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Overview: Centre-in-Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., formally the District of Columbia and commonly referred to as Washington or D.C., is the capital of the United States. It was founded after the American Revolution as the seat of government of the newly independent country. Washington is named after George Washington, the first President of the United States and Founding Father.

Collaborating with Butler University, Centre sends students in the fall and spring to the nation's capital, where they complete internships and take courses that focus on the art and architecture of Washington and Politics and Policy in our Nation's Capital". Typically, students work a regular workday (often 9 to 5) Mondays through Thursdays. For this, students receive six hours of internship credit. Occasionally, an internship will be paid, though students should not count on that.



Program Dates

Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Move in dates will be made available later. **The schedule for fall 2022 was:** Move in is August 20, 2022 7th to December 10, 2022 move out. Fall break is

Spring Dates TBA

Note if you are participating in the D.C. Program in the spring, you cannot do a Centre-Term. Internship opportunities are available in a wide array of fields: students who have participated in the program have interned with the Speaker and Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox News, and CNN; the Holocaust and Air and Space Museums; Amnesty International and the Organization of American States; more than 20 Senators from both parties; the United Nations Foundation; the Pentagon, State Department, and Agency for International Development; the National Rehabilitation Center; and many law firms, think tanks and advocacy groups.



Eligibility

All rising Centre juniors or seniors in good standing are invited to apply. Students can take part in both the Washington program and a long-term study abroad course as well as summer programs and Centre-Terms. **Note:** if you are participating in the Spring D.C. Program you cannot do a Centre –Term as these dates conflict with each other.

Courses

Students take two three-hour courses: one in the “Art and Architecture of Washington” which meets select Wednesday evenings and Museum visits, select Saturdays mornings. Lana Householder teaches this course. The other course is “Politics and Policy in the Nation’s Capital: this course is taught by Andy Zach. This class will meet on Tuesday select evenings; these days be may change and you will be given a full update on these dates and times upon your arrival.

Students also take three "Washington Weekend Seminars." These are one-hour, P/F courses on specific topics in and around Washington. These seminars are mandatory and cannot be opted out of. Faculty members teach them from Centre and Butler University who typically fly in to hold class Thursday evening with further discussion and site visits on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They have been very popular with students in the past, covering Political Polling, International Sports Marketing, the Federal War on Drugs, the Declaration of Independence, the History of the Holocaust Museum, the World after 9/11, US-Russian Relations, etc.

With the three weekend seminars, students earn a total of 15 credit hours while in DC. **The fall of 2022 there will be no weekend classes so the students will earn 12 credit hours.**

As soon as the other date is scheduled, the CGC will let you know. Please don’t make plans for any weekends until you have been notified of the dates for these required seminars.

You also have a mandatory walking tour TBD.

You will be given a schedule upon arrival for all the class dates and times.

Finding an Internship

At our April 26th pre-departure meeting, the Center for Global Citizenship and Center for Career and Professional Development will provide further details about the program. Resume advice, tips for how best to search for internships in DC, lists of internship sites where past Centre-in-Washington students worked, and information about the alumni network, which is remarkably strong and active in the city. We will also collect a paragraph of interest from you, in which we will ask you to explain the kind of internships/fields you would like to pursue and to list your academic and career goals.

Students are encouraged to explore internship opportunities on their own, keeping in mind that all organizations have different deadlines and timelines for applicants. Remember most internships are not paid.

The Centre for Career and Professional Development will also have peer sessions to help you with your resumes.

DC Program Coordinator

A Centre-in-Washington program coordinator will welcome students to the city, assist with concerns, provide networking opportunities for students, and be a contact for students throughout their semester in D.C.

Grades

The grades that Centre students studying away have received in the past have been consistent with, or even a bit higher than, grades received on campus. Nevertheless, we want to make certain that you understand from the outset that the courses you take away will not necessarily be taught or evaluated, as they would be at Centre.

Pre-Registration & Convocations

While in Washington, D.C., you will contact your advisor and pre-register for future courses via e-mail.

You will automatically be credited with six convocation credits during your term abroad.

Housing and Meal Plan

Housing

Students can live in The Congressional on Capitol Hill in apartments that are fully furnished and include all utilities, Wi-Fi, kitchenware and cookware, central air, laundry facilities, and 24/7 security. No alcohol and no overnight guests are allowed, this rule is strictly enforced. This ideal location is just across the street from the U.S. Supreme Court and a short subway ride away from all major residential, governmental, and commercial areas in and around Washington. Accepted students will not pay the usual “board” fee (part of room-and-board) for the semester that they are in D.C. and will instead use that money for their meals while in D.C.

