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Semester in Washington, DC Program
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One Semester Can Create Lifelong Connections

The Georgetown University Semester in Washington, DC Program (SWP) provides visiting undergraduate students an opportunity to experience life in our nation's capital. Our program combines the extraordinary resources of the Washington, DC metropolitan area with Georgetown's tradition of excellence, creating an exceptional educational experience.

Earn course credit in our exciting, rigorous academic program led by Georgetown University faculty as you examine the complex issues facing nations, organizations and decision makers today. Explore stimulating subjects in small classes that challenge you to take your academic experience to the next level.

The program features an integrated internship that allows students to enhance their resumes and professional skills in order to contribute to their career goals. Students gain valuable job experience through internships with Congress, leading nonprofits, federal agencies, news organizations, public relations agencies, multinational corporations and law offices.

Our new downtown campus is located in one of the city's most vibrant and accessible neighborhoods, within blocks of every Metrorail line and just one mile from Capitol Hill.

STUDY & INTERN IN ONE OF SIX AREAS:

- ▶ Digital Communications, New Media and Social Change
- ▶ International Commerce and Trade
- ▶ International Relations
- ▶ Law, Legislation and Politics
- ▶ Politics and Public Policy
- ▶ Religion and Political Culture



Our Academic Program Features Three Distinct Components

Internship

Georgetown University takes pride in providing students enrolled in SWP with an unparalleled real-world experience. After enrolling, students are paired with an internship advisor who provides guidance to students that ranges from developing a strong resume to preparing for the initial interview. All SWP students are guaranteed an internship placement whether it's with a federal agency, law firm, media outlet or even with a member of Congress.

Academic Seminar

Learn from prominent business leaders, elected officials, policy makers and key decision makers in small seminars led by Georgetown University faculty. You will study from a variety of sources, including assigned readings, lectures and discussion groups unique to your program of study.

Research Seminar

Explore a current topic relevant to your area of study by completing a guided, independent research project offered exclusively to students in SWP.



Choose your semester

Fall or Spring (Earn 15 credits)

As a full-time student enrolled at Georgetown University for the semester, you will engage in academic and research pursuits while interning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Summer (Earn up to 6 credits)*

Intern up to five days a week and take an accompanying academic seminar that meets once a week in the morning or evening. Additionally, you will attend a research seminar for three credits.

**Students may elect to enroll in an additional 3 credit course through Georgetown University's Summer School. Please visit our website for further details.*



Digital Communications, New Media and Social Change

How the Internet is changing governments

The ability to transform politics and societies is no longer solely dependent on individuals with traditional means of power. Now, the ability to transform and upend political norms, institutions, conventions and power centers is just one click away—on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer. This “click revolution” has forever changed how we interact with one another because each of us has the power to spark bold change—both negative and positive, small and revolutionary. This subject area places a special emphasis on understanding this central point: that utilizing the power of the Internet and technology isn’t just about hardware or the web, it’s also about understanding the importance of strategy and what we say, how, when and where.

International Commerce and Trade

Business with a global perspective

Changes in the global political, economic and cultural environments have created many new market opportunities for businesses. They’re also challenging the way firms compete in the world’s marketplace now and in the future. Whether in the classroom with Georgetown faculty or with Washington, DC area business leaders, you will gain valuable insights to carry through your personal, academic and professional career. You will be provided with a comprehensive, up-to-date overview of international businesses and institutions involved in the process of global commerce and trade relations.

Topics covered include the nature and characteristics of international business, globalization, international trade, environmental issues, strategy and structure of multinational corporations, problems of foreign direct investments, conflicts between host countries and multinational corporations, effects of multinational corporations on the economy and career issues in international business.

International Relations

Discover a world of connections

The first university in the U.S. to develop a school focused solely on international affairs, Georgetown today boasts a population of students, staff and faculty from all 50 states and more than 130 countries. This cultural diversity enriches life and fosters a broader global perspective. The International Relations program allows students to examine firsthand the complex issues facing nations and political decision makers today, along with the forces that drive policy in Washington. Our new campus in the heart of DC puts you blocks away from countless embassies, federal agencies and policy organizations. Plus, you’ll have opportunities to discuss world affairs with leaders from both the public and private sectors. Topics range from the threat of rogue states and nuclear proliferation, to the continued struggle to combat genocide, to the daily impact of international trade on domestic economies.

