

Capital Semester – Fall and Spring

Overview

Spring 2009: January 17 - April 25, 2009

Fall 2009: August 29 - December 12, 2009

Spend a semester in Washington, D.C. and gain the experience and insight you need to succeed. Serve as an intern in the nation's capital this fall or spring while taking classes at Georgetown University.

Designed for undergraduate students interested in U.S. politics and American government, Capital Semester can serve as a great way to kick-off your career in politics, journalism, lobbying, government, or the nonprofit sector.

Come to Washington and spend 15 weeks earning 12 transferable course credits at Georgetown University while gaining valuable work experience at a top D.C. office.

As part of the experience, Capital Semester students attend exclusive site briefings at Washington's places of power such as the White House, the U.S. Capitol, and the State Department. Meet leaders and government officials, hear from policy-makers at regular guest lectures, and interact with D.C. professionals through networking activities. Take advantage of all that D.C. has to offer!



Students in front of the Capitol

With a single application, students are enrolled at Georgetown, housed in a furnished residential building, and are placed in a competitive internship for a fall or spring semester.

Internships

Capital Semester students will get experience, interning 30 hours a week, and gaining hands-on experience in the nation's capital. Learn the tools of the trade and make the contacts needed to succeed. By interning during the fall or spring semester students get a much more 'real' Washington experience since Congress is in full swing. The internships offered are drawn from all aspects of Washington: nonprofits, international organizations, government, lobbying, journalism, think tanks, and public policy.

The Capital Semester program staff match each student with an internship that best meets their interests, level of skill, and the needs of the sponsoring organization. The internship will provide a firsthand look at the workings of the U.S. economy and/or political system. Intern responsibilities vary, but they all include substantive projects such as covering congressional hearings, conducting research, coordinating events, managing databases, and writing for a newsletter or other publication.

Applicants with specific internship placement requests should contact that office directly and request application requirements soon as possible. Students may also arrange his/her own internship if it meets the requirements of the Institute.

Capital Semester on Political Journalism

Students will intern in a Washington media organization; the internships provide students with a first-hand look at the world of Washington journalism. Sponsors include print and broadcast media outlets, news services, internet publications and PR firms.

Intern responsibilities vary, but often include covering congressional hearings, drafting articles for publication, editing and producing news stories, researching, writing press releases, assisting with media relations, and general administrative office work. You may arrange your own internship if it meets the requirements of the program.