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Welcome to American International College

A college education should prepare young people to succeed in the workplace, in careers of their choosing, and in all that life sends their way. Long before they graduate, they must first learn how to succeed at college. At American International College, we understand starting college is a big change for students and their families, and we have staff dedicated to helping them make the transition so that they get the most out of their education.

We have over 40 career-oriented degree programs that range from business, to physical therapy, to nursing, to criminal justice, to communications, to education. Whatever your child's dream job, we'll prepare him or her for a great career. We've been doing it for 125 years.

When AIC was first founded in 1885, it educated immigrants, preparing them for living and working in America. A lot has changed since then, but our campus remains diverse, welcoming students from all over the world. Each student has a different background, a different story, and we're small enough to give everyone a personalized education and college experience.

We believe everyone should have access to a great education. AIC is one of the

most affordable private colleges in the northeast. Each year we award about \$22 million in financial aid and scholarship packages.

American International College is a small college for students with big dreams. We have a campus that feels like a home, and a community that feels like family. The friendships and education your child will find here will make a lasting impression and prepare him or her for lifelong success.

With best wishes,

Peter Miller
Vice President for
Admission Services ■

AIC At-A-Glance

American International College is located in Springfield, Massachusetts, within close reach of the greatest things about New England. There are local museums, places to dine on high cuisine and down home cooking, performance venues for music and theater, and an international airport less than 30 minutes away. Springfield is positioned on two major highways that provide quick routes to Hartford, Boston, and New York City.

AIC's total undergraduate enrollment is around 1,700 students, with a 20-to-1 student to faculty ratio that guarantees small classes and personalized attention. ■



Health & Safety

Campus Safety

We want you to feel confident that your child is in good hands from day one on campus. Even young adults need to be safe and supported. We have our own campus police who work 24/7 to ensure the campus is safe, secure, and that help is always available.

Our campus police are authorized to conduct investigations and arrest

individuals when necessary, and they work closely with the entire college community as well as local police to create a safe environment for everyone.

American International College has an emergency response system in place that immediately notifies all staff, students, and faculty via cell phone and email in case of an emergency.



Health and Wellness

Supporting our students' physical and emotional well-being is always a high priority at AIC. All students have access to our top-notch athletic facilities and gym, and there are plenty of opportunities to stay fit and active while on campus.

The Dexter Health Center is our full-service clinic, providing primary and urgent care to all AIC students. There is a nurse practitioner on staff who provides services that include physical exams, immunizations, and other basic services. All of these services are free.

The Dexter Counseling Center offers psychological services to students, provided by licensed counselors. The center staff has spent years helping students adjust to college life and manage the stress of transitioning to adult life. Staff members are friendly and supportive and provide all services for free and in complete confidence, so your child can feel comfortable asking for help. Whether it's homesickness, career counseling, or a more complex problem, the Dexter Counseling Center will be there to help. ■



Student Support

Freshman Seminar

All first-year students at AIC enroll in a freshman seminar class during their first semester. This course takes new students through the transition to their college careers. The seminar professors act as mentors, and student peer mentors are assigned to each seminar class to offer their own perspective. Students participate in activities that include service to the local community. It's a chance to get to know the campus, other new students, and take learning outside the classroom.

Center for Academic Success

American International College is dedicated to helping students fulfill their potential. Everyone needs some extra help or advice sometimes, and we've

built a one-stop shop for all academic and college transition needs.

Center staff refers students to the right place for help with homework, writing, test preparation, study skills, and even looking for a first job or applying to graduate school. The Academic Resource Center, the Writing Center, and our Career Services office serve our students in the various stages of their college careers, and are available to AIC students free of charge. The extra help is on us.

The ACE program focuses specifically on students who are first-generation college students and have limited economic ►



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means. Paid for by a federal grant, it levels the playing field for students who may be intimidated by being the first in their family to go to college. Like our other student support offices, it offers tutoring and academic assistance, general information, study skills, and career planning, but it caters to the specific challenges of being a first-generation college student.

Supportive Learning Services

Everyone learns differently. At the Supportive Learning Services program, professional tutors assist students who have diagnosed learning disabilities. SLS students learn how to draw on all of their resources and reach their goals through the use of a personalized learning approach.

