



WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

at AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Non-Credit International Certificate Program

Join American University and the Washington Semester Program for a one semester (or year-long) academic practicum experience in Washington, DC. Through seminar courses and a practicum, students gain both academic and real-world work experience.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

SEMINAR

2

DAYS EACH WEEK

Through lectures led by AU professors and class discussions, students learn the theory and real-world practice of their field. Students meet with guest speakers and experts and go on site visits to gain a behind-the-scenes understanding of their seminar topic. Over the course of the semester, students will have approximately 120 hours of seminar class time.

PRACTICUM

3

DAYS EACH WEEK

Students will gain real-world practicum experience at a diverse range of organizations, government agencies, or businesses in the DC-area. Over the course of the semester student will have approximately 280 hours of practicum time.

EDUCATIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

- Academic seminars with in-depth study in a variety of topics.
- Professional skills of resumes, cover letters, and job search strategies.
- Understanding how to engage with complex workplace environments.
- Valuable contacts and practical knowledge of a career field.
- Access to AU events, including orientation, an internship fair, and Professional Development.
- AU student services and housing.

70+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

The Washington Semester Program has unsurpassed experience working with college students coming to DC for academic practicums.

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PROGRAM COSTS costs are estimated for 2018-2019 and are subject to change.

TUITION & FEES

Tuition	\$8,500
Student Fees (Technology, Student Activity, Sports Center, and U*Pass Program)*	\$405

OPTIONAL COSTS*

Housing & Meal Plan	\$8,500
Health Insurance	\$1,035

*U*Pass provides unlimited Metrorail and Metrobus transportation (estimated savings of over \$500 per semester for travel to/from practicum sites, guest speakers, site visits and classes on campus. Meal Plan may be optional if student is living off campus.

TRANSCRIPTS & GRADES

Upon completion of the International Certificate Program, students will be graded and receive an American University transcript of the courses and grades. The transcript will note that courses are non-credit.

Grades will be based on class attendance and participation, completion of readings and assignments, and demonstrated efforts to achieve established academic and professional learning goals.

As part of the partnership agreement, Washington Semester Program staff will work with partner schools to provide course syllabi, so partner institution staff can review content to issue home school credit to the students' transcripts.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the program, students should visit applynowspexs.american.edu and submit the following information:

- >>> Completion of the online International Certificate application
- >>> Nomination from the home school
- >>> Official university transcript
- >>> Official copy of proof of English Proficiency

Proof of English Proficiency will be accepted in the form of the TOEFL, IELTS or Pearson's Test of English (PTE). Minimum scores for admission are: Paper Based TOEFL - 550, Internet Based TOEFL - 80 (Minimum of 18 on Speaking & Listening), IELTS - 6.5, or PTE - 59.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For International Applicants
Who Require J-1 Visa Support

FALL 2018
May 1, 2018

SPRING 2019
October 1, 2018

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