Your mailing address for the semester will be
215 Constitution Ave NE
YOUR APARTMENT NUMBER
Washington, DC 20002

Unless you are given a different one by WISH Housing. You may also choose some of the Townhouses, however know that in all of our residential housing you will have one or 2 room mates. If you need a single room then you must pay extra for this unless you have a medical issue that gives you a single room here at Centre. If that is the case come see me.

www.internsdc.com/property/the-congressional-apartments



Safety Information

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Look out for your classmates.
- Pickpockets do exist in Washington D.C. and other big cities, especially on public transportation and around tourist locations. Keep your valuables on your person, and in front pockets, if possible. Unzipped bags, phones/wallets in outer pockets of bags, and unattended items are invitations for pickpockets to strike. This is not Centre's campus: leaving your backpack at a café table while you order or use the restroom is not a good idea!
- If you plan to bring your passport, keep it safe!. As you will be in the United States, there is really no reason for you to bring your passport unless you plan on travelling

Required Forms

The College requires that each student studying abroad/away fill out a hard copy of our liability release/alcohol form and our medical form along with other forms, you will find these on the Moodle site. Go into Moodle from Moodle spaces, select the CGC Office page and find the D.C. fall tile. All forms are on here to be filled out. You **MUST** fill out these forms to go away. Students who will be 21 by the first day of their program can read and fill out both forms themselves in just a few minutes; students who will not be 21 by the first day of the program must also get a parent's signature on the liability release/alcohol form. You will also have additional forms to fill out.

Alcohol and Late-Night Policy

When problems abroad and away have occurred for Centre students (and American students generally), there have almost, always been two elements involved: 1. Alcohol, and 2. Students being out alone (without another Centre student) late at night.

The following policy is in effect for all Centre **study-abroad/away** programs:

1. If a student uses alcohol irresponsibly, as determined by the program director and director or assistant director of the Center for Global Citizenship, the minimum fine will be \$100. The director may also require that the student sign a statement saying that the student will not have alcohol during the duration of the program, and both the student's parents and the Centre Dean of Students will be informed.

2. If a student is out at a bar or club after midnight alone—that is, without another Centre student—the program director and director of the Center for Global Citizenship will together decide on an appropriate punishment, including the most serious one of separating the student from the program without any academic or financial credit.

Medication

***** VERY important:** if you take prescription medication, be sure you **take enough for the entire amount of time that you are away.** Keep it packed in its original container from the pharmacy, and keep it in your carry-on luggage as you travel.

Counseling and Psychotropic Medication

The kind of counseling and support services available on campus are not available abroad/away. Because any significant life transition can exacerbate and complicate already existing mental health issues, students who are currently on psychotropic medication and/or have been in mental health counseling are encouraged to speak with a professional in this area before going away.



Pre-Departure Training

Students selected **must attend the pre-departure meeting** to prepare for living and studying in another culture/area. .

The mandatory meeting for Centre-in-Washington, D.C. is **April 26, 2022**.



Flights and Arrival

* Your plane ticket is **not included** in the tuition fee that you pay to Centre College. You must purchase your plane ticket independently. You may take the train or be driven. No student can have their car in D.C. due to the high costs of parking.

Most students will use the Metro to travel to and from internships and the lines: Red, Orange, Blue, Yellow, and Green. The layout of the system makes it possible to travel between any two stations with no more than a single transfer. The Metro opens at 5:00 a.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. on weekends. It closes at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 3:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

To find the stations, look for tall brown columns with a large "M" identifying the station entrances. Colored stripes around the column show which lines serve the station.

Students should purchase a Smart rip card, a permanent, rechargeable "fare card" that is safe and easy to use. Centre will cover up \$500 credit of this card. www.wmata.com/rider-guide/index.cfm



Transportation

Getting Around in D.C.

Discover easy-to-use- public transportation accessible airports and more with our guide to getting around the nations's capital. Explore the nation's capital with ease and make your next trip to DC stree-free. Check out www.washington.org/dc-guide-to/getting-around-washington-dc this site helps you Navigate Washington, DC with Metro , Guide to Washington,DC Area Airports, How Do I Get Around Washington, DC? Where Can I Park in Washington, DC? Getting to Washington, DC, Transportation, Airports & Airport Transportation and Taxis. This site will give you all the information you need to get you familiar with your new city! As you are studying and interning in DC there are many banks and ATM's available for you to have access to your funds.

As you are in the United States all your banking will be the same, ATMs are readily available.

What to Bring

Generally speaking, about half of what you're planning to take. Take this test to see if you've packed too much stuff: carry your suitcase and backpack around the block and then up and down a flight of stairs three times without putting them down.