AIC's SLS program is the second oldest program in the country, founded within the nationally renowned Curtis Blake Center. SLS students go to class with AIC students, the program mentors assist students outside the classroom with a variety of tools and services. Our tutors work creatively and personally with students to assist with:

- Goal setting
- Note taking
- Time management
- Study skills
- Test taking
- Written expression
- Self advocacy

When needed, Supportive Learning Services staff can also modify a student's academic environment to maximize learning. This might mean reducing a student's course load or providing special materials or testing options. ■



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Campus Life

Life at AIC is all about community. We will be your child's home away from home, so we make sure all students have access to fun, food, friends, and spaces to learn or relax. To make transitioning to life at AIC easier, we have peer mentors to help your

child make the adjustment, give advice, and introduce him or her to new friends.

Outside the classroom, we have dozens of student organizations, over 20 men's and women's NCAA Division II sports,

and lots of club sports and intramurals too. Our athletes and other students compete and practice on a brand new all-sport turf field and a state-of-the-art outdoor track. They can relax in our student lounge with a fireplace and open deck for nice days, or bring a laptop anywhere on our wireless campus to study, check email, and stay connected.

Students who choose to live on campus will live in secure, furnished residence halls on the main campus. There is an all-female residence hall for those who prefer it. Sophomores and juniors can choose between regular dorms or suite-style living in a complex where they live in double rooms and share common living areas with small groups of other students. Seniors can live in townhouses or apartments leased by the college, just up the street from the main campus. ■



Academics

Our academic offerings are geared towards preparing your child for a rewarding career and entering the workplace confident about his or her knowledge and abilities. For students who are undecided about their career paths, our staff and academic advisors will help them find the right direction and make sure they stay on track.

Academic Majors

The School of Arts, Education and Sciences

American Studies
 Biochemistry
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Communication
 New Media
 Criminal Justice
 Education/Early Childhood*
 Square One Program-Assoc. Arts (A.A.)
 Education/Elementary Education*
 Education/Middle School *

Education/Moderate Disabilities*
 Education/Secondary Education *
 English
 History
 Human Biology
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 Liberal Studies
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Sociology

* 5-year Master's Program



The School of Business Administration Accounting

Economics/Finance
 General Business
 Healthcare Management
 Healthcare Marketing
 Hospitality & Service Management
 International Business
 Management
 Marketing
 Sports & Recreation Management

The School of Health Sciences

Nursing
 Occupational Therapy (MSOT)
 Physical Therapy (DPT)

The School of Continuing and Extended Studies

Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts
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 Social Sciences

Accreditation

American International College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the American Physical Therapy Association, and the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, and holds business accreditation through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. ■



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Athletics

At American International College the key word in athletics is balance. Because AIC is a Division II school, students can balance competition and training with their schoolwork. We never forget why your child came to college in the first place, and academics will always come first. Your child's coach and teammates will always respect that.

More than a third of our students are athletes, and many play intramurals too. Staying active on and off the field is easy at AIC, and everyone will be rooting for your child's success.

Men's NCAA Division II – Northeast 10

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Wrestling
- Ice Hockey (NCAA Div. I – Atlantic Hockey League)



Interested in finding out how to get your student involved?
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Women's NCAA Division II – Northeast 10

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
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| Admissions | (800) 842-3412 | Financial Aid | (413) 205-3259 |
| Alumni Relations | (413) 205-3520 | Health Services | (413) 205-3248 |
| Athletics | (413) 205-3540 | President's Office | (413) 205-3202 |
| Bookstore | (413) 205-3353 | Registrar | (413) 205-3212 |
| Campus Ministry | (413) 205-3090 | Student Affairs | (413) 205-3264 |
| Campus Police | (413) 205-3333 | Switchboard | (413) 737-7000 |
| Career Services | (413) 205-3237 | | |

Events

The best way to get a feel for American International College is to pay us a visit. We host events year-round to welcome prospective students and their parents and show them around campus. Aside from scheduled events, we offer campus tours daily by appointment.

Contact us about attending one of the following events or scheduling a personal tour.

