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Semester in Washington, D.C. Program
2015–2016

Explore a New Kind of Semester

Expand your intellectual and cultural horizons in the heart of the nation's capital through Georgetown University's Semester in Washington, D.C. Program (SWP). Offered during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters, this program features a combination of challenging academics and hands-on practice. Immerse yourself in the vibrant political and cultural landscape of D.C. as you engage with key policymakers, build your professional skills, and take your college experience to the next level.

As a student in SWP, you will spend part of your time in a classroom setting, engaging in stimulating group discussions, listening to guest lectures from international experts and business leaders, and examining the complex issues facing nations, organizations, and decision makers today. Throughout the semester, you will also complete a guided independent research project, working closely with a Georgetown research advisor as you explore a topic of interest and apply the concepts you have learned.

In addition to academic and research pursuits, you will spend several days per week at an internship, building valuable skills at one of the city's many distinct organizations. Georgetown offers a broad range of internship opportunities at federal agencies, law firms, news organizations, nonprofits, public relations agencies, and many other institutions unique to Washington, D.C.

SWP class meetings and events are held at Georgetown's downtown campus, centrally located in one of the city's most exciting and accessible neighborhoods. The campus is within blocks of every Metrorail line and just one mile from historic Capitol Hill.

Choose Your Semester

Fall (15 credit hours)

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.

Spring (15 credit hours)


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 (Up to six credit hours*)

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 complete a three-credit research seminar.

**You may elect to enroll in an additional three-credit course through Georgetown University's Summer School.*





Learning Through a Different Lens

Internship

Georgetown takes pride in providing you with an unparalleled real-world experience. After enrolling in the program, you will be paired with an internship advisor, who will offer guidance on everything from developing a strong resume to preparing for your initial interview.

Academic Seminar

In these small, interactive sessions, you will learn from distinguished Georgetown faculty while exploring key issues relevant to your area of study. Throughout the semester, you will also engage with prominent business leaders, policymakers, elected officials, and key decision makers.

