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## American University's Washington Semester: Quick Facts

### **Academics**

- Semester, 15 weeks:
  - Course load: 15-16 American University credits
    - Academic Seminar (three days/week), 8 AU credits
    - Internship, 4 AU credits
    - Research or Elective course, 3 or 4 AU credits
  - Academic focus: American politics, Foreign Policy, Global Economics and Business, International Law and Organizations, Journalism and New Media, Justice and Law, Public Health Policy, Sports Management and Media, and Sustainable Development
- Summer, 8 week:
  - 8 week program
  - Course load: 1, 3 or 4 credits:
    - Fulltime Internship
    - 1 credit colloquium Professional Development in DC, or
    - 3 credit colloquium U.S. Government, Global Business, International Affairs, or Non-Profit Careers

If enrolled in a 3-credit colloquium, you will also complete a portfolio of your internship and seminar experiences

A research or an elective course can also be added (for a summer credit total of 4 or 6 credits)

### **Housing**

- Semester:
  - Berkshire Apartments, the program's leased apartment building offers double occupancy apartments. Options include Studio, a small 1-bedroom, and a medium/large 1-bedroom apartments one block from the main campus
  - Leonard Hall, on campus offers Single, Double and Triple Traditional Rooms
  - A variety of Block Plans are available in the Cafeteria Meal Plan options
- Summer
  - Centennial Hall, on campus offers single or double occupancy rooms; each share a private bath with one adjoining room. Actual costs are based on individual move-in/out dates as entered on the housing and meal plan application.
  - Limited Block Plans available to choose from

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## Frequently Asked Questions

1. *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 are not 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).
  - Off-Campus Studies staff are always available to help answer your questions.