Law, Legislation and Politics

Explore societal boundaries

Investigate theories of social behavior including how they impact the creation and enforcement of laws as well as how laws influence our social structure. Deepen your understanding of the evolution of legal institutions within the larger context of societal changes. Throughout the semester, Georgetown faculty and visiting thought leaders will help broaden your perspective on various topics. Subjects may include juvenile justice, the jury system, the Federal Judiciary, racial profiling, mandatory sentencing and the Patriot Act.

Politics and Public Policy

Witness democracy in action

Exclusive access to the past, present and future of politics will provide you with an insider’s understanding of the complex elements shaping today’s political landscape. In the classroom and on Capitol Hill, you will meet with key legislative staff, policy makers, federal agents, White House personnel and the elected officials who fuel the U.S.’s political engine.

Religion and Political Culture

How religion influences policy

Even in the most secular of governments, the beliefs of politicians and constituents alike can shape foreign, social and economic policy. The Jesuit values of Georgetown University itself have long played a part in establishing an ethical foundation for leaders here in the nation’s capital and beyond. Guided by the brightest minds in religious and political theory, you’ll examine religion’s influence on policy making, past and present. Seminars led by Georgetown’s esteemed faculty followed by small group discussions will give you further insights into religion’s influential role in American politics.



Internships

The Semester in Washington, DC Program offers a variety of internship opportunities to its students. Whether your interests are in law and public policy or business and new media, Georgetown connects you to countless organizations that can broaden your skills and forge valuable relationships.

The following is a non-inclusive list of previous internship placements.

- ▶ The Abraham Group
- ▶ Advocacy Project
- ▶ American Academy of Diplomacy
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ American Civil Liberties Union
- ▶ The American Israel Public Affairs Committee
- ▶ American Red Cross
- ▶ Amnesty International
- ▶ Ashoka
- ▶ Axela Government Relations
- ▶ Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- ▶ Brookings Institution
- ▶ Canadian Embassy
- ▶ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- ▶ CATO Institute
- ▶ CBS News
- ▶ Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies
- ▶ The Center for Victims of Torture
- ▶ Children's Rights Council
- ▶ The Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund
- ▶ CNN Political Unit
- ▶ Command Consulting
- ▶ Council of Court Excellence
- ▶ The Daily Caller
- ▶ DC Office of the Attorney General
- ▶ Deloitte & Touche USA LLP
- ▶ Democratic National Committee
- ▶ Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
- ▶ Embassy of France
- ▶ Environmental Defense Fund
- ▶ Epstein, Becker and Green
- ▶ Ernest & Young
- ▶ The Faith and Politics Institute
- ▶ Finmeccanica
- ▶ Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- ▶ Freedom House
- ▶ General Services Agency
- ▶ Genocide Intervention Network
- ▶ Global Cold Alliance
- ▶ The Heritage Foundation
- ▶ The Hudson Institute
- ▶ Human Rights Watch
- ▶ Jubilee Foundation
- ▶ Library of Congress
- ▶ League of United Latin American Citizens
- ▶ Malaria No More
- ▶ Metro TeenAIDS
- ▶ Middle East Institute
- ▶ Millenium Challenge Corporation
- ▶ Muslim Public Affairs Council



- ▶ NASA History Division
- ▶ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- ▶ National Geographic Society
- ▶ National District Attorneys Association
- ▶ National Park Service
- ▶ National Republican Senatorial Committee
- ▶ National Research Center for Women and Families
- ▶ NBC News
- ▶ New America Foundation
- ▶ New Zealand Embassy
- ▶ Office of Presidential Correspondence, the White House
- ▶ Organization of American States
- ▶ Patton Boggs LLP
- ▶ Peace Corps
- ▶ Polaris Project
- ▶ Project on National Security Reform
- ▶ Public Defender Service
- ▶ Public Strategies Inc.
- ▶ Republican National Committee
- ▶ Sierra Club
- ▶ Smithsonian Institution
- ▶ Society for Women's Health Research
- ▶ Teach for America
- ▶ Tew Cardenas LLP
- ▶ The Interfaith Alliance