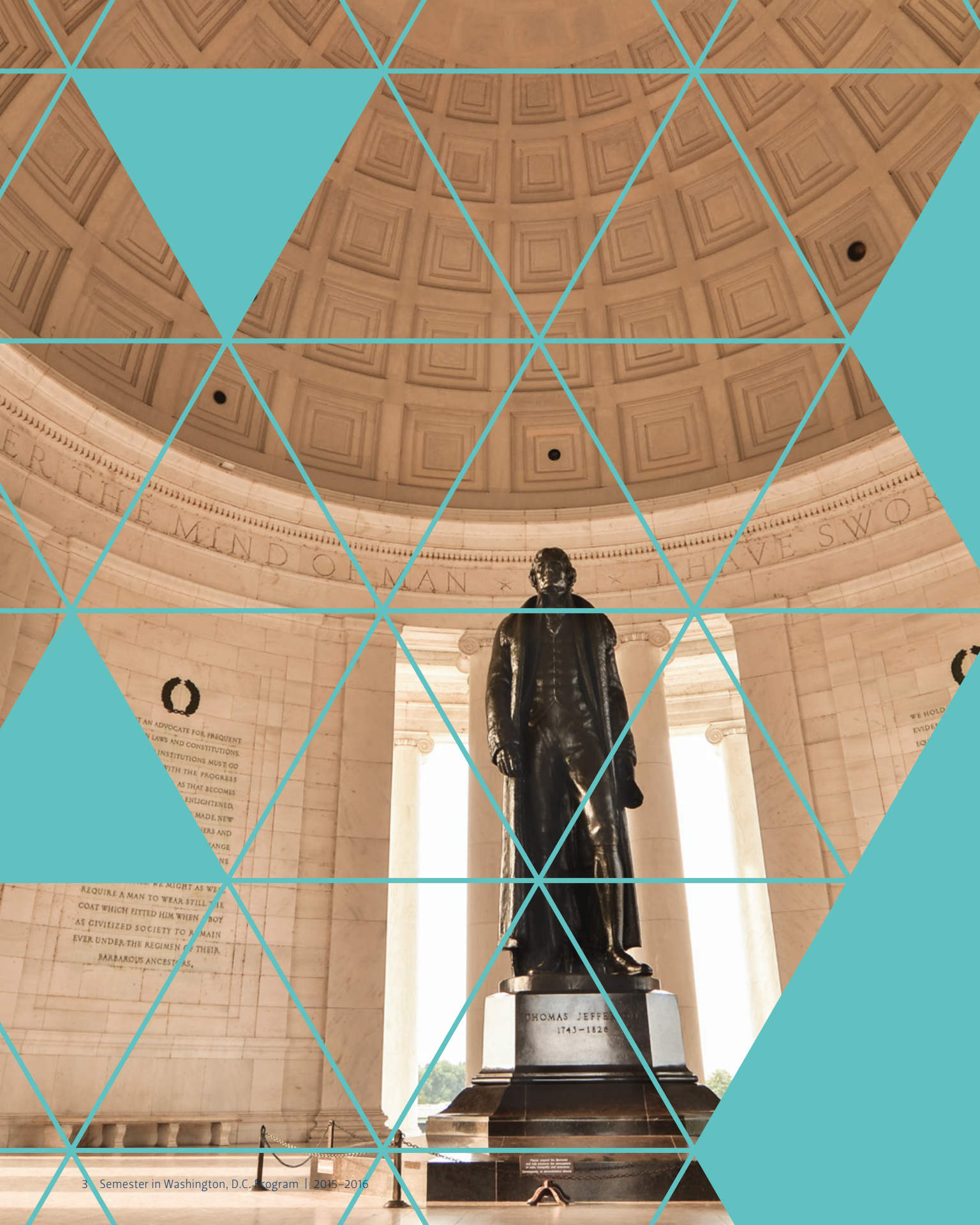
Research Seminar

Explore a topic relevant to your area of study in a guided, independent research project, where you will work closely with program faculty as you expand your knowledge and build your academic portfolio.

Cultivate Your Skills in One of Six Specialties

- ▶ 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

Students are encouraged to review the policies of their home institutions, schools, and major departments regarding study elsewhere and transfer credit prior to enrolling. Courses and dates are subject to change and cancellation. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website. Georgetown University's Semester in Washington, D.C. Program is administered through the School of Continuing Studies. Rev. 12/2014 | All information accurate at time of printing.



Choose Your Path Forward

At the beginning of the semester, you will have the opportunity to select one of six subject areas as a concentration for your academic seminar.

Digital Communications, New Media, and Social Change

Communications as a change agent

Explore the strategic opportunities and challenges involved with using the Internet and technology in government, social movements, and society in general, while studying the role of strategy in how people interact and communicate.

International Commerce and Trade

Business with a global perspective

This program provides a comprehensive overview of international businesses and institutions involved in the process of global commerce and trade relations. Learn about the current opportunities and challenges facing the world's marketplace while studying topics that include globalization, international trade, environmental issues, and multinational corporations.

International Relations

Discover a world of connections

In this program, you will study the complex issues facing nations and political decision makers today, along with the forces that drive policy in Washington and beyond. Analyze and discuss world affairs with leaders from both the public and private sectors while developing a broader global perspective through topics that range from rogue states and nuclear proliferation to the daily impact of international trade on domestic economies.

Law, Legislation, and Politics

Explore societal boundaries

Enhance your understanding of legal issues and the law in the city where legislation is crafted, debated, and enforced by some of the greatest minds in the world. Throughout the semester, you will work hand-in-hand with leaders in the legal field and deepen your understanding of the foundations of American law through group discussions and presentations with notable guest speakers.

Politics and Public Policy

Witness democracy in action

Experience democracy in action in the nation's capital while gaining an insider's understanding of the complex elements shaping today's political landscape. In the classroom and on Capitol Hill, you will have the opportunity to meet with key legislative staff, policymakers, federal agents, White House personnel, and the elected officials who fuel the United States' political engine.

Religion and Political Culture

How religion influences policy

Guided by the brightest minds in religious and political theory, this program examines religion's influence on policymaking, past and present. Over the course of the semester, you will explore the complex interplay of religion and politics through seminars, group discussions, and unique opportunities to engage with some of D.C.'s leading lobbyists and key policy experts.



Build Your Skills and Broaden Your Network

The Semester in Washington, D.C. Program offers a variety of unique internship opportunities. Whether your interests are in law and public policy or business and new media, Georgetown can help connect you with countless organizations that will broaden your skills and help you forge valuable relationships.

Past internship organizations have included:

- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ American Civil Liberties Union
- ▶ American Red Cross
- ▶ Amnesty International
- ▶ Brookings Institution
- ▶ Canadian Embassy
- ▶ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- ▶ Cato Institute
- ▶ CBS News
- ▶ Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies
- ▶ Children's Rights Council
- ▶ CNN Political Unit
- ▶ D.C. Office of the Attorney General
- ▶ Deloitte Consulting LLP
- ▶ Democratic National Committee
- ▶ Embassy of France
- ▶ Environmental Defense Fund
- ▶ Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- ▶ Freedom House
- ▶ General Services Administration
- ▶ The Heritage Foundation
- ▶ Human Rights Watch
- ▶ The Interfaith Alliance
- ▶ League of United Latin American Citizens
- ▶ Library of Congress
- ▶ NASA History Division
- ▶ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- ▶ National Geographic Society
- ▶ National Park Service
- ▶ NBC News
- ▶ New Zealand Embassy
- ▶ Office of Presidential Correspondence, the White House
- ▶ Patton Boggs LLP
- ▶ Peace Corps
- ▶ Republican National Committee
- ▶ Sierra Club
- ▶ Smithsonian Institution
- ▶ Teach for America
- ▶ United Nations Foundation
- ▶ U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ U.S. Congress
- ▶ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- ▶ U.S. Senate
- ▶ Voice of America
- ▶ World Wildlife Fund





