



WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

at AMERICAN UNIVERSITY



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC



STUDENT PROFILE



DESTINATION

Washington, DC

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION

American University

LENGTH OF STAY

One Semester

CREDITS EARNED

12 (or more) AU credits

STUDENTS TRAVEL FROM

50 states >>> 25 countries

ALUMNI INCLUDE

America Ferrara, Paul Ryan, Donna Shalala

STUDENTS SAY

The Semester of a Lifetime

SEMINAR CONCENTRATIONS

American Politics

Foreign Policy

Global Business & Economics

International Law & Organizations

Journalism & New Media

Justice & Law

Public Health Policy

Sports Management & Media

Sustainable Development

BEGIN YOUR >>> ACADEMIC >>> PERSONAL >>> PROFESSIONAL >>> JOURNEY >>>



Your Passport to

WASHINGTON, DC

Joining the Washington Semester Program at American University, opens the door to endless internship opportunities in a city that hosts the majority of the world's international organizations.

A Washington Semester experience will provide you with unsurpassed internship opportunities that could include:

- >>> working on policy analysis at the World Bank;
- >>> conducting research at the Department of Justice;
- >>> developing social media marketing at the Washington Nationals; or
- >>> working with a communications director for a United States Senator.

As a student in the Washington Semester Program, you will connect with a program that has 70 years of experience providing college students from around the U.S. and the world with internships and experiential courses that align professional development with academic coursework.

At the end of your semester in DC, you will have a deeper understanding of the world, which will broaden your outlook on college studies and future career plans.



LEARN AND
LIVE IN AN
INTERNATIONAL
CAPITAL



Your Passport to

INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

The Washington Semester Program provides a platform for ambitious and diverse learners to take advantage of all that Washington, DC has to offer.

Our program allows you to pursue your interests and enhance your knowledge through rigorous seminars, along with an internship with a Washington, DC organization or business.

You will leave the program with a network of global contacts, valuable work experience, enhanced leadership skills, and a solid foundation to support your future career.





Your Passport to

A CAREER FOUNDATION



A typical week in the Washington Semester Program consisted of seminars and my internship. During the first half of the week, I attended class for a few hours a day. Class lectures were complemented by guest lecturers and visits to DC-area organizations.

On Thursday and Friday, I interned at Sherman Wealth Management, where I learned about portfolio allocation and social media marketing. And, on the weekends, I explored Washington, DC with friends. My time in the Washington Semester Program greatly enriched my college experience.

Spending a semester at American University and taking advantage of the resources in Washington, DC were integral to my learning economic policy. The class visits to organizations like the IMF, and the Federal Reserve highlighted the applicability of what I was learning in the classroom to the real world. Being in Washington, DC presented me with opportunities and a meaningful internship experience that would not have been possible at my home college.

Lilly Philbrick
Skidmore College '17



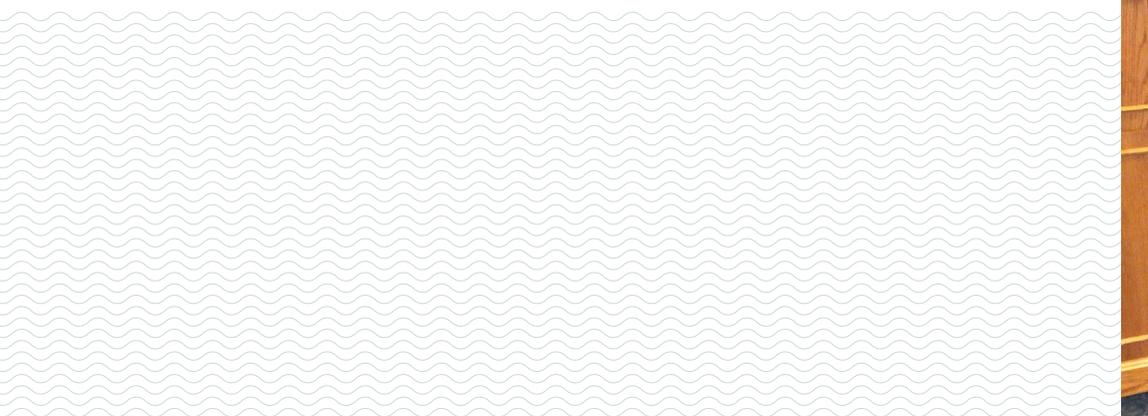
Your Passport to

YOUR FUTURE

No matter what your career interests or college major, our database with over 3,000 internship listings at a diverse range of organizations, businesses, and Fortune 500 companies in the DC-area, will provide you with an internship that fits your career plans and academic goals.

