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Greetings from American University (AU), Washington, DC!

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy in your respective schools across the United States.

Thank you for your guidance to help your students prepare for the next step in their lives - choosing a positive academic environment in which to grow as global citizens. This fall 2023, we're excited to welcome to campus 90 international and U.S. "Global Nomad" new first-year students from 45 countries of residence around the world. Sixteen of our AU Class of 2027 international students are graduating from high schools inside the U.S. We welcome students who are pursuing a rigorous and challenging secondary school curriculum, who have strong academic credentials, excellent communication skills, resilience, adaptability, and who are committed to making a difference in today's world through leadership and community service.

To help keep you informed about AU, here are a few resources and updates. These and more are also posted at www.american.edu/admissions/international

- [#YouAreWelcomeHere](#) – Special message of welcome from our global students to yours!
- [Meet our AU Diplomats!](#)
- [Experiential Learning at AU-International Edition](#) – hear our AU Diplomats share their internship and research experiences starting as early as 1st and 2nd year undergraduates
- [Updated AU Diplomats Instagram \(includes updates on AU Diplomats on Study Abroad!\)](#)
- [New! Why Choose AU?](#) (Hear our AU Diplomats share their thoughts)
- [Thinking About AU?](#)

AU Resource Corner for counselors: www.american.edu/admissions/international/counselor-resources.cfm

IAP non-degree pathway program: The International Accelerator Program (IAP), combines intensive English language instruction with coursework and supplemental support resources to help fully integrate students into AU and our campus community. For more information, visit www.auaccelerator.com

Our 2023 incoming freshman class:

- 19,083 applications for fall 2023.
- 3.87 average GPA equivalent for admitted freshmen.

Outcomes:

- 89 percent of our students pursue one or more internships during their study at AU. No extra time is required.
- 90 percent of our graduates were working and/or in graduate school within **six** months of graduation.
- **Find out where a degree at AU could take your students!** www.american.edu/weknowsuccess

Program offerings:

- AU Cornerstone (<https://www.american.edu/provost/au-cornerstone/>) – only opportunity for AU first-year students to do study abroad or do an internship
- 70+ programs in the arts, sciences, humanities, business, international studies, public affairs, social sciences, education, communication, or pre-professional programs in law and medicine
- Interdisciplinary approach allows students to construct their own majors
- Nearly 60 combined five-year bachelor's/master's programs and 3-year bachelor's degree programs (Global Scholars; Politics, Policy, and Law; and Public Health)
- Sakura Scholars joint degree program with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan

A completed application packet for F or J students applying from high schools inside the U.S. must include:

- Common Application. (U.S.\$75 fee)
- Deadlines: EDI: Nov. 15, 2023; Regular Decision/EDII: Jan. 15, 2024
- International students graduating high school **inside the U.S.** may choose to apply Test Optional and **not** submit

SAT/ACT scores, especially if they arrived at your school after 9th grade.

- Proof of English proficiency **is** required. Our expanded English proficiency options including TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Test – note new higher minimum requirements (DET), PTE, or Cambridge Assessment English can be used to meet AU’s English proficiency requirement. (<https://www.american.edu/admissions/international/instructions.cfm#proficiency>)
- Advanced standing may be available with appropriate scores from certain Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) HL, OIB English, CAPE Unit Two exams, and A Level Examinations. See policies at www.american.edu/admissions/exam-credit.cfm
- F or J visa students must submit a bank letter showing a minimum of U.S. \$78,296 (2024 estimated costs) for their first year of study **by the application deadline** before their application packets can be reviewed and considered for admission.

Financing an AU education:

- Partial merit scholarships are available but very competitive. 2023 amounts ranged from \$8,000-\$22,000/year.
- Only U.S. citizens/U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid. Eligible students should submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile by their selected admissions application deadline.
- We received over 100 applications for our 2023 AU Emerging Global Leader Scholarship (AU EGLS). Awarded to one international student each year, the AU EGLS covers all costs that are billable to AU. Applicants must prove ability to pay US\$4,000/per year for non-billable mandatory expenses at the time of application. Students must complete a separate application in addition to the Common application and submit additional essays. To view current AU EGL Scholars, recent alumni, and 2024 instructions, visit www.american.edu/admissions/international/EGLS.cfm
- **Two AU resources on financial planning tips and advice for prospective and admitted students from outside the U.S:** www.american.edu/admissions/international/prospective-finance.cfm and www.american.edu/admissions/international/admitted-finance.cfm

Student life:

- AU’s challenging AU Honors Program is for highly motivated, curious students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, creativity, resilience, and leadership. Students who wish to be considered for the AU’s Honors Program will need to apply and complete an additional application form.
- Over 150 clubs and organizations engage students in a variety of activities and interests.
- AU Abroad offers approximately 125 programs in 40 countries worldwide, and 60 percent of our undergraduates study overseas for at least one semester, if not two.

What else distinguishes AU?

At AU, personal attention and access to faculty is a reality. Our average class size is 23, and students benefit from a student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1. All classes are taught by faculty, not by teaching or research assistants. Our 793 full-time faculty members are committed teachers who are nationally and internationally recognized in each of their disciplines. Ninety-three percent of our faculty have the highest degree in their field.

We hope you will visit our beautiful campus located in one of the most attractive and safest residential areas of Washington, D.C. We are happy to arrange customized meetings for you and your staff. We can also organize zoom meetings/presentations at certain times of the year.

At AU, we learn, research, and work to spark positive change in our neighborhood and world. We look forward to welcoming *your* students to AU and to working together throughout the coming year to ensure a smooth transition into our dynamic and vibrant academic environment.

Kind regards,

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