“SWP helped me transition from being a student to a young adult. Both the internship experience and the events we attended throughout the program taught us how to think and act like professionals. In addition, we learned communication strategies for political figures in our academic seminar and those same strategies can be applied in our daily lives.

My advice to the current SWP participants is to really take advantage of what D.C. presents. In the beginning, it might seem a bit overwhelming because the program requires students to keep up with academic work while maintaining an internship, but it will get easier once it becomes routine. You should try to attend as many events as possible, connect with local alumni from both your home college and Georgetown University, and maintain good relationships with people at your internship site. You never know how these experiences may lead to the next opportunity in your life.”

Felicia Yu

Hometown: Shanghai, China
Mount Holyoke College
SWP alumna, Spring 2012

Felicia is currently an Investment Banking Analyst with Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York City.



“The best part about SWP for me was the accessibility of the faculty. The Dean was also very committed to making sure she knew each one of us personally and making sure the experience was all it could be. Thanks to SWP, I fell in love with the Georgetown community and got excited to come back. Professor Blakeman helped by writing one of my law school recommendations. Finally, the personal relationships I built with my fellow students could potentially give me a leg up in the future.

My advice to students is to not be afraid to leave your comfort zone. Make sure to not only do something exciting for your internship, but also take advantage of all the lectures, speakers, and events throughout the D.C. area, even if it’s something brand new. You’ll be surprised at the ideas you pick up just from walking into a free panel discussion on a topic you’ve never heard of before.”

Jonathan Wood

Hometown: Thomasville, Georgia
Vassar College
SWP alumnus, Summer 2010

Jonathan is currently a student at Georgetown University’s Law Center and will be completing the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program in 2015.

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-Ahva Sadeghi

“I selected Georgetown’s Semester in Washington, D.C. Program because I wanted to be immersed in international relations. I learned from exceptional professors in the field and was able to apply that knowledge to my internship at the Peace Corps. This great experience definitely inspired me to apply to the Peace Corps. In addition, I hope to attend Georgetown for my J.D./Ph.D., and SWP helped me see that Georgetown is a perfect fit for me.

I would encourage students to be proactive during their time in Washington by making connections and fostering relationships. Never be afraid to walk up to an influential speaker and introduce yourself! In addition, strive to research all the great events taking place within D.C. and attend them with other students in the program.”

Ahva Sadeghi

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

University of Arizona

SWP alumna, Summer 2013

Ahva is currently attending the University of Arizona and will graduate in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree focusing in political science, philosophy, economics, and law.



Engage With Top 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 with elected officials from across the ideological spectrum, including Democratic House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Republican Congressman Ron Paul, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Michael Hayden, and former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. When international dignitaries visit the 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 Washington, D.C. In addition, Georgetown's downtown location provides even more opportunities to be in the center of it all. In the past, SWP students have participated in events and engaged in one-on-one conversations with the following experts:

- ▶ **Spencer Abraham**
Former Secretary, Department of Energy;
Former Senator, State of Michigan
- ▶ **Mike Allen**
Correspondent, POLITICO
- ▶ **Jim Angle**
Chief Washington Correspondent,
FOX News
- ▶ **President José Maria Aznar**
Former President, Spain
- ▶ **Ben Bernanke**
Former Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank
- ▶ **John Bolton**
Former U.S. Ambassador to the
United Nations
- ▶ **Tucker Carlson**
Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief of
the Daily Caller
- ▶ **E.J. 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;
Former Speechwriter and Policy Advisor for
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 Member of the United States House
of Representatives; Member of the U.S.
Homeland Security Advisory Council
- ▶ **Ambassador Stuart W. Holliday**
President, Meridian International Center
- ▶ **Ron Kessler**
American Journalist and Author
- ▶ **Zalmay Khalilzad**
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United
Nations, Afghanistan, and Iraq
- ▶ **President Aleksander Kwasniewski**
Former President, Poland
- ▶ **Kristin M. Lord**
Acting President of the United States
Institute of Peace
- ▶ **Bruce Mehlman/Alex Vogel**
Founders, Mehlman, Vogel, and Castagnetti
lobbying firm
- ▶ **Ken Mehlman**
Former Chairman, National Republican
Party; Campaign Manager for the
Re-Election Campaign of
President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Brian Mulroney**
Former Prime Minister of Canada
- ▶ **John O'Keefe**
Former Ambassador, Kyrgyzstan
- ▶ **Penny Ojedo**
Director of 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, State of Minnesota
- ▶ **Roger Pilon**
Vice President for Legal Affairs,
Cato Institute
- ▶ **Robert Reilly**
Writer and Senior Fellow,
American Foreign Policy Council
- ▶ **Paul Saunders**
Executive Editor, The Nixon Center;
Associate Publisher, The National Interest
- ▶ **Scott Sforza**
Former Deputy Assistant
for Communications,
President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Michael Sheehan**
Speech Coach for President Clinton
and President Obama
- ▶ **Dimitri Simes**
President, Center for the
National Interest
- ▶ **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 United States
- ▶ **Ted Turner**
Founder, CNN
- ▶ **Rick Wiley**
Political Director,
Republican National Committee
- ▶ **John Yoo**
Former Official, Department of
Justice; Former Legal Advisor,
President George W. Bush
- ▶ **Jamie Elise Zuieback**
Member and Senior Policy Advisor,
House Judiciary Committee