Most students check one suitcase with wheels (remember: there's a size and strict weight limit—50 pounds for most airlines beyond which you pay heavily, even on international flights) and carry a backpack (and perhaps laptop) with them on the plane. Put a splashy bright ribbon or tag on your checked bag to make it easily identifiable on the luggage carousel.

Bring a rain jacket and a lightweight, fold-up umbrella, you may be walking to your internship and don't want to arrive all wet if it is raining. You will also see a lot of business women in DC wearing tennis shoes as they are walking about town, they will have their shoes in their office or carry them in a bag to don when they get to work.

Be sure to take good walking shoes or boots, as you will walk. A lot.

Pack layers of clothing, including a sweater and thermal underwear, gloves, and a warm hat for the cold. Remember that the secret to staying warm is in layering, not in wearing thick, bulky coats.

History of Washington, D.C.

Founded on July 16, 1790, Washington, DC is unique among American cities because it was established by the Constitution of the United States to serve as the nation's capital. You can read the actual line at the National Archives. From its beginning, it has been embroiled in political maneuvering, sectional conflicts and issues of race, national identity, compromise and, of course, power.

Like many decisions in American history, the location of the new city was to be a compromise: Alexander Hamilton and northern states wanted the new federal government to assume Revolutionary War debts, and Thomas Jefferson and southern states who wanted the capital placed in a location friendly to slave-holding agricultural interests.

President George Washington chose the exact site along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, and the city was officially founded in 1790 after both Maryland and Virginia ceded land to this new "district," to be distinct and distinguished from the rest of the states. To design the city, he appointed Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who presented a vision for a bold, modern city featuring

grand boulevards (now the streets named for states) and ceremonial spaces reminiscent of another great world capital, L'Enfant's native Paris. He planned a grid system, at which the center would be the Capitol building.

Even before coming of age, DC was nearly completely destroyed. During the War of 1812 against Great Britain, enemy forces invaded the city and burned much of it to the ground, including the newly completed [White House](#), the Capitol and the Library of Congress (including all of its books). Thomas Jefferson later replenished the library's collection by selling off his entire library for \$23,950 in 1815.

After the devastation, the city remained small, especially in terms of permanent residents. Soon it would become smaller in physical size as well. In 1847, the portion of the city that had originally belonged to Virginia was retroceded, after the voters of Alexandria elected to leave DC, feeling that they had been left out of development on the other side of the river. You can still see some surviving, original markers for the District today.

The city only increased in size as a result of the Civil War. Slaves owned in Washington were emancipated on April 16, 1862, nine months before the Emancipation Proclamation, and it therefore became a hub for freed slaves. After, it remained a home to a significant and vibrant African American population, which included abolitionist Frederick Douglass. A substantial army was set up just to protect the capital during the war, and the federal government grew around this administration.

Post-war Washington experienced substantial expansion, eventually absorbing nearby Georgetown and surrounding rural areas beyond L'Enfant's original plans. The initial boundary of Washington City was Florida Avenue, originally called Boundary Street. The first neighborhoods were those that grew up around the Capitol ([Capitol Hill](#)), the Center Market ([Downtown](#)), and the White House (Lafayette Square). The expansion of streetcar lines in the mid-19th century spurred creation of new suburbs.

In 1901, the city proposed the McMillan Plan, which set out to fully complete L'Enfant's original designs. This included a redesign and expansion of the [National Mall](#), now the crown jewel of DC. The city continued to expand and develop during the rest of the 20th century, though it suffered riots and civil unrest in the '60s and '70s, and many residents left inner city areas for the suburbs. Today, these downtown areas are undergoing an urban renaissance, and many people are moving back into Washington itself.

Though a capital city, it is ironic that residents of Washington lack full self-governance. Representation in Congress is limited to a non-voting delegate to the House of Representatives and a shadow senator. In 1964, Washingtonians were first allowed to vote in Presidential elections; the city was allowed to elect its own mayor only in 1973.

It remains a vibrant and culturally diverse city today. The city is rich with international cultures, African American heritage and culture and it's also one of America's most gay-friendly cities. In fact, DC recognized same-sex marriage in 2010, before the Supreme Court, nearby, ruled that it was a right in 2015.

After more than 200 years as the nation's capital, Washington has developed as a complex and layered city, with a distinctive character: both a town for locals, an international center of power and an amazing place to visit.

Today, you can have the best of both worlds by delving into the nation's past with a visit on the National Mall and museums or adventuring into very modern, exciting neighborhoods.

Things to Do in Washington, DC

Landmarks:

- White House
- The Capitol
- Lincoln Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- National Mall
- The Supreme