

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School for those that cannot attend the visit.

School: American University

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Yes. **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes, Assistant Director of Admissions, regional rep for Georgia.

Last year's Freshman Profile: 3.63-4.15 GPA Middle 50%, 1310-1460 SAT Middle 50%, 29-33 ACT Middle 50%.

Honor's College: AU Honors Program (<https://www.american.edu/learning-communities/honors/index.cfm>) and Honors in the Major programs (<https://www.american.edu/provost/undergrad/honors-in-the-major/>)

GPA -How is it calculated? We accept both weighted and unweighted, typically however the high school reports it

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? No. **Super Score?** Yes. Test optional though for more than 10 years.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? We consider academic rigor as a part of the review. Typically award college credit for AP exams if student earns a 4 or 5.

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? Passionate, engaged, motivated students who are involved in their school and community. Leadership experience is a plus but not required.

Most popular majors at this school: International Studies, Political Science, Business Administration, Public Relations & Strategic Communications, our unique CLEG major (Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, Government)

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? No.

Does chosen major affect decision process? No, students apply and are admitted to the university as a whole.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes to all, 70% of AU students study abroad. 145 programs in 39 countries: <https://auabroad.american.edu/>.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes, 90% of students intern before graduating. On average, students intern 3 times. Washington DC has tons of opportunities and we have a great Career Center on campus as a resource.

Research Opportunities? Yes, many undergraduate research opportunities including conference funding, STEM lab research, and faculty research assistant positions.

Special successes the school is known for: being the first carbon neutral university in the U.S., consistently ranked in the top 5 most politically active college campuses in the U.S.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? No specific to GA, but all students are automatically considered for merit scholarships: <https://www.american.edu/financialaid/freshman-scholarships.cfm>.

When are scholarship deadlines? No special deadline or application for scholarship eligibility.

What is the Total cost of Attendance? No in-state vs. out-of-state, same for all students.

Tuition & Fees

\$51,414

Housing & Meal Plan	\$15,150
Books & Supplies	\$800
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$68,592

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? We offer regular campus tours and info sessions. There are no special in-person event days this fall, but we will have some virtual webinars and simulated classes.

Is there a “Scholar Day” for Honors bound students? No.

Applications

When are application deadlines? Early Decision 1 (binding): Nov. 15. Early Decision 2 (binding): Jan. 15. Regular Decision: Jan. 15

Is an essay required for all decision options? The personal essay in Common App and Coalition App is required

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Two required: one from teacher and one from counselor.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Optional, informational interviews offered via phone or Zoom.

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? Holistic review, looking for passionate, engaged, motivated students who aren’t afraid to tackle the world’s difficult problems.

Does the school use the Common App? Yes, and Coalition App as well.

How many applicants are received per year? 19,000-20,000.

How much is the application fee? \$75 or approved fee waiver

Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? No.

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? 15 Division I sports (though there is no football team).

Are sporting events free? Yes. **Is there a ticket lottery?** No.

Do freshmen live on campus? Not required, but 99% of freshmen do live on campus.

Are cars allowed? Not for freshmen. Afterwards, yes. However, we provide all our students with an unlimited public transportation pass called the U-Pass, so having a car is not needed.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? All of the above options. Housing guaranteed for 2 years but offered all 4. **Living & Learning Dorms?** Yes, we have some living learning communities that live on the same floor of a residence hall.

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc): 150+ student orgs., 45 club and intramural sports, 29 Greek orgs. 16 dining locations on campus.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 8,000

Total enrollment? 14,000

Percentage of male: female – 39% male, 61% female

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – N/A as DC is not a state. We have all 50 states represented and 122 countries internationally.

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life: 20%

Where is the school located? Upper northwest Washington, DC. About 4 miles from the White House downtown.

How far is it from Milton? 636 miles. The flight from Atlanta to DC is less than 2 hours.

Other: Our website is very informative! Also, please feel free to contact admissions rep with any questions!