Given our unsurpassed experience working with college students coming to DC for internships, we pride ourselves on professional internships, in which you will gain career knowledge of an organization or industry, as well as practical knowledge of a career field.

You will expand your network and acquire valuable experience that distinguishes you from other students - at your home college - and in future internships and jobs.



RECENT WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM INTERNSHIPS

AFL-CIO

Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies

Asia America Initiative

BBC News

Bulldog Finance Group

D.C. Commission on the Arts

Democratic National Committee

Department of Justice

Earth Conservation Corps

Embassy of Brazil

Embassy of France

French American Cultural Foundation

Green Party of the United States

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Life

Hispanic Link News Service

League of Women Voters

Library of Congress

National Geographic Society

National Park Trust

Peace Corps

Republican National Committee

Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage

Teach for America

Trust for the National Mall

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

Women & Politics Institute

World Bank

World Wildlife Fund





**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
CREDITS EARNED**

Required

Seminar (8)

Internship (4)

Optional

Research (4)

Elective (3)

HOURS

Seminar

A combination of classroom instruction and site visits, two and a half days per week. Classroom time includes lectures, discussion, and guest speakers.

Internship

Approximately 20 hours spread over two and a half days per week.



Your Passport to

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In your Washington Semester Program courses, you will learn from professors who are experts in their fields and who know Washington, DC. They will introduce you to new concepts, challenge your perspectives, and build your academic knowledge.

Beyond the classroom, your professor will use DC to further explore the seminar topics. You will have an opportunity to share ideas with respected experts, to visit international organizations, and be a part of history as it unfolds. The District becomes your classroom where high-profile guests are the norm.

Beyond your seminar class, you can make your Washington Semester Program experience unique to you with the option of enrolling in a research course or an American University elective course.





Your Passport to

LIFE@AU

While you are at American University, you will be in classes with students from around the U.S. and the world who have chosen to intern and learn with the Washington Semester Program.





In addition to Washington Semester classmates, you will join a larger community of more than 6,000 undergraduate and approximately 5,000 graduate students at American University. The AU student body is globally diverse, with all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 139 countries represented. American University ranks above peer institutions for the Level of Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Enriching Educational Experiences.

While in the program, you will have access to AU student resources. You can select from several American University-affiliated housing options and services, such as the University Library, student recreation facilities, EagleBucks for local vendor discounts, and access to public transportation through the AU shuttle and Metro.







Your Passport to

LEADERSHIP

The Washington Semester Program provided a platform for me to become a leader. In the American Politics Seminar, I expanded my knowledge through internships, lectures, and debates, while gaining critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills. In class, I learned how to write policy recommendations and memos and we had guest speakers representing campaigns, communications, law, marketing, finance, and the government. A highlight of the seminar was meeting Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor.

I interned at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, working with the Attorney General to build constituent relations. In my free time, I attended events at the Brookings Institution and American Enterprise Institute, mingled at networking events, and was even featured on an international news program.

Choosing to study and intern in Washington, DC for a semester has been the highlight of my undergraduate experience. The Washington Semester Program has inspired me to run for office. Engaging with various leaders through seminars and conferences has instilled this passion within me. I believe that my vision of being an elected representative can now become my reality.



Ruth Pierre-Charles
Stetson University '18



The Washington Semester Program offers competitive tuition and scholarships to make the program affordable to students from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and the world. Students from our partner institutions may also receive additional benefits.

As you go through the application process, we realize that you will have many questions about living in DC and the student experience. To help you along the way, our staff are ready to answer your questions about the application process, the program, and living in DC for a semester.

After you accept your admissions offer, our student services team will work with you to review course registration, housing options, university resources, and even what to pack for a semester in DC.

When you arrive in DC, you will attend orientation, where you will meet your Washington Semester Program peers. You will also learn more about AU's campus and student services. Prior to the first week of class, we will host prep sessions on resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn, and how to approach the internship search. We even have a DC scavenger hunt, so you get to know the city and are ready for your internship. Your first week of class will feature our renowned Internship Fair at which you can present your resume to many DC organizations.

We have thought of everything to make your adjustment to DC go smoothly. We look forward to welcoming you to the Washington Semester Program!



ARE YOU READY FOR A SEMESTER OF A LIFETIME?

- **Contact our Admissions Team to confirm your eligibility**
- **Meet with your home-school academic advisor and WSP partner representative**
- **Research our concentrations and scholarship opportunities**
- **Submit your online application**
- **Upload supplemental items**
- **Imagine the possibilities and look out for your admissions decision**





TAKE THE NEXT STEP

CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

Learn more about the application process and the benefits of spending your semester at AU.

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AMBASSADORS

Our current students and alumni are excited to share their experience with you. Follow us on social media to get first-hand accounts of what to expect when you join the Washington Semester Program.

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