

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PREVIEW DAY **DRAFT**

February 16, 2025

9:30-10:15 AM Choose one or more of the following:	
A	Check-In Please check in at the Bender Arena lobby.
B	AU Information Fair From our academic programs to our living-learning communities to athletics to our academic support resources to AU Abroad, there are so many opportunities and resources available to AU students. Meet representatives from more than 20 different offices who can show you everything AU has to offer. <i>Bender Arena, Lower Level</i>
ALL GUESTS, Bender Arena	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Official University Welcome Evelyn Thimba, Vice President of Undergraduate Enrollment Management Dr. Vicky M. Wilkins, Acting Provost and Chief Academic Officer <i>Bender Arena</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Student Welcome TBA <i>Bender Arena</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Academic Overviews (select one)	
A	College of Arts & Sciences <i>Katzen Arts Center, First Floor, Katzen Rotunda</i>
B	Kogod School of Business <i>Formal Lounge, First Floor, McDowell Hall</i>
C	School of Communication <i>McKinley Building, Second Floor, Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater</i>
D	School of Education <i>Katzen Arts Center, Second Floor, Admissions Welcome Center</i>
E	School of International Service <i>Mary Graydon Center, Third Floor, Room 305/306</i>
F	School of Public Affairs <i>Constitution Hall, First Floor, East Campus Commons</i>

12:00 – 12:45 PM

ALL GUESTS

A	Lunch Please join AU staff, faculty, and current students from your school of interest for lunch. <i>Bender Arena, Lower Level</i>
B	Admissions and Financial Aid Lounge <i>The Bridge Café, Second Floor, Butler Pavilion</i>
C	Discover Inclusion at AU: Finding Community and Connection Explore how American University fosters student success and inclusive communities. In this session, you'll learn about the university's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging—highlighting key resources and programs. At AU, where diverse voices are highly valued, discover how the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) and other initiatives create spaces for connection, belonging, and growth. AU continues to ensure all students have the support they need to succeed, build community, and truly thrive. Lunch will be provided. <i>Mary Graydon Center, Third Floor, Room 327</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM Concurrent Sessions (select one)	
A	Applying to American University Is AU your top choice? Then apply Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA)! Join us for a session with admissions and financial aid staff to explore the enrollment process and learn about options available to help finance your education. <i>Constitution Hall, First Floor, East Campus Commons</i>
B	Campus Tour <i>Departs at 1:00 PM from the Eagle Statue in front of Bender Arena.</i> Enjoy a guided campus tour led by a current AU student Ambassador. Tour also available at 2:15 p.m. Please note, tour does not include a residence hall room.
C	Experiential Learning at AU Join us for a panel discussion on the many opportunities beyond the AU campus over your four years at AU—from internships to study abroad to the chance to make a difference through community service and community engagement. <i>SIS Building, Lower Level, Abramson Family Founders Room</i>
D	Honors and Scholars Programs Learn about AU's most rigorous academic programs and living-learning communities: AU Honors and the DC Community Impact Scholars. Program staff and current students will provide an overview of each program and answer your questions. <i>Butler Pavilion, Sixth Floor, Butler Boardroom</i>
E	The First Year at AU and Beyond: Setting You Up for Success Throughout Your College Journey Calling all Future Eagles! This session dives deep into the resources and programs that will propel you beyond surviving your college experience towards thriving on campus. From convocation to commencement, AU aims to set every student up for success to excel academically, build strong campus connections, and prioritize FUN throughout your entire college journey. Learn more about the services dedicated to support you as an Eagle. <i>Mary Graydon Center, Third Floor, Room 305/306</i>

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D	School of International Service Special Academic Programs & Opportunities Meet with SIS students to learn more about our various experiential and academic cohort opportunities including the Sakura Scholars, Global Scholars, Olson Scholars, Said Peace Scholars, Peace Corps Prep, Honors in the Major, Diplomacy Lab, internships, and student-run journals such as <i>Clocks and Clouds</i> and <i>World Mind</i> . <i>Katzen Arts Center, Second Floor, Admissions Welcome Center</i>
E	School of Public Affairs Special Academic Certificate Programs The School of Public Affairs is home to some special academic certificate programs available for incoming new First-Year students. The <i>Politics, Policy, & Law three-year Scholar's program (Certificate in Politics, Policy, & Law)</i> , the <i>Lincoln Scholars Program (Certificate in Political Thought)</i> , and the new <i>Key Undergraduate Leadership Certificate Program</i> . These certificate programs provide students the opportunity to get to know other students through cohort-based experiences both in and outside the classroom; engage in out of class experiences such as retreats, speakers, and more; have dedicated faculty members to support the program; and enhance the student's chosen field of study. Come learn more about these programs, including when and how to apply from the faculty directors. <i>Katzen Arts Center, First Floor, Recital Hall</i>

Optional Activities

RESIDENCE HALL TOUR Noon to 3:00 PM	Start your tour of our residence halls in McDowell Hall. You'll see a residence hall room and learn about life on campus.
ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID LOUNGE Noon to 3:00 PM The Bridge Café, Second Floor, Butler Pavilion	Have questions about the Admissions process? Want to learn more about the opportunities available here at AU? Stop by the Admissions Lounge located in the Bridge Café on the second floor of the Butler Pavilion.
AUDIO TECHNOLOGY RECORDING STUDIOS 2:15 PM	Tour the well-appointed Audio Technology Studios and see the creative heart of our Audio Tech program. Stop by to tour the labs. Enter the Kreeger Building through the front doors and take the elevator to the Terrace Level. Meet in the lounge area.
DON MYERS TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION BUILDING 1:00 PM (Meet outside Room 206A near the Physics sign.)	Visit the home for AU physicists, mathematicians, computer scientists, and game developers. Facilities like the Design and Build Lab (DaBL), the Game Lab, and multiple research labs offer students and faculty exciting new technologies and opportunities for collaborative and cross-disciplinary research.
HALL OF SCIENCE BUILDING 1:00 PM (Meet in front of the building.)	Hall of Science is our new multidisciplinary research and instructional building. It houses the Chemistry, Environmental Science, Neuroscience and Biology departments. This is the new jewel of the campus, concrete-and-glass evidence of our commitment to the fast-growing sciences at AU. Come take a tour of the new building and all it has to offer.
JACOBS FITNESS CENTER 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Take a quick tour and learn about recreational sports and fitness facilities and programming at AU. Stop by the Jacobs Fitness Center front desk.
KOGOD BUILDING 1:00 to 3:00 PM (Meet at the reception area on the first floor.)	Stop by the Kogod School of Business reception area, located on the first floor, for a 20-minute guided tour of the building. For easy access to the reception area, use the entrance on the Main Quad. Guests will have the opportunity to see resources and services that are unique to Kogod students, including the Financial Services and Information Technology Lab and the Office of Career Engagement.
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES 1:00 PM (Meet in the main lobby of the McKinley Building.)	Tour the McKinley Building, home of the School of Communication. Highlights include the Media Innovation Lab, the high-tech Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater, the Media Production Center, photography darkrooms, video and audio editing suites, the TV studio, and the equipment room.

Admissions staff will be on the quad from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM answering your questions and helping you navigate campus. Just look for our red tents.