Fall Open House

Saturday, November 13, 2010
10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

College for a Day

(Arts, Education & Sciences,
Business Administration)

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

College for a Day

(Health Sciences)

Thursday, February 17, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Accepted Student Day

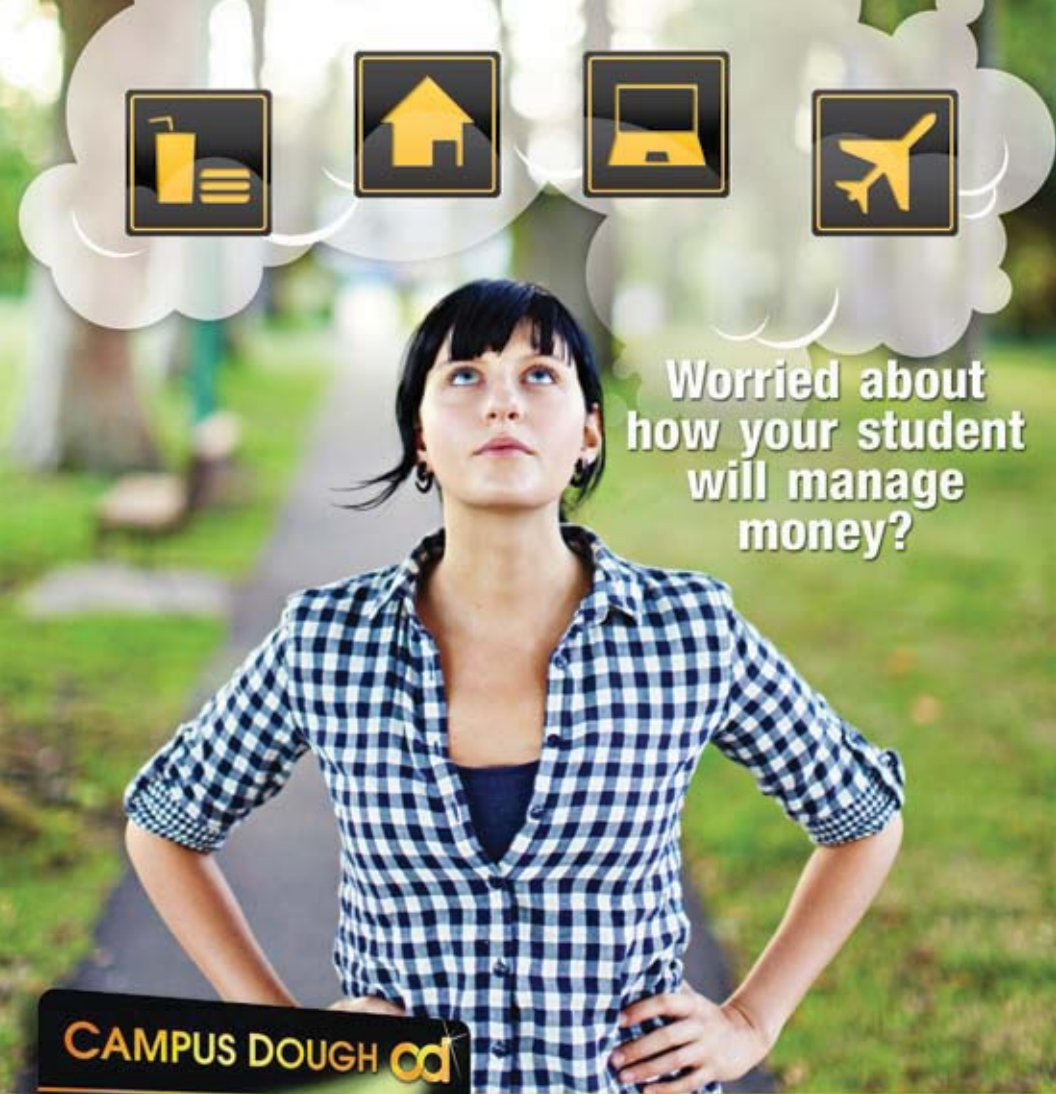
Saturday, March 19, 2011
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

General Information Session

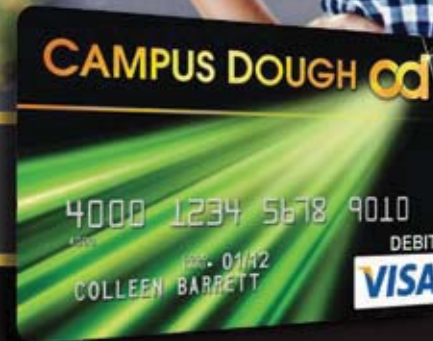
Tuesday April 19, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junior Information Session

Thursday, June 21, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ■



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