.
- **Hughes Hall:**
 - Houses 300 student residents.
 - Has the traditional residence hall design with corridor-style rooms and shared bathrooms.
 - Each floor has a lounge space, kitchen, lounge furniture, television, and laundry room.
 - Connected to the McDowell hall.
 - Nearby is the Woods Brown Amphitheatre.
- **Leonard Hall:**
 - Houses 275 student residents.
 - Has the traditional residence hall design with corridor-style rooms and shared bathrooms.
 - Each floor has a lounge space, kitchen, lounge furniture, television, laundry room, and a computer lab.
 - Overlooks the Woods Brown Amphitheatre.
- **Letts Hall:**
 - The second-largest first-year population on campus.
 - Houses over 600 student residents.
 - Has a traditional residence hall design that has fully furnished double and triple rooms.
 - Shared bathrooms are north and south of the building.
 - Each floor has a lounge space with a kitchen, lounge furniture, and television. Also, a study area and a laundry room.
 - Has in-room wifi.
 - Connects to Anderson Hall.
- **McDowell Hall:**

- Has a traditional residence hall design with corridor-style rooms and shared floor bathrooms.
- Each floor has a lounge space with a kitchen, lounge furniture, and television. Also, a study area and a laundry room.
- Connects to Hughes Hall.
- Nearby is the Woods Brown Amphitheatre.
- **Roper Hall:**
 - Houses 50 students.
 - Has a traditional residence hall design with fully furnished double and triple rooms and shared bathrooms.
 - Each floor has a lounge space with a kitchen, lounge furniture, and television. Also, a study area and a laundry room.
- **East Campus:**
 - Home to sophomore students.
 - Houses 590 residential students.
 - Has mostly double rooms with private bathrooms.
 - Aims for LEED Certification with efforts taken to limit the number of greenhouse gases emitted, produce less waste, and increase energy efficiency.
 - Is a step away from Blecker St. Cafe, Don Meyers Technology & Innovation Building.
- **Cassell Hall:**
 - Has 350 student residents.
 - Designed for suite-style living, where two students living in one room share a private bathroom.
 - Above the Cassell Fitness Center.
 - Nearby is the Woods Brown Amphitheatre.
 - Includes nearly 5,000 square feet of ground-level green roof and a 46 percent decrease in water.
- **Centennial Hall:**
 - Houses 400 residential students.

- Designed for suite-style living, where two students living in one room share a private bathroom.
- Connected to the Anderson Hall.
- Each floor has a lounge space with a kitchen, lounge furniture, and television. Also, a study area and a laundry room.
- **Nebraska Hall:**
 - It Houses 250 students.
 - Designed for apartment-style living.
 - Each apartment shares a bathroom, kitchen, and common area. Each floor has a laundry room.
- **Frequency Apartments:**
 - AU leases apartments at the nearby Frequency apartments.
 - Offers an ideal off-campus location for AU students looking for apartment-style living and a short commute to the AU campus and DC.
 - Located on the AU campus shuttle line, minutes from the Tenleytown/American University Metro Station and Whole Foods, and is in close proximity to Tenleytown restaurants.
 - 16 parking spaces are available at the rate of \$561.29.

On-Campus/Environment/Dining:

- Freshmen are not required to live on campus.
- 98% of freshmen live on campus.
- 90-acre campus
- Urban city
- Invites neighbors to be able to attend lectures on campus, enjoy musical performances, and openings at the Katzen Art Center.
- There are multiple Capital Bikeshare stations adjacent to the campus.
- Bender library is available to every student and staff
- For students who have a disability, the library has a number of services to help with any specific needs.
- Pence Law Library is opened for anyone at AU.

- Students attend skill-building workshops (including AU alumni panels).
- AU offers evening activities that are chaperoned: to Smithsonian museum, Georgetown, and National Zoo.
- Offers the counseling center, student center, wellness center, and the center for diversity and inclusion.
- Any changes or payments for meal plans are made via the AU student accounts system.
- Undergraduate students are assigned a meal plan based on their housing assignment.
- Having a meal plan is optional for graduate students.
- On-campus housing is guaranteed for first and second-year students.

Off-Campus:

- Many AU upper class will live off-campus.
- When students are looking to live off-campus, they use the Off-Campus Housing Postings.
- 69% of students live in apartments.
- 67% of off-campus students live in DC
- 21% of off-campus students live in Maryland
- 12% of off-campus students live in Virginia
- 5066 students live off-campus

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