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# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

**GET STARTED**

## OUR STORY

American University was incorporated by the government of the District of Columbia in 1891, chartered by an Act of Congress in 1893, and founded under the auspices of the United Methodist Church. AU is an independent coeducational university with more than 13,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs. The university attracts a diverse student body from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and more than 140 foreign countries.

The distinguished faculty at AU includes renowned experts and scholars of national and international reputation. In addition to the nearly 800 members of its full-time faculty adjunct faculty are drawn from the DC professional community, including policy makers, diplomats, journalists, artists, writers, scientists and business leaders.

## WHO WE ARE

### Enrollment

13,165 total students  
6,776 undergraduate  
5,230 graduate  
female: 59%/male: 41%

### Admitted Students

Middle 50% GPA = 3.6 - 4.05  
Middle 50% SAT = 1210 - 1380  
Middle 50% ACT = 27 - 31

### Class Sizes

Student/faculty ratio = 13:1  
Average class size = 23

### Popular Majors

International Relations & Affairs: 26%  
Business, Commerce, Marketing: 13%  
Political Science & Government: 10%  
Media & Communications: 6%

### Diversity

African American: 7%  
American Indian: <1%  
Asian American: 6%  
Hispanic American: 9%  
Caucasian: 50%  
Multiracial: 3%  
International: 11%  
Unknown: 14%

"Best thing about AU? The size. Small enough that you get a tight-knit community feel, but big enough that you can meet new people all the time."

**Thad Baringer, '14**  
major: Physics  
hometown: New Orleans



## LIVING ON CAMPUS

### Residence Halls

Housing is guaranteed for freshman students in double, triple or suite-style rooms. All floors within the dorms are coed, and rooms come furnished with beds, desks, bookshelves and closets.

Freshman live on the “South side” of campus, while the upper-classmen live on the “North side.” Honors students reside together in Hughes Hall on the North side of campus.

**“The area between Letts & Anderson is called the LA Quad. People hang out there all the time.”**

**Elena Leo, '16**

### Residence Hall Association

RHA is a great opportunity to get involved in the campus community and help make AU a great place to live. With community building programs, resident-centered advocacy initiatives, regional and national involvement and effective and inspirational leadership development programs, RHA is a multifaceted organization.

RHA is also a great opportunity to meet new people. Hall Councils provide a great link to get to know the people with whom you live. Not interested in participating? That's ok, you can still benefit from RHA by attending sponsored events for all students!

### University College

University College (UC) is a unique and challenging academic experience, open to only first year students, that combines class work with select residential setting. As part of the UC community, you'll live with the students in your first year seminar class, and participate in special activities together. There are a wide variety of seminar classes offered to capture the diverse interests of AU students. These residential “neighborhoods” allow students to more easily build relationships with other students who share academic interests and adjust to the college life in D.C. together.

**“I loved my UC. It was really helpful to live with my classmates and cool to get to know each other socially, but also in an academic setting.”**

**Aileen Wall, '13**



## WHAT IS CAMPUS LIKE?

Founded in 1893, American University's 84-acre campus is located in the residential "Embassy Row" neighborhood in the northwest quadrant of Washington, D.C. AU's campus offers a safe, suburban environment with easy access via the subway system to Washington's downtown. With more than 2,000 trees on campus, AU was designated an arboretum and public garden.

## HOW DO I GET AROUND?

The AU campus itself is small enough that you can walk anywhere relatively quickly. To get to Tenleytown, a mile away, for shopping and Metro access, AU provides a free shuttle service to all students. The shuttle runs on the same schedule as the Metro system and makes several stops around campus.

Using public transportation is the best and easiest way to get around Washington, DC. The Metro subway system and bus network can get you anywhere in the city.

## WHERE CAN I EAT?

A meal plan is required when living on campus and can be used at all on campus locations as well as many nearby off-campus venues. On campus dining venues offer plenty of options for vegetarians, vegans and gluten-free eaters, so there is something for everyone. AU aims to use the best ingredients and buys from local, organic farms whenever possible.