- ▶ TransAfrica Forum
- ▶ United Nations Foundation
- ▶ United Palestinian Appeal
- ▶ Urban Institute
- ▶ U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ U.S. – China Business Council
- ▶ U.S. Congress
- ▶ U.S. Department of Education
- ▶ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ▶ U.S. Department of Justice
- ▶ U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- ▶ U.S. Department of Treasury – Division of U.S. Mint
- ▶ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
- ▶ U.S. Senate
- ▶ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- ▶ Voice of America
- ▶ The Woodrow Wilson Institute
- ▶ The World Bank
- ▶ World Wildlife Fund



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- Jennifer O’Neil

“My internship in Senator Ron Johnson’s office was also my first experience in a professional office, so I learned quite a lot over my semester internship. My coworkers taught me the skills needed to work successfully in a Senate office, but they also taught me many different things that I would need to know for when I entered the professional world full time, from how to dress in a business setting to how to network efficiently. One of the best things about SWP is being surrounded by people who were interested in the same things that you are. As a student interested in the American political system, what can be better than living in DC surrounded by other college students who love politics, being taught by teachers who specialize in American politics and can introduce you to the stars of the political system as you intern in a DC organization?”

“My advice to students looking into the program would be to run headfirst into every opportunity that you are given. You only have one semester of SWP, so you should make every moment count.”

Jennifer O’Neil

Boston College


SWP alumna, Spring 2011

After Jennifer graduated from Boston College, she was hired as a Staff Assistant in Senator Johnson’s office and later promoted to the Senator’s Scheduler & Executive Assistant.









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- Max Horowitz

“After researching several opportunities, I picked Georgetown based on its curriculum. It appeared to be a program that worked with your internship rather than on top of it. This assumption was absolutely correct. Beyond the class times working well with internship schedules, the teachers made a huge difference and went above and beyond to make themselves available. The Semester in Washington, DC program, and the unique faculty they choose to staff it, create the ideal atmosphere for a visiting student to make the most of a short time in DC.

“SWP enables you, as a student, to reach out to any office, industry or bureau and gain any experience you wish. Best of all, the students who choose to participate all have a similar drive and ambition, which is the largest contributor to the unbeatable dynamic of the program. I am where I want to be today largely due to the assistance received from the teachers and staff of SWP. I would highly recommend the program to anyone interested in gaining experience in DC and to anyone unsure of what they want to do who is looking for exposure.”

Max Horowitz

University of Colorado—Boulder
SWP alumnus, Summer 2012

Max Horowitz is now a Program Coordinator with the Business Council for International Understanding.

“To be able to eat, sleep and live politics 24 hours a day, 7 days a week was a constant rush, a tremendous opportunity and the experience of a lifetime.”

-William Joraskie

Working in the center of U.S. politics with access to the nation’s capital, William Joraskie does not think he could have asked for a better opportunity than to take part in Georgetown’s Semester in Washington, DC Program. “I gained a better understanding and learned how to look behind the scenes and read between the lines to what is really happening in our nation’s politics.” His internship at the Republican National Committee gave him a new perspective on the delicate balance between current events and issues and gave him the opportunity to learn firsthand how political parties simultaneously prepare for the next election while evaluating the previous election.

William Joraskie

Carnegie Mellon University
SWP alumnus, Spring 2011

William is currently working towards earning a Master of Science in Public Policy Management at Carnegie Mellon University.





Converse and Debate With International Leaders

U.S. leaders often come to Georgetown to present their policy positions. Over the last two election cycles alone, Georgetown students have engaged elected officials from across the ideological spectrum, including Democratic Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Republican Sen. Ron Paul, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Michael Hayden and former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. When international dignitaries visit our nation's capital, they choose Georgetown for their academic stage. Fourteen U.S. presidents – from George Washington to Barack Obama – have given landmark speeches at Georgetown. There is no setting more dynamic to witness history in the making than in Washington, DC. And our new downtown location will provide even more opportunities to be in the center of it all. In the past, Semester in Washington, DC students have participated in events and engaged in one-on-one conversations with the following experts:

- ▶ **Spencer Abraham** Former Secretary, Energy and Former Senator, Michigan
- ▶ **Mike Allen** Correspondent, *POLITICO*
- ▶ **Jim Angle** Chief Washington Correspondent, *FOX News*
- ▶ **President José Maria Aznar** Former President, Spain
- ▶ **Ben Bernanke** Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank
- ▶ **John Bolton** UN Ambassador under President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Tucker Carlson** Former Host, *Crossfire* and *PBS' Tucker Carlson*, and Founder, *Daily Caller*
- ▶ **EJ Dionne** Columnist, *The Washington Post*
- ▶ **Karen Finney** Former Spokesperson and Director of Communications at the Democratic National Committee
- ▶ **Gregory Garland** Foreign Service Officer and Director, OSD African Affairs at US Department of Defense
- ▶ **Michael Gerson** Op-Ed Columnist, *The Washington Post* and Former Speechwriter and Policy Advisor, President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Rachel Goslins** Executive Director, President's Committee on Arts and Humanities
- ▶ **Garrett Graff** Editor in Chief, *The Washingtonian*
- ▶ **Lee Hamilton** Former Congressman, President, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, former Director, The Center for Congress at Indiana University, Vice-Chair, 9/11 Commission
- ▶ **Ambassador Stuart W. Holliday** President, Meridian International Center
- ▶ **Ron Kessler** Best-selling author
- ▶ **Zalmay Khalilzad** Former US Ambassador to the UN, Afghanistan and Iraq
- ▶ **President Aleksander Kwasniewski** Former President, Poland
- ▶ **Kristin M. Lord** Vice President and Director of Studies, Center for a New American Security
- ▶ **Bruce Mehlman/Alex Vogel** Founders, Mehlman, Vogel, and Castagnetti lobbying firm
- ▶ **Ken Mehlman** Former Chairman, National Republican Party and Campaign Manager, President George W. Bush's Re-election Campaign
- ▶ **Brian Mulrone** Former Prime Minister of Canada
- ▶ **John O'Keefe** Former Ambassador, Kyrgyzstan
- ▶ **Penny Ojeda** Director, International Activities, National Endowment for the Arts
- ▶ **Reeza Pahlavi** His Royal Highness Prince of Iran
- ▶ **Partners** at Hart and Lake Research Nation's Leading Polling Firms
- ▶ **Tim Pawlenty** Former Governor of Minnesota
- ▶ **Roger Pilon** Chairman, Constitutional Studies at Cato
- ▶ **Robert Reilly** Former Director, Voice of America
- ▶ **Paul Saunders** Executive Editor, *The Nixon Center* and Associate Publisher, *The National Interest*
- ▶ **Scott Sforza** Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush for Communications
- ▶ **Michael Sheehan** Speech Coach for President Clinton and President Obama
- ▶ **Dimitri Simes** President, The Nixon Center
- ▶ **Levar Stoney** Executive Director, Virginia Democratic Party
- ▶ **Tom Tamm** Former Department of Justice's Office of Policy and Review Lawyer
- ▶ **Namik Tan** Ambassador of Turkey to the US
- ▶ **Ted Turner** Founder, *CNN*
- ▶ **Rick Wiley** Political Director, Republican National Committee
- ▶ **John Yoo** Former Official, Department of Justice and Legal Advisor, President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Jamie Elise Zueback** Member, House Judiciary Committee and Senior Policy Advisor





“You will be given opportunities and experiences that will last a lifetime. The blending of real world experience and academic excellence will be your reward for time spent in Washington, DC.”

- Bradley A. Blakeman

Chris Kofinis, PhD

During his career, Chris Kofinis, PhD has worked as a Democratic strategist, a campaign consultant, a communications advisor to major corporations and, most recently, as Chief of Staff to U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin III. He has served as senior advisor and national communications director on presidential campaigns and as the senior strategist and media advisor to Greece’s PASOK party. During the 2010 election cycle, he was the senior communications consultant for the Democratic Governor’s Association (DGA). Dr. Kofinis is also a regular national commentator on congressional and presidential politics and elections. Throughout his career, he has appeared frequently on MSNBC, FOX News, CNBC, FOX Business, CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC and Bloomberg TV.

Dr. Kofinis is joining the Semester in Washington, DC faculty in fall 2013 and will be teaching the course, “Digital Communications, New Media and Social Change”. The course focuses on the array of strategic challenges involved with using and exploiting the immense and dynamic power of the internet and technology in government, social movements, the private sector and society in general. He will explore what he refers to as the “click revolution,” made up of people who are living via the Internet, smartphones and tablets. The course also examines how new technologies like Google Glass, and cutting-edge websites and tools like Instagram, Tumblr or Twitter, could lead us into a new transformative era of social and political change.



