
DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

THE WASHINGTON, DC PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE WASHINGTON, DC OFF CAMPUS PROGRAM?

The Government Department's off-campus program in Washington, D.C. provides students with internship opportunities in legislative and executive offices as well as the chance to conduct research involving the national government.

KEY FEATURES AND EXPERIENCES!

- Hear from top Washington, DC officials such as leaders in the US Senate and House of Representatives, Federal Election Commission members, and Democratic and Republican pollsters
- Obtain real-world skills by interning in a political office or organization in the nation's Capital
- Supplement your learning with a course of study designed to contextualize the internship experience in a general academic setting
- Broaden your perspective through Friday outings related to course material and weekly guest lectures with speakers from across Washington
- Explore internships that suit your interests, with possibilities like Congressional offices, executive branch offices, courts, NGOs and nonprofit organizations, lobbying organizations, political consultants, mass media, and development agencies
- Gain internship experience Monday through Thursday while taking two Dartmouth seminars and an independent study course



WHAT COURSES MAKE UP THE PROGRAM?

The main courses offered in the program generally cover contemporary political affairs, public policy, and political institutions. The precise content of the courses varies depending on the academic specialty of the Dartmouth faculty in residence.

PREREQUISITES

One introductory course in Government,
Public Policy, or a related field



INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Students develop their own internship prospects based on their specific politics-related interests prior to submitting applications. The faculty director will help identify potential internships based on employers who have taken program students in the past.

- **POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:** Congressional offices, executive branch offices, courts, NGOs, nonprofit organizations, lobbying firms, political consultant offices, mass media, and development agencies

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■ Internship Essays

- Students will connect their internship experience to the broader political context through weekly essays
- Counts as a mid-level course (not a seminar)

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- **Social Movements Inside and Outside the State (Spring 2022)**
 - Examines the history of the United States through the emergence, evolution, and impact of social movements
 - Focuses on civil rights, conservatism, feminism, and anti-Blackness movements in the 20th and 21st centuries
 - Seminar course taught by resident Dartmouth Program Director

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■ Human Rights and Foreign Policy in the United States (Spring 2022)

- Studies race in terms of the relationship between the civil rights movement in the United States and the global human rights movement, the international dimensions of the Black Lives Matter movement, and the role of the United Nations and other countries in challenging racism in the U.S.
- Seminar course taught by resident Dartmouth Program Director

Student Input – Ryan Carroll, DC OCP '20 Alumni



How do you feel this experience will benefit you in the future?

I gained numerous skills that will be transferable to future professional experiences, such as business writing and research. I was also able to continue to learn about working in a professional environment, which will help after graduation.

Would you recommend this program to other students? Why?

I would recommend this program to other students because of the unique opportunity participants have to take interesting classes with a Dartmouth professor while simultaneously interning for a Washington, D.C.-based organization. It was great to get to know other students and the professor well, and also have the ability to apply practical knowledge from an internship to work in class.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE OFF- CAMPUS PROGRAMS

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- Stay posted for application deadline
 - Application forms can be found online through the Frank J. Guarini Institute for International Education's website (<https://guarini.dartmouth.edu>)
 - More information on the program can be found on the Government Department website or on the Frank J. Guarini Institute for International Education's website.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR PREREQUISITE?

Go to <https://govt.dartmouth.edu/>

OR

contact the Department directly at
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