

ARE YOU

READY

TO MAKE THE

CONNECTION

OF A **LIFETIME**



WASHINGTON SEMESTER
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY · WASHINGTON, DC



CONNECT WHERE IT COUNTS

- Founded in 1947
- Serves 220 colleges and universities world-wide
- 375-400 students each semester
- 136 colleges in 25 countries in Fall 2010

More than
35,000 students have
furthered their career
and life goals through
the Washington Semester
Program!



WASHINGTON SEMESTER EXPERIENCE

Seminar

(Equivalent of 8 Credits)

- Three days a week
- Discussion based
- Experienced professors
- Captivating guest speakers
- New viewpoints

Internship

(Equivalent of 4 Credits)

- Two days a week
- Online access to internship database
- Résumé and Cover Letter support
- Networking opportunities
- Valuable work experience

Research or Elective

(Equivalent of 4 or 3 credits)

- Conduct in-depth research
- Use Washington, DC as a laboratory
- Fulfill a home school requirement
- Evening Elective Class of Your Choice



Washington Semester INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Experiential Learning:

Apply what you learn in the classroom by doing an internship and discuss today's headlines with today's policymakers!

Program Structure

1. Seminar: 3 days per week
2. Internship: 2 days per week
and
3. Research Project or Elective
(optional)

Upon successful completion of the program you will be awarded an official Certificate of Achievement!



PROGRAMS

- American Politics
- Foreign Policy
- Global Economics and Business
- International Environment and Development
- International Law and Organizations
- Islam and World Affairs
- Journalism and New Media
- Justice and Law
- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Transforming Communities

No matter which program you choose, you will meet personally with leaders and advocates to discuss the most current and compelling topics!



Foreign Policy students with Anthony Harriman, National Security Council, at the White House. Spring 2009.

AMERICAN POLITICS

Gain first-hand insight into political issues such as modern campaign strategies, campaign finance reform, health care reform, Social Security reform, energy and the environment, homeland security, the courts and First Amendment rights.



Recent Speakers:

- Andrew Card, former Chief of Staff, President George W. Bush
- John Podesta, former chief of staff, President Bill Clinton
- Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI)
- Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
- Former Senator Barack Obama (D-IL)
- Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito
- Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

Recent Internships with:

- CBS News, *60 Minutes*
- C-SPAN
- Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
- EMILY's List
- House Judiciary Committee
- White House

Meet the nation's top decision makers!

"It was a fun and eye-opening experience to work in a Senate office. I have also made important contacts with almost all of the members of staff."

– Courtney Herz, Tufts University

FOREIGN POLICY

Explore emerging issues such as the Middle East crisis, conflict prevention in the post-Cold War era, national security, international policy making, NATO and the United Nations.

Recent Speakers:

- Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN)
- The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering
- Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
- R. James Woolsey, Former CIA Director

Recent Internships with:

- Embassy of Austria
- Embassy of Brazil
- Embassy of France
- International Campaign for Tibet
- United Nations Association

“The seminar takes you to the root of foreign policy issues. There’s nothing quite like hearing about U.S. foreign policy and debating it with the people who actually write it.”

– Jody Buckneberg, *St. Olaf College*



Foreign Policy students with Senator Lugar

GLOBAL ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Interact on a personal level with professionals and agencies directly involved in the debate and formulation of economic, investment, and trade policies.



Travel to China (Fall) or London, Paris, and Brussels (Spring) or remain in Washington, DC for the entire semester!

