Davidson in Washington
Summer 2022

What: An eight-week program in Washington, D.C. Students receive a full course credit for a seminar - either “World Politics in American Politics,” taught by Prof. Besir Ceka or “Identity in American Politics” taught by Prof. Melody Crowder-Meyer. Students also receive a second course credit for a full-time, supervised internship of the student’s choosing.

When: Summer 2022, June 6 - July 29

Who: Thirty-five to fifty students. Admission is competitive. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors, may apply for the program (with preference to upperclassmen). Eligibility is NOT limited to political science majors; students who have yet to declare a major and those majoring in another discipline are encouraged to apply. Participants are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

How: Complete the application form (available by October 5).

The application deadline is Friday, November 12, 2021 by 5pm.

Cost: Tuition for the program will be approximately $3500. All living expenses & travel are the responsibility of the student. There are a wide range of housing options including summer housing in George Washington University dorms ($2000 to $3200 depending on the type of room; while these dorms were not available to students in 2021, GW expects they will be available in summer 2022). Both merit-based and need-based financial aid are available to help – in some cases substantially – to defray these costs.
The Seminars: The 2022 seminar descriptions are below

"World Politics in American Politics" (Ceka)

In this seminar, we will explore how world politics, foreign actors, and events in the rest of the world influence American politics and policy. The course has two overarching goals. First, we will examine the role that domestic and foreign actors play in the making of American foreign policy by looking at lobbying efforts, think tank activity and diplomacy, and by studying cases such as the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, US-China relations, and conflicts in the Middle East. Second, we will explore the interplay between world politics and American politics by investigating the influence of foreign affairs in US elections and the power struggle between the President and Congress.

This seminar will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for approximately 2 hours. This course counts as one of the 10 required courses for the Political Science major, but does not satisfy any of the four sub-field requirements.

“Identity in American Politics” (Crowder-Meyer)

One of the clearest findings across American politics scholarship is the power of party identity on political outcomes. Partisanship shapes how citizens behave, the outcome of elections, and what representatives do once in office. It is increasingly evident that many other identities influence American politics as well. In “Identity in American Politics,” we will investigate how identities such as gender, race, ethnicity, and region affect American politics and the outcomes of American government.

This seminar will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings for approximately 2 hours. This course counts as one of the 10 required courses for the Political Science major, but does not satisfy any of the four sub-field requirements.

The Internship: With the assistance of the Center for Career Development, you can apply and serve as an intern in Washington area offices. We are also open to credit being earned through remote internships, including with organizations outside the Washington area. You should discuss internships you are considering with Prof. Ceka or Prof. Crowder-Meyer. Each student is responsible for arranging their full-time internship with a government office, political party, research institute, trade or industry association, public interest non-profit organization, or similar organization. At the end of the internship, each student will write an 8-10 page analytical paper about the internship experience and the role of the organization in the political process. Participants receive a pass-fail grade for this component of the program. This course
can count as one of the 10 required courses for the Political Science requirements but does not satisfy any of the four sub-field requirements. Here is a list of recent DIW internships

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For more information about the program, visit the Political Science website or email either Dr. Ceka (beceka@davidson.edu) or Dr. Crowder-Meyer (mecrowdermeyer@davidson.edu).

Getting Started:

I. Finding An Internship

- Resources available from the Center for Career Development (including a scheduled meeting with CCD staff for accepted students in January 2022)
- List of recent DIW internships available at the Davidson in Washington website, [https://www.davidson.edu/academic-departments/political-science/internships-careers-and-graduate-school/davidson-washington/davidson-washington-internships](https://www.davidson.edu/academic-departments/political-science/internships-careers-and-graduate-school/davidson-washington/davidson-washington-internships)
- Online lists of offices and think tanks in DC
- Davidson Alumni in DC (resources from Alumni Office)

II. Finding Housing

- George Washington University, at [http://summerhousing.gwu.edu](http://summerhousing.gwu.edu)
- Georgetown University, at [https://residentialliving.georgetown.edu/summer/](https://residentialliving.georgetown.edu/summer/)
- Georgetown Law, at [https://www.law.georgetown.edu/your-life-career/housing/summer-housing/](https://www.law.georgetown.edu/your-life-career/housing/summer-housing/).
- Other local university housing offices (Catholic, Howard, etc.)
- Sublets through Washington Post, online roommate and apartment finder services
- Davidson Alumni in DC (resources from Alumni Office)

The 2022 Davidson in Washington Program

Tentative Schedule

November 12 Applications due at 5pm.

November 29 Accepted applicants notified.

Mid-December Financial aid and scholarship awards announced.

Winter Break Applicants begin searching for internships (but encouraged to start earlier). Make sure to note application deadlines per individual opportunities.

January 21 Non-refundable program deposit due ($200) at 5pm.

April 15 Balance of tuition due.
April and May  Submit internship details to Prof. Ceka and Prof. Crowder-Meyer; finalize internship, travel, and housing; collect definitive syllabus.

May 6  Deadline for approval of internships.