### Mary Graydon Center

Terrace Dining Room (cafeteria)  
Tavern  
Salsa  
Eagle Express  
Einstein's Bros. Bagels  
Greens  
Pronto

### The Tunnel

Megabytes Cafe  
Eagle's Nest  
Outtakes  
Subway  
Asian Flavors

### More On Campus

Wagshal's Cafe (Ward)  
Davenport Lounge (SIS)  
The Mudbox (library)  
Katzen Cafe (Katzen)



## HOW WE RANK

### Princeton Review's Best 373 College (2012)

- #1 Green Honor Roll
- #5 Most Politically Active
- #6 Most Popular Study Abroad Program
- #7 Great College Town
- #10 Best Career/Job Placement Services

### US News & World Report

- #77 National University Ranking
- #56 Best Undergraduate Business School
- #12 Top School: Public Affairs

### Foreign Policy Magazine

- #10 Undergraduate Program

## HONORS

American University's Honors Program is a highly selective option for students prepared to engage in scholarly and creative work of an advanced nature as part of their experience at AU. Members of the Honors community can major in any discipline offered at the university and can enroll in their choice of numerous Honors courses every semester, including interdisciplinary Honors Colloquia courses.

All students who apply for admission are considered for the University Honors Program. The average high school GPA for students invited into the program was a 4.17 and the average SAT was 1421. Students who are not invited as freshman may self-nominate after two semesters.

Honors students benefit from smaller class sizes, priority registration, One-on-one Honors academic counseling, discount tickets to events in D.C., free lunch with professors, small-group discussions with political leaders and academic innovators, and much more!



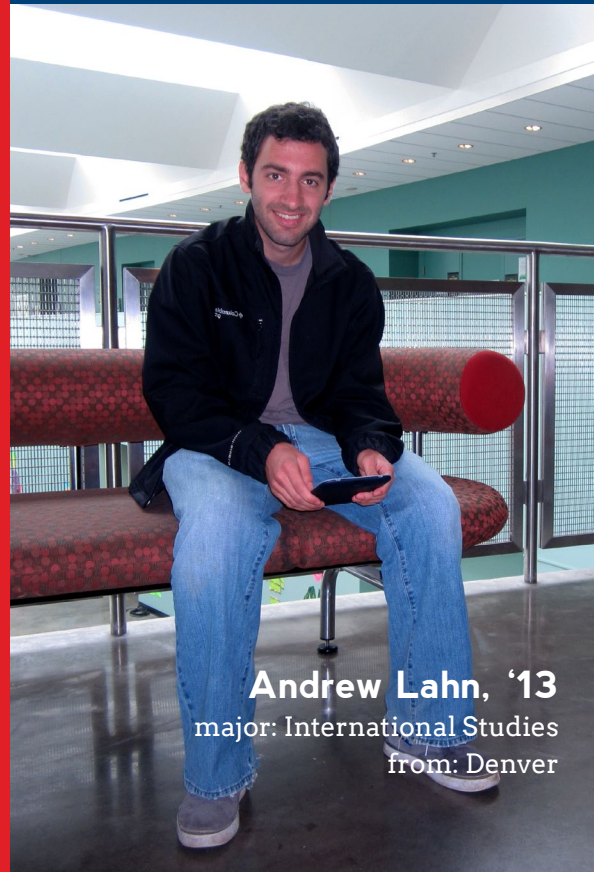
**Sam Lent, '14**  
major: History  
hometown: Chicago

**"Between editing the school newspaper, being a Resident Assistant (RA) and my classes, it's important to find a quiet place to get school work done. Luckily there's a bunch of places on campus where I can study. I like to read in the amphitheater during the day when it's nice out!"**

## ONE UNIVERSITY, 5 SCHOOLS, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Degree programs at AU fall under one of these five schools. Many students choose to pursue multiple majors and/or minors in different schools, or just take classes outside of their major's school. Here is what some students have to say:

### SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



**Andrew Lahn, '13**  
major: International Studies  
from: Denver

"The professors here are truly one of a kind. DC is the place to be if you want to learn about international affairs."

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Katelyn O'Brien, '14**  
major: Art History  
from: Baltimore

"Although I love art history, being able to take courses on so many subjects outside of my major is really awesome."

### KOGOD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



**Steve Ferich, '13**  
major: Finance  
from: Philly

"Professors that are helpful especially when it comes to recommendations."

### SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS



**Sonia Ledwith, '16**  
major: Public Communications  
from: Staten Island, NY

"Getting to work on group projects is fun and I've gotten to meet so many students from foreign countries."

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



**Ibraheem Samirah, '15**  
major: Law & Society  
from: Amman, Jordan

"The small class sizes and law students to look up to at Washington College of Law, AU's law school."