Recent Speakers:

- Barry Bosworth, Sr. Economist Brookings Institution
- Joseph Caracuel, VP International Banking, Bank of America
- John Murphy, VP for International Affairs, US Chamber of Commerce

Recent Internships with:

- American Petroleum Institute
- Citigroup
- KPMG
- U.S. Export-Import Bank
- U.S. Senate

*"My Washington Semester professor has been directly involved with trade negotiations, so he has an inside view on the material that we study in class."
– Emily Conine,
Southwestern University*

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Address global issues such as climate change, lack of sanitation solutions by one-third of the world's population, rapidly rising increases in global consumer demand, and meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

Recent Speakers:

- Dr. Juergen Voegele, Director, World Bank
- Heather Paul, US Director, SOS Villages International
- Vicki Cornish, Ocean Conservancy Vice President

Recent Internships with:

- Environmental Defense Fund
- US Department of Commerce
- World Wildlife Fund

"I know now for sure that I want to pursue environmental policy as a career. I have gained incredible contacts and have a heightened interest in working in government." – Linda Echegaray, Louisiana State University



**Travel to Ecuador/Galapagos Islands (Fall)
or to Ghana (Spring)!**

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS

Meet with international law practitioners and policy-making organizations that can only be found in the nation's capital!

Recent Internships with:

- Amnesty International
- Human Rights Watch
- International Trade Administration



**Travel to New York, Brussels, Strasbourg,
Geneva and The Hague!**

Recent Seminar Topics:

- GATT/WTO and International Economic Law
- The World Bank and the IMF
- The Role of NGOs – Amnesty International and the World Wildlife Fund
- Brussels: NATO's Changing Role
- The Hague: International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court

"At my home school we primarily study theory. Washington Semester is a way to apply the theory."

– Chad Cleaver, Wabash College

ISLAM AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Develop expertise on Islamic perspectives along with professional skills and political experience.

Recent Internships with:

- Arab-American Institute
- Council for the National Interest
- Muslim Public Affairs Council
- The Salam Institute for Justice and Peace

Recent Seminar Topics:

- Affairs of State: Political Theory and Practice
- Gender and Role of Women
- Islam and the West: Diversity and Globalization
- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution

“I have been very impressed with the quality and quantity of speakers.” – Paul West, University of Michigan



Travel for three weeks in the Middle East!

JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA

Network with newspaper and wire-service reporters, magazine editors, television and radio personalities, public relations executives, and political press secretaries.



**Students with David Gregory,
NBC Meet the Press Anchor**

Recent Speakers:

- David Gregory, NBC Meet the Press Anchor
- Bob Schieffer, CBS Face the Nation Anchor
- Dee Dee Myers, Former White House spokeswoman
- The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington, DC Delegate to the U.S. Congress (House of Representatives)

Recent Internships with:

- ABC News
- CNN Newsmaker
- Dateline NBC
- Peace Corps, Press Office
- White House

“While interning at C-SPAN, I learned to produce, direct, and edit television shows.”
– Tegan Firth, *University of Oregon*

JUSTICE AND LAW

Examine issues such as liberty vs. security, free speech on the internet, gun control, the death penalty, and affirmative action first-hand through the court system.

Recent Speakers:

- Edward Jurith, Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Glen Caroline, director, National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Affairs, Grassroots Division
- Judge Barbara Rothstein, federal judge and director of the Federal Judicial Center
- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Recent Internships with:

- American Bar Association
- DC Public Defender
- Office of the Attorney General
- Senate Committee on Judiciary

"My best experiences were meeting Justice Scalia and interning in the White House."
– Natalie Marie White,
Boston College



**United States Representative
and civil rights leader John Lewis**

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Investigate the dynamics and modalities of deep-rooted international and identity conflicts.



**Travel to Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Vienna (Fall)
or to Cyprus, Greece, Turkey (Spring)**

Recent Internships with:

- Amnesty International
- Human Rights Watch
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees
- Women for Women International

Recent Speakers:

- Stjepan Mesić, Former President of Croatia
- Mubarak Awad, President, Nonviolence International
- Bisera Turlsevic, Ambassador of Bosnia

“The PCR program expanded my understanding and level of knowledge to a degree I didn’t imagine possible until I reached graduate school.”

*– BrieAnn West,
Hamline University*

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES AND PUBLIC POLICY

Learn from policy-makers, grassroots change agents, and representatives from all three branches of government.

