

AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITIES INC

Form 8-K

November 10, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 9, 2011

AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITIES, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

001-32265
(Commission file number)

760753089
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)*

12700 Hill Country Blvd., Suite T-200
Austin, Texas 78738

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 732-1000

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 9, 2011, American Campus Communities Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Company), announced that it had created an at-the-market equity program under which it may sell its common stock with an aggregate offering price of up to \$300 million (the Shares) from time to time through Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., as sales agents and/or principals (collectively, the Agents).

The offering will occur pursuant to four separate Equity Distribution Agreements (collectively, the Agreements) between the Company, American Campus Communities Operating Partnership LP and American Campus Communities Holdings LLC, on the one hand, and each of the Agents, on the other hand. Under the Agreements, each of the Agents will be entitled to a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2% of the gross offering proceeds of any Shares sold through it.

Sales of the Shares, if any, under the Agreements may be made in transactions that are deemed to be at-the-market offerings as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made by means of ordinary brokers transactions, including on the New York Stock Exchange, at market prices or as otherwise agreed with the Agents. The Company has no obligation to sell any of the Shares, and may at any time suspend offers under the Agreements or terminate the Agreements.

The Shares will be issued pursuant to a prospectus supplement dated November 9, 2011 (the Prospectus Supplement) to the prospectus included in the Company's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-157979) dated March 16, 2009. This Report shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Shares in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration of qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

The Agreements are filed as Exhibits 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 to this Report. The description of the Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreements filed herewith as exhibits to this Report.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 9, 2011, the Company issued a press release relating to the execution of the Agreements and filing of the Prospectus Supplement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit

Number Title

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| 1.1 | Form of Equity Distribution Agreement, dated November 9, 2011, between American Campus Communities, Inc., American Campus Communities Operating Partnership LP and American Campus Communities Holdings LLC, on one hand, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, on the other hand |
| 1.2 | Form of Equity Distribution Agreement, dated November 9, 2011, between American Campus Communities, Inc., American Campus Communities Operating Partnership LP and American Campus Communities Holdings LLC, on one hand, and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., on the other hand |
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| 5.1 | Opinion of Locke Lord LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Locke Lord LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto) |
| 99.1 | Press release, dated November 9, 2011 |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 10, 2011

AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITIES,
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By: /s/ Jonathan A. Graf
Jonathan A. Graf
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial
Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

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