## GET INVOLVED

AU students have more than 200 undergraduate organizations to choose from, with clubs and organizations ranging from social and political activity groups to religious and media organizations to student government and performing groups. Joining clubs and organizations on campus is a great way to meet other students.

One of AU's largest student organizations, the award-winning, student-run **Kennedy Political Union** brings a diverse group of speakers to AU students. Past speakers include former president Bill Clinton, the Dalai Lama and Madeleine Albright.

AU is situated in the heart of one of the media capitals of the world, making it the perfect home for the **nine student media organizations** affiliated with the university. Whether you're into print or broadcast journalism, creative or opinion writing, photography or filmographic, DJing or directing, you're certain to find a creative outlet that's right for you.

**Fraternity and Sorority Life** at AU is comprised of 13 fraternities and 7 sororities under the governing bodies of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils. These organizations offer the opportunity for men and women can grow as individuals, while experiencing social, philanthropic and academic endeavors. There are also several co-ed academic fraternities dedicated the certain interests such as business and law, as well as a community service fraternity.

The **Student Union Board** brings concerts and comedians to campus on a regular basis and welcomes volunteer help with production tasks. Previous performers include Jon Stewart, OK GO, Hoodie Allen, and Jana Kramer.





## STAY ACTIVE

The intramural sports program is an exciting and fun way to stay active and get involved on campus. The program offers a wide range of sports including, basketball, flag football, soccer, softball, table tennis, and volleyball. Different leagues are conducted in these sports for men, women, coed groups, and varying skill levels.

There are 26 recognized club sports teams at AU which are student run and organized. Club teams include baseball, basketball, crew, cycling, equestrian, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, sailing, soccer, softball, taekwondo, tennis, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball.

There are 3 fitness centers on campus. The main center, Jacobs Fitness Center, offers the wide variety of exercise equipment. The fitness center also provides a variety of services for additional fees including group exercise classes, yoga, personal training, fitness assessments and more. Two smaller facilities are located in the terrace level of Letts Hall and Cassell Hall.

Many recreational activities can also be taken for course credit. Classes beginning with the HFIT prefix range from 1 to 3 credits, and are offered every semester. HFIT classes range from group sports and dance, to pilates and nutrition.



**Maeghan Crociata, '13**

major: marketing  
hometown: New York City

**"Participating in AU in Motion is one of my favorite things to do at American. Once a semester we put on a dance performance that is completely student-choreographed."**

## BE CREATIVE

Want to explore your creative side? Whether you're into music, dance, theater or art, you're bound to find an organization or activity to be a part of at the Katzen Arts Center. The dynamic 130,000-square-foot building also houses the American University Museum, which exhibits work by local, national and international artists throughout the year, the Abramson Family Recital Hall, dance studios, practices rooms, rehearsal space, and classrooms.

## THE DISTRICT

Going to college in the nation's capital is truly a privilege. There are endless activities to engage in, sights to see, and events to attend.

### DC Bucket List

#### 1. The National Mall

Monuments, the Capitol building, the White House... You get it

#### 2. Smithsonian Museums

A world-class collection of museums on the National Mall. Best part: they are all free!

#### 3. The National Zoo

Everyone comes to see the pandas but there are lots of other animals here as well. Take a stroll, it's free!

#### 4. Georgetown

This eclectic neighborhood is full of shopping and restaurants. Beautiful historic homes, and plenty to see and do.

#### 5. Inauguration

If you get the chance, head down to the national mall the morning of to experience this historical moment!

#### 6. Cherry Blossom Festival

The Tidal Basin's cherry blossoms bloom into cotton candy-colored tufts every spring. Paddle boating, picnics, and fun!

#### 7. Dupont Circle

Hang out in this hip and trendy neighborhood of DC right near AU. Restaurants, stores and great nightlife!

#### 8. U Street Corridor

Ben's Chili Bowl, the 9:30 Club, bars, restaurants, and boutiques. Need we say more?

#### 9. Nationals Park

America's pastime in America's capital. Enough said!

#### 10. Kennedy Center

Live theatrical productions are entertainment at its finest, and you can catch a free show at the Millennium Stage.



"Coming from a small town in Illinois, getting to experience all the unique things that D.C. has to offer has been such a privilege. I love visiting the monuments, especially during the cherry blossom season in the Spring."