Recent Seminar Topics:

- Community Institutions:
Faith-based and Secular Nonprofits
- Drugs, Alcohol, and Mental Illness
- Housing and Homelessness

Recent Internships with:

- Amnesty International
- Human Rights Watch
- National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Women for Women International

“There is no better way to learn than by hearing it firsthand from the people making the decisions or calling for change.”

- Kara Harchuck,
Allegheny College



Use your talents and resources to make a positive social change now and in the future!

Graduate Gateway Program

Get a jump start on your graduate education and your career!

- Available for graduate students and recent graduates

Program Structure

1. Internship: 3 days per week
2. Seminar: 1 days per week
3. Graduate Elective Course at American University

Earn 7 Official Graduate Level Academic Credits

- Live Off-Campus:
- WISH intern and young professional housing on Capitol Hill!
- Arrange own housing in Washington, D.C.

Graduate Gateway: Program Options

- **Applied Politics:** Explore the structures, rules, and processes of American and global politics, and gain skills in evaluating current policy
- **History:** Surveys the many fields in which historians work, including museums and historic sites, historic preservation, archives, and federal history offices.
- **Communications and New Media:** A conceptual and practical study of the new media and strategic communication within the digital age; written journalism & reporting, internet & TV, politics and hot topics
- **Global Business:** Delve into topics relating to real-world business including domestic & global trade and investment, policy and practice, globalization, ethics and standards.
- **International Affairs:** Study the challenges facing to U.S. foreign policy. Includes exposure to decision makers and experts through an interactive experience in the world of foreign policy making.

TENLEY CAMPUS

Home away from home for students from every state and more than 50 countries!

“Small-campus” Vibe

Includes residence halls, a dining hall, fitness center, recreational field, computer lab, and classrooms

Nearby

Just three blocks from American University main campus and one block from Tenleytown Metro Station; near Starbucks, Whole Foods, CVS, Best Buy, and other restaurants

Safe Neighborhood

Upper northwest neighborhood close to shopping and 20 minutes from downtown DC



*“Washington Semester prepared me for possibilities and opportunities I could never have imagined.”
-Andrew Schultz,
-College of Saint Scholastica*



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Main Campus

Award Winning

American University was named the “Most Politically Active Campus” by the Princeton Review for the third time in five years!

Full Access

- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Olympic-size swimming pool
 - Four-story Library
 - Writing center
 - Dining services
 - Intramural sports
- Student clubs and organizations

Safe Surroundings

Upper northwest neighborhood – home to ambassadors and other Washington leaders



“I’ve had a great time here. This semester has really taught me a lot about myself and where I want to be in the future.”

- Lisa D. Juarez,
University of Texas at Austin

WASHINGTON SEMESTER ALUMNI



**The Honorable
Max Cleland**

Former US Senator, Secretary of State (GA),
Director of the Veterans Administration,
and Member of the board of directors of
the US Export-Import Bank



America Fererra

Emmy and Golden Globe Award
winning actress



**Congressman
Paul Ryan**

Member of House Ways and
Means Committee



Donna Shalala

Former Secretary of Health and Human
Services in the Clinton Administration
and President of the University of
Miami



Jim Nussel

Former Director, Office of
Management and Budget and US
Congressman



Sara James

Dateline NBC Correspondent
Awarded an Emmy in 1999 for the
news story "Killing at Columbine"



Ed Henry

CNN's senior White House
Correspondent

"This semester was the
most fulfilling in my
college career."
– Ben Hobbs,
Denison University

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. **Washington Semester International Certificate Online Application:**
<https://applyws.american.edu/applications/>
2. **Certified academic records** from current college or university attended. Notarized English translations may be requested.
3. **One letter of recommendation or nomination** from professor or academic advisor.
4. **Copy of Passport**
5. **Proof of English Fluency:** (minimum scores)

Paper Based TOEFL: 550

Computer Based TOEFL: 213

Internet Based TOEFL: 80 (minimum score of 18 on the listening and speaking sections)

IELTS: 6.5

MELAB: 80

APIEL: 3

PTE: 59

B-2 Level or Higher on Common European Framework

SAT1-Verbal: 530

We will also accept results of the Kansas Test offered at American University.

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