

UM in DC

2013

1. Will Financial aid and scholarships be offered after the first semester in DC when I return to Miami?

Financial assistance will be extremely limited and no institutional grants or scholarships will be available to students accepted for the spring semester.

2. What is the capacity of the UM in DC Program and how many students are expected to participate?

We plan to enroll about 60 students for the fall 2013 UM in DC Program, and will create a waitlist that we will continually update through the summer.

3. Will the UM in DC students be rooming together or integrated with the American University students?

The UM in DC students will be rooming together and grouped on the same floor of an American University residence hall on AU's main campus. They will also be attending many of the same classes.

4. Will there be an orientation, specific move-in day, Family Weekend, etc?

Yes, and we will be sending further information on important dates such as move-in day, orientation and Family Weekend soon.

5. Is the \$750 deposit refundable if I decide not to attend?

If you pay your deposit and later change your mind, we will refund your deposit as long as you notify the University of Miami in writing by May 1st.

6. What is the housing situation at American, as well as, second semester when students move to Miami?

While in DC, the UM in DC students will be rooming together at American University. In the Spring semester, students will be placed in on-campus housing at UM. While we cannot guarantee which residence hall students will be placed in, they will be housed on campus. Roommate preferences are not guaranteed, but we will try our best to accommodate your roommate requests when possible.

7. If I was to attend UM in DC do I have the ability to major in Biology for pre medicine once I join the UM campus in the spring?

Yes, as a matter of fact, we have secured appropriate elective courses for all majors participating in the UM in DC Program, in an effort to keep the students on track upon arrival at UM in the spring.

8. How soon should I respond to this offer to secure a spot in the UM in DC program? (I know the deadline is May 1st but should I respond within a week or two?)

The response to the UM in DC Program has been very positive. If interested in attending, we suggest you mail in your deposit as soon as possible. Space in this program is limited and deposits will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the program is full. Although the deadline to respond is May 1st, the program may reach capacity prior to the deadline. If you pay your deposit and later change your mind, we will refund your deposit as long as you notify the University of Miami in writing by May 1st.

9. In the classes listed for the UM in DC Program, what percentage of these students will be from the University of Miami?

The UM in DC Students will be attending most of the same classes together, with the exception of the elective course which will vary according to major and personal choice.

10. As a nursing student would I fall behind due to the demanding schedule of the nursing program?

We have secured appropriate elective courses for all majors participating in the UM in DC Program, in an effort to keep students on track upon arrival at UM in the spring. For example, in the case of nursing, biology would be an example elective to enroll in to stay on track. All other courses completed in the UM in DC Program will fulfill requirements towards your degree.

In the fall 2012 program, we had 2 nursing students that had a seamless transition to UM in the spring semester.

11. When will orientation be held?

Details on date and location for orientation will be available soon.

12. Is there a lottery for rooms and roommates and are freshman in this program guaranteed housing?

There is no lottery - all students are guaranteed housing during their semester at American University, and roommate assignments will be made based on the result of a questionnaire that will be sent out early summer.

On-campus housing is guaranteed in the spring semester at UM; however placement in residence halls and honoring roommate requests will be based on availability and are not guaranteed.

13. Are any upperclassmen from the University of Miami taking advantage of the semester in DC program?

No, this program is offered only to a select group of incoming freshman students admitted for the spring semester at the University of Miami.

14. Will American University students be offered the option of enrolling in the six-credit UM-taught course?

No, this course is only open to University of Miami students participating in the UM in DC program.

15. In the admission letter and the description of this program it states, “you will enroll in 15 credits as a fulltime NON-DEGREE SEEKING student at the University of Miami.” Will these courses start to fulfill the requirements for a bachelor’s degree?

Yes, all courses completed in the UM in DC Program will fulfill requirements towards your degree.

16. The student is expected to pay for transportation to seminars and the mentorship office. Where will these seminars be held? And where are the mentorship offices?

The seminars will be held at various locations around the city as are the mentorship offices.

17. What is the Mentored Field Practicum and where is it located? Do students get arbitrarily placed in these locations?

The Mentored Field Practicum is a three-credit internship experience that all students participating in the UM in DC Program are required to complete. Students will have two days built into their schedule specifically for interning somewhere in Washington, DC. Every other week, students will meet with an MFP Professor for a course component to accompany their internship experience.

