

## American University's Washington Semester: Quick Facts

### **Academics**

- *Admissions Requirements*
  - 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore status +
- *Program Academics*
  - Semester:
    - Course load: 15-16 American University credits
    - Courses:
      - Seminar (three days/week), 8 AU credits
      - Internship, 3-4 AU credits
      - Elective course, 4 AU credits
    - Academic focus: business, economics, foreign policy, international development, law, peace and conflict resolution, politics
  - Summer:
    - 9 week program
    - Choose between American Politics, Economics & International Business, International Affairs, Journalism & New Media or Justice & Law internship programs. Each internship program offers:
      - Seminar (three days/week), 3 AU credits
      - Internship (four and a half days/week)
      - Optional research paper, 3 AU credits
  - Both semester and summer program fulfill "S" course requirement. If program runs into May, student may fulfill "S" course *spring term* requirement; this must be verified with the Registrar upon publication of program dates.
  - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
  - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to "E". contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

### **Housing**

- Semester:
  - Dormitories located on A.U.'s Tenley Campus
  - Meal plan (cafeteria) included in program costs
- Summer
  - Choice between A.U.'s Tenley Campus or independent housing.
  - There is a meal plan available to students who wish to dine on the main campus (half a mile away from Tenley campus with a free shuttle service.)
  - If there are enough students interested in a meal plan in the summer, Tenley Campus will open its dining facilities for summer students.
  - Details for the meal plan are finalized closer to the start of the program. More information will be provided after students are accepted to the program.
  - There are also several food stores and eateries in the Tenley campus area, within walking distance. Residence halls provide shared kitchen facilities.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *Will I have internet access at the school? Should I bring my laptop?*
  - All student housing has modem connections for the internet. It is highly recommended to bring your laptop.
  - The Tenley Campus has wireless internet access.
  - There are two computer labs on the main campus.
2. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the American University Washington Semester program?*
  - Your first point of contact should be the American University Washington Semester's official website ([www.american.edu/washingtonsemester](http://www.american.edu/washingtonsemester)).
  - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can reach the staff of the Washington Semester by phone at (202) 895-4900, or by e-mail at [washsem@american.edu](mailto:washsem@american.edu).
  - The Academic and Career Planning office is always available to help answer your questions.