Bradley A. Blakeman, JD

Bradley A. Blakeman, JD was the President of Freedom's Watch a right of center conservative advocacy 501 C4. Prior to founding Freedom's Watch, Mr. Blakeman was a member of President George W. Bush's Senior Staff having served from 2001-2004 as Deputy Assistant to the President for Appointments and Scheduling, Vetting and Research, Correspondence and Surrogate Scheduling. Mr. Blakeman can be seen regularly as a Republican Strategist on FOX News, MSNBC, BBC, CNN and Al Jazeera. He also is published regularly in Politico, US News and World Report and Newsmax. Mr. Blakeman played a major role in the 2000 Presidential Election as a Senior Advisor and played a critical role in the Florida Recount a role that landed him a part as a character in the HBO Film "Recount". He has also been an advisor on the ABC TV Drama Series "Commander in Chief". Mr. Blakeman is an Attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia and is currently a Principal with The 1600 Group, a private corporation dedicated to providing strategic advice, policy implementation and strategy, as well as crisis management and communications strategies to foreign governments and foreign and domestic corporations. Mr. Blakeman has been active in Presidential Politics since 1980. He was appointed to serve as a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council during the George H.W. Bush Administration.

"My favorite DC moment was when I was walking with students on Pennsylvania Avenue when, all of a sudden, we saw police motorcycles zooming down the road and police cars with lights and sirens clearing traffic. As we stopped to look what was going on, there passed the President of the United States in his Presidential Limousine with flags and seals followed close behind by a motorcade of Secret Service, staff and press vehicles making their way to the Capitol. The excitement on the face of the students made clear that you don't see that every day on Main Street, USA but you do see that in Washington, DC."



Living in DC

Discover Washington, DC

As a student in SWP, you will find your experience here to be like nowhere else. Studying in the nation's capital at Georgetown puts you right in the center of politics, law, media, museums and culture and gives you access to exciting experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Washington, DC is one of the U.S.'s most diverse and international cities with residents from all walks of life and all four corners of the globe.

Getting Here

Traveling to Washington, DC is easy and you have several options between three major airports, Amtrak trains, and bus lines like Megabus and Greyhound. Reagan Washington National Airport is the most conveniently located, since it's connected to the Metrorail system, while the other two airports—Dulles International and Baltimore/Washington International—require additional means of transportation into the city.

Housing

In choosing where to live in Washington, DC, students in SWP should consider cost, access to public transportation and safety. While housing is not included in the tuition costs, we will be able to assist you in identifying short-term housing options during your semester. There are several options between dormitories and other shared living arrangements, or you can elect to live in an apartment of your choosing.

How to Apply

To be considered for admission into the Semester in Washington, DC program at Georgetown University, you must submit the following items:

1. Completed online application

2. Resume or CV

3. Official transcript(s)

Official transcripts must be in a sealed, signed envelope from all relevant institutions of higher education previously attended. A transcript is considered official only if it is mailed in a sealed, signed envelope. Please note that transcripts from outside the United States require an evaluation by World Education Services (WES, www.wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE, www.ece.org).

4. One letter of recommendation

Please submit one letter of recommendation (on letterhead) from an academic or professional contact, together with the recommendation form.

5. Essay

Please submit a one-page essay explaining how Georgetown's Semester in Washington, DC program ties into your studies to date and how it will contribute to your professional development.

6. \$50 application fee

Additional Requirements

Non-Native English Speakers

1. TOEFL or IELTS Scores

International Students*

1. **Full-time enrollment** necessary for F-1 student status.
2. **Completed immigration questionnaire**
- 3 **Transcripts evaluation** by WES (www.wes.org) or ECE (www.ece.org).

**All documents must be translated into English. More details for International Students can be found here <http://oip.georgetown.edu/iss/>*

Application Deadlines

- ▶ **Fall Term** July 1
- ▶ **Spring Term** November 1
- ▶ **Summer Term** March 1

Please consult with your home institution, school and major department regarding their study elsewhere and credit transfer policies.

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