Learn From Distinguished Faculty

Chris Kofinis, Ph.D.

During his career, Chris Kofinis, Ph.D., 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. Senator 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 Governors Association (DGA). 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.



Sam Potolicchio, Ph.D.

Sam Potolicchio, Ph.D., is the Distinguished Professor and Department Chair of Global Leadership Studies at the Russian Presidential Academy, an international leadership training program. Potolicchio is the Visiting Senior Lecturer at the Lugar Academy at the University of Indianapolis and a Visiting Professor at Georgetown University and New York University. He is the official lecturer on American Federalism for the Open World Leadership program at the Library of Congress, where he speaks weekly to visiting dignitaries from the post-Soviet republics. Potolicchio's book chapters on religion and politics have been published in volumes by Congressional Quarterly Press and Oxford University Press. He has delivered keynote lectures internationally at more than 100 different universities in 30 countries, including Oxford, Cambridge and Bologna. Potolicchio was named by the Princeton Review as one of the "Best Professors in America" in 2012, the only one chosen from his field. He has won numerous teaching awards at Georgetown and the K. Patricia Cross Award from the American Association of Colleges and Universities as one of the future leaders of American higher education in 2011.



Bradley A. Blakeman, J.D.

Bradley A. Blakeman, J.D., was a member of President George W. Bush's Senior Staff. He served from 2001–2004 as Deputy Assistant to the President for Appointments and Scheduling, Vetting and Research, Correspondence, and Surrogate Scheduling. Blakeman can be seen regularly as a Republican strategist on FOX News, MSNBC, BBC, CNN, and Al Jazeera. He is published regularly in Politico, U.S. News & World Report, and Newsmax. 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 in the HBO Film "Recount." He has also been an advisor on the ABC TV Drama Series "Commander in Chief." 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. Blakeman has been active in presidential politics since 1980. He was also appointed to serve as a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council during the George H.W. Bush administration.

“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, D.C.”

- Bradley A. Blakeman



Explore the City at the Center of It All

Georgetown University is one of the world's leading academic and research institutions, offering a unique educational experience that prepares the next generation of global citizens to lead and make a difference in the world. Established in 1789, Georgetown is the nation's oldest Catholic and Jesuit university. Drawing upon this legacy, students are provided with a world-class learning experience focused on educating the whole person through exposure to different cultures and beliefs. Coupling the University's Jesuit values and its location in Washington, D.C., Georgetown offers students a distinct opportunity to learn, experience, and understand more about the world.

Discover Washington, D.C.

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, giving you access to exciting experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Washington, D.C., is one of the U.S.'s most diverse and international cities, with residents from all walks of life and all parts of the globe.

Housing

In choosing where to live in Washington, D.C., you should consider cost, access to public transportation, and safety. While housing is not included in the tuition costs, Georgetown can assist you in your search for short-term housing options during your semester.

Application Requirements

To be considered for admission into the Semester in Washington, D.C. 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, D.C. Program ties into your studies to date and how it will contribute to your professional development.

6. \$50 application fee

For International Students

Non-Native English Speakers

1. TOEFL or IELTS Scores

*International Students**

1. Full-time enrollment

Full-time enrollment necessary for F-1 student status.

2. Completed immigration questionnaire

3. Transcripts evaluation

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: scs.georgetown.edu/admissions/for-international-students*

Application Deadlines:

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

Please consult with you home institution, school, major department, and/or academic advisor regarding the policies for study elsewhere and credit transfer.

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to begin your application.



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