**Diana Stockwell, '13**

major: CLEG

hometown: Roscoe, IL

## STUDY ABROAD

>> #5 in the top 40 schools for the most undergraduates studying abroad  
>> 57% of undergraduate students study abroad while at AU

American University offers numerous study abroad programs through the AU Abroad Program. Students may also participate in study abroad programs offered by other institutions that are part of a regionally accredited US college or university.

The AU Abroad staff makes it easy for students to apply for their program of choice and to finance their trip. Credits can easily be transferred to your major while studying abroad so you won't fall behind in your studies.

## EXPLORE THE WORLD

AU Abroad offers study abroad programs in over 40 different countries. In some countries, students enroll in courses offered by American University. In others, students utilize direct enrollment at the host institution and receive full course credit upon completion of the program.

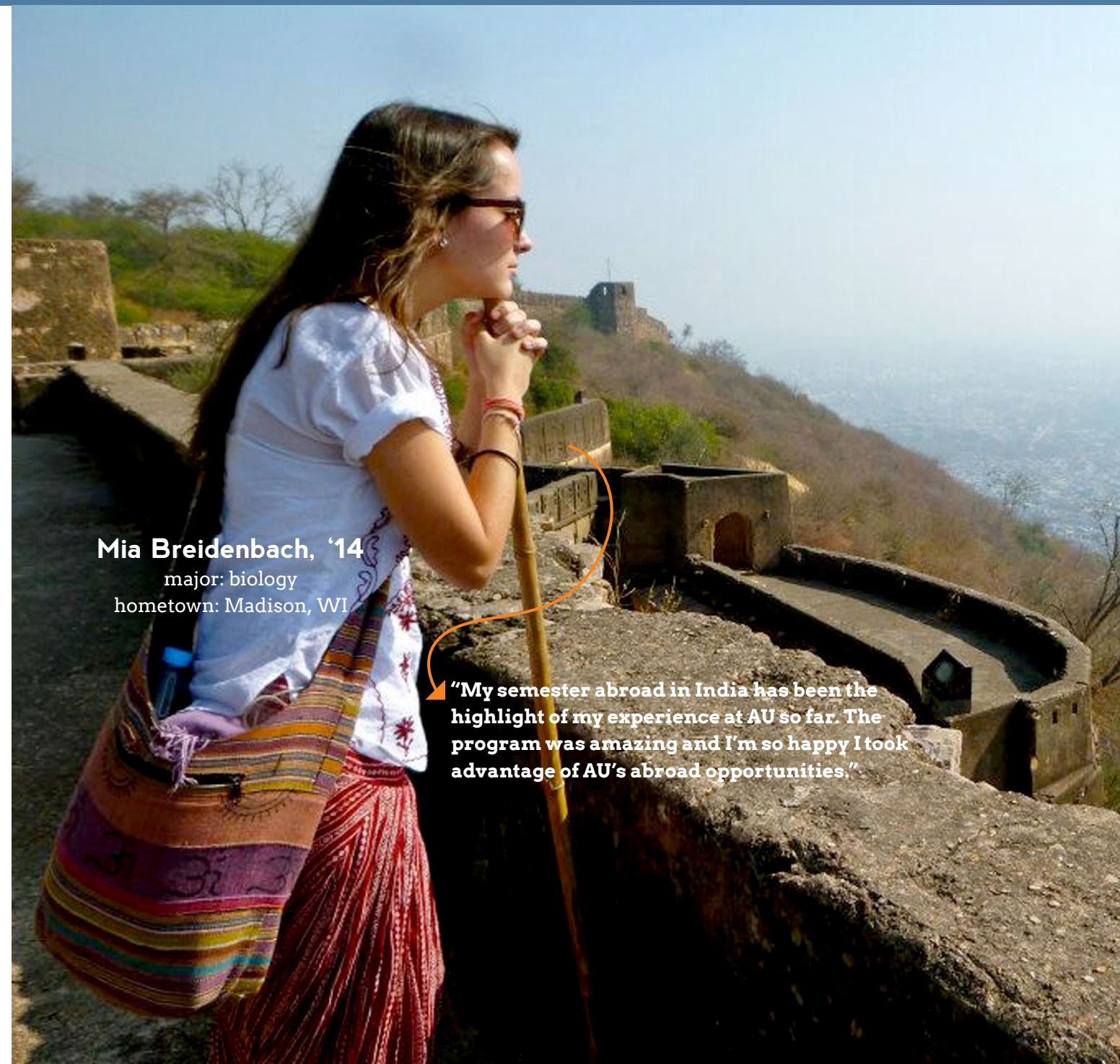
Argentina	France	Norway
Australia	Germany	Poland
Belgium	India	Russia
Brazil	Ireland	Senegal
Canada	Israel	South Africa
Chile	Italy	South Korea
China	Japan	Spain
Costa Rica	Jordan	Sweden
Cuba	Kenya	Taiwan
Czech Republic	Kuwait	Tajikistan
Denmark	Mexico	Thailand
Egypt	Morocco	Turkey
United Kingdom	Netherlands	United Arab Emirates
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay

**Mia Breidenbach, '14**

major: biology

hometown: Madison, WI

**"My semester abroad in India has been the highlight of my experience at AU so far. The program was amazing and I'm so happy I took advantage of AU's abroad opportunities."**



## AU ATHLETICS

Part of the Division I Patriot League, its sports teams compete as the American University Eagles. AU is home to a wide variety of athletics, including men's and women's basketball, soccer, cross-country, swimming & diving, track, women's volleyball, field hockey, and lacrosse, along with men's wrestling,

AU's nationally ranked field hockey and women's lacrosse teams play on the field at the Jacobs Recreational Complex, which also features a softball diamond and two outdoor sand volleyball courts.

In 2011, AU's wrestling team placed 5th at the 2011 NCAA Division 1 Wrestling Championship, the highest AU Wrestling have ever placed in school history.

Meet AU's mascot,  
Clawed the Eagle!



## SHOW YOUR PRIDE

All AU students are admitted free of charge to all regular season home sports events. Support AU athletics by joining the Blue Crew, the official student fan club. During the school year, Blue Crew members get the chance to attend special events like Bender Blue Out, or travel to away games on student fan buses. Membership is free and you get an iconic Blue Crew tshirt upon joining!



ONCE AN EAGLE,  
ALWAYS AN EAGLE

## DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

- >>American University is the top producer of Fulbright Scholars
- >>#1 nationally for combined Boren Scholars and fellows
- >>#3 nationally for Presidential Management Fellows semifinalists

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- >>#3 most volunteers for the Peace Corps
- >>President's Community Service Honor Roll for the sixth year

## FRESHMAN SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Since 1990, the Freshman Service Experience (FSE) has been a tradition that celebrates the spirit of service at American University. More than 10,000 students have participated, working to turn ideas into action and action into service. The Freshman Service Experience is a three night, two day program built on community service, social justice, thought provoking evening activities, and an orientation to American University and Washington, D.C. During the day, student-led volunteer groups work at about 50 different nonprofit work sites throughout the city. In the evenings, participants join other groups for dinner, speakers, and social events.

## ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

Alternative Breaks bring AU to the world and the world to AU. Offered during summer, spring, and winter breaks, these student-led immersion programs provide hands-on experience in social justice issues, as student groups partner with community initiatives in locations across the globe and learn from community leaders ranging from Liberia and Nepal to Alabama, San Francisco and Guatemala. If you're interested in engaging the global community through service, activism, academic inquiry, and leadership, then Alternative Breaks may be for you!



## THE CAREER CENTER

The American University Career Center supports the university's commitment to uncompromising quality in the education of its students. The Career Center teaches undergraduates, graduate students and alumni how to develop educational and career goals, decision-making skills and job search strategies needed to manage their professional and academic pursuits. Consistently ranked among the top 20 best career services by the Princeton Review, the AU Career Center provides students with career, internship, and merit award advising, as well as resume, cover letter and interview workshops. CareerWeb, a job search website open only to AU students, features hundreds of job and internship listings updated daily.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

One of the greatest advantages to studying in Washington, D.C. is the unparalleled access that you have to internships. These opportunities enable you to enrich your education with hands-on experience and to apply lessons learned in the classroom to professional settings. Students may choose to earn credit for internships, but are not required to do so. Most internships for credit are part time, and some are paid.

## JOB FAIRS

Every Spring, American University hosts a job fair for students with over 120 public, private, and nonprofit organizations present. These organizations are eager to recruit AU students and alumni, offering a wide range of part- and full-time jobs and internships, this fair offers you the perfect opportunity to explore your interests and launch your career.



**"I never thought I would be interning as a freshman, but AU made it really easy. The Career Center helped me score a part-time internship right in Tenleytown."**

**Robyn Casper, '16**

major: economics  
from: Boston



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