

## **Global Policy Internships in Washington D.C.**

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### **Program Introduction**

The greatest problems we face today are not contained within national boundaries but flow across borders and therefore require broadscale thinking and global solutions. Developing environmentally-sustainable systems, responding to health epidemics, fostering economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities, caring for people who have been the victims of violence and war or who have been displaced by natural disasters and climate change--these are among the aims of many global policy and non-governmental organizations. In this internship program, you will gain inside knowledge on how such organizations operate, hone skills that you will be able to apply to a future career in public policy, and, above all, develop an enhanced sense of global dynamics. More specifically, your internship may help you achieve some of the following learning outcomes that have been identified by the UC Davis Office of Global Affairs:

- Develop global self-awareness by learning about the interrelationship between your personal experiences and global dynamics.
- Increase awareness of complex and overlapping global systems in order to understand how they operate with different and often inequitable consequences.
- Build skills to engage with and learn from differing perspectives and experiences.
- Learn ways to contribute to society at multiple levels--locally, nationally, globally.

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<sup>1\*</sup> I use the Canvas Inbox to send messages to the class as a whole or to individual students in the class. Check your UC Davis email regularly for messages from me.

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- Practice applying knowledge and skills to address public problems.

### **Program Courses**

**Education Abroad (EAP) 192 *Internship*** is a 6-unit course for which you will intern 30-35 hours per week at your host organization. Upon completion of the internship, you will be able to apply for transcript notation through the UC Davis Internship and Career Center.

### **University Writing Program (UWP) 198: *Writing for Internships (2 Units)***

As a student in UWP 198, you will spend time each week reflecting on your work as an intern in Washington D.C. and writing about your experiences. Through weekly online discussion posts and three brief but formal writing assignments you will reflect on the following:

- How policy is developed and implemented.
- How your internship experience is enhancing your understanding of the social, political, and cultural context of global policy work.
- How to describe your internship experience in the future (on resumés or during interviews, for instance).

The following course description outlines the expectations for **UWP 198**.

### **Course Credit & Grading**

UWP 198 will be taken for a pass/no pass grade. To pass this course, you must complete each of the three formal writing assignments and post them on time to the assignment site on Canvas by the due date. You must also engage your fellow interns via the Canvas discussion boards, where you'll share your internship experiences on a weekly basis.

Writing assignments for this course will also be graded pass/no pass. For an assignment to earn a pass, it must adhere to the assignment guidelines, be clearly and thoughtfully written, and submitted on time. You will receive detailed assignment prompts for each writing assignment, and those prompts will provide all of the information necessary to successfully complete the assignments.

### **Writing Assignment Feedback & Revision**

Throughout the internship, you will receive feedback from me on your writing--through the comments feature on Canvas--and you'll have opportunities to revise your work. This process is essential because revision is one of the fundamental steps in the writing process. You're strongly encouraged to take these revision opportunities when they arise, as doing so will help you refine your written communication skills.

### **Required Course Readings**

The readings for this course will be posted on the Canvas course site. Due dates for readings will be listed on the course schedule. These readings come from a variety of sources. You will read some sample policy briefs, for example, as well as articles about developing intercultural competency and succeeding in an internship. You're encouraged to at least skim the readings before you depart for Washington then give each a thorough read during the week they're listed on the course schedule.