Lutheran College Washington Semester

AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME...

If you think of Washington as just politics, then think again. The nation’s capital offers a world of new opportunities in every field of study. The Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) is a small, personalized program where you live, study, and intern. During the fall and spring you will receive a full semester of academic credit while experiencing everything that the nation’s capital has to offer. The Summer Residential Internship Program provides students with the opportunity to intern in DC without the additional academic workload. The Washington experience will help you prepare to enter a professional career by exposing you to issues that have an impact on every profession. It is an investment in your future and 'An Experience of a Lifetime':

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS IN WASHINGTON, DC?

❖ Opportunities for all academic majors.
❖ Approved academic credit from your college.
❖ A four-day internship week linking your academic interests to challenging real work experiences.
❖ A variety of academic courses to choose from in the Fall & Spring Semesters.
❖ Accommodations in a furnished condo conveniently located in the Washington, DC metro area.
❖ Field trips, workshops, student activities, community service opportunities, meetings with experts and "insider" events.

WHAT IS THE LCWS?

The Lutheran College Washington Semester is your college’s campus in the nation’s capital complete with administrative offices, classrooms, computer lab, conference room, study lounge, and student residential facilities.

It was founded in 1986 by a core group of Lutheran colleges to provide a quality residential Washington, DC semester exclusively for their students.

In addition to the three founding colleges - Muhlenberg, Gettysburg, and Roanoke - ten additional colleges are members of the LCWS: Augustana College (SD), California Lutheran University, Concordia College (MN), Concordia University (IL), Lenoir-Rhyne College, Luther College, Susquehanna University, Thiel College, Valparaiso University, and Wittenberg University. Students receive academic credit from their home institutions.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Participating students live in a furnished condo in the River Place complex just across the Potomac River from Washington, DC in Arlington, Virginia. River Place is only two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro with easy access to all of the sites in the nation’s capital. The condos are located near the Iwo Jima Memorial and a short walk to Georgetown.

All of the LCWS condos at River Place are on the penthouse level, different in style and decoration, but with the same great convenience and amenities. In addition, River Place offers an entertainment center and workout facility free of charge to student residents.

Students live in a two-bedroom/two-bath condo usually housing four students per condo. The condos have everything that you need - complete furnishings, appliances (including a washer/dryer), kitchen accessories and a computer with printer, high speed internet and cable television. A supermarket, numerous restaurants and shops are all within walking distance of your condo.
Internships
Students will attend their internships Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week while leaving Wednesdays open for field trips and other activities.

The following is a sample of internship placements. LCWS students receive personalized attention when discussing internship placement options and are not limited to the examples listed below.

Art, Art History and the Performing Arts: Smithsonian Institute, Folger Shakespeare Theatre, National Air and Space Museum, Museum of Women in the Arts, the US Memorial Holocaust Museum, Arlington Art Center, the National Building Museum, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the DC Youth Orchestra.


Law and Criminal Justice: US Department of Justice, Attorney General’s Office, DC Superior Court, DC Corporate Counsel (Public Prosecutor’s Office), Arlington County Probation, Metropolitan Police Department, Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division and various law firms.

Natural Sciences and Computer Science: DC Department of Health, National Institutes of Health, Georgetown Medical Center Physical Therapy, Metro Orthopedics & Sports Therapy, Science Application International Corporation, and FirstGov and various hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities and medical centers.

Political Science and History: US Senate, US House of Representatives, Heritage Foundation, the Republican National Committee, Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), the Democratic National Committee, General Service Administration’s Office of Historic Renovation, National Organization for Women (NOW), National Archives, Committees of the House and Senate, the White House, and various trade associations (Washington offices of business and non-profit organizations).


Religion and Philosophy: Transitional Housing Corporation, Interfaith Conference, N-Street Village, and various congregations in the community.


Academic Courses
Academic courses are offered only in the Fall and Spring Semesters and are taught in the evenings Monday through Thursday. Students will receive a full semester of academic credit from their participating college or university for the academic courses and the internship.

Courses vary each semester and are determined by the class size, timely topics in Washington, DC, and student requirements needed for graduation. Each course is four credit hours / one course unit. In addition, the Dean’s requirements are published each semester and include participation in field trips, discussions, meetings with experts, workshops, activities, and community service.

The faculty in the Lutheran College Washington Semester are recognized experts in their respective fields of study and are selected because of their academic credentials, their rapport with students, and their hands on experience in teaching government, and public service.