Students are not placed into internship assignments. Students will need to apply for internship experiences they are interested in. Over the summer, students are encouraged to submit their resume for review in order to gain access to the American University Internship database, which will be a good resource in beginning the internship search.

While students are not required to arrive to Washington DC with an internship, we strongly encourage you begin your internship search over the summer. During your orientation week, students will meet with their MFP professor who will assist them with their internship search. There will also be an internship fair the first week of class to assist in securing an internship if there is still a need.

Here is a sampling of where UM in DC students interned last year: Capitol Hill Offices, Republican National Committee, RIAA, George Washington Hospital, DC Public Schools, Horton’s Kids, FOX News, AYUDA, DC Law Students in Court, American Cancer Society, World Wildlife Fund, Men’s Health Network, NIH, Hispanic Link News Service, among many others.

18. I noticed in the email that the fall program at American University was not to be covered by any financial aid. Can you tell me the cost of this semester?

The **APPROXIMATE** cost for this one semester program will be \$26,904; \$20,790 for tuition and \$6,114 for fees, residence hall, meal plan and student health insurance fee. (Not included are books, transportation to Washington D.C., transportation to seminars and mentorship office, social and cultural activities, and transportation for trips during vacation periods.)

19. Will Florida Bright futures and Florida Residents Assistance Grant be available to Florida students if they enroll in the UM in DC Program?

No, these funds will not be available.

20. Is the student required to take the EXACT 15 credits that were listed in the letter? If so, are these CORE requirements for ANY major in the university?

Yes, the student is required to enroll in the specified 15 credits, including the 3 credit elective of their choice. All courses will transfer to his degree as either required, or electives as part of the general education requirements.

21. If the student chooses to go to school at another university (i.e. Community College) for the fall semester only, how can they be sure that the courses taken will properly transfer and count into Miami's General Education requirements? Is there a website or something they can look at to ensure they choose the right courses to take so that they transfer properly?

Courses completed at regionally accredited institutions typically transfer to the University of Miami. Each course must be academic in nature and the grade earned must be a C or better for transfer consideration.

You can compare the course descriptions from the course he intends to take with the one offered at the University of Miami; see link to the University of Miami Bulletin course descriptions- <http://www6.miami.edu/umbulletin/courses/index.htm>

You can also contact the specific department for additional information.

22. If I am interested in majoring in engineering, will I be out of sequence when I arrive in Miami in the spring?

The engineering curriculum (in most cases) requires Introduction to Engineering I (3cr), ENG 105 English Composition I (3cr), MTH 151 Calculus I for Engineers (5cr), PHY 205 University Physics I (3cr). Students enrolling in the UM in DC Program will be able to complete Calculus I as their elective in the DC program (pending results of the AU placement test). By taking Calculus I, the student may proceed to Calculus II upon arrival at Miami but will be out of sequence with regards to Physics I. Physics I may be completed in the spring at the University of Miami.

23. If I attend the UM in DC Program and have been admitted into the BS Biology program at UM, I am concerned the courses will not count to my major.

These required 15 credits will satisfy general education requirements as part of the Bachelor of Science degree you will be receiving.

24. Please forward the Fall 2013 Semester schedule for the UM in DC Program.

Please look forward to future mailings.

25. Will my records show AU or UM credits for the Fall semester?

The UM in DC Program is a joint program between the University of Miami and American University. You will have a separate AU transcript that will display the 9 credits earned through AU that will transfer to UM and appear on your UM transcript.

26. What will be the balance of my tuition for the Spring 2014 Semester at UM?

http://www.miami.edu/index.php/office_of_financial_assistance/ug/ug_coa/ug_coa_1314/

Please note the fees shown on this link are fees for the entire year. Divide by 2 to estimate costs for spring semester.

27. I would like to overnight my deposit. What is your physical address?

Address your envelope to:

The University of Miami, Office of Admission
UM in DC Program
Attn: Maria deLeon-Fleites
1252 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146

28. If I have completed my English Course requirements in high school with AP Courses will I be able to substitute the English course with another one?

Students taking AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment and successfully completing the required exams should refer to:

http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/undergraduate_admission/apply/apibclep_credits/ap_credit_equivalencies for score requirements. In the case the student has achieved the minimum required score for one of the courses offered at the UM in DC Program, another course will be selected with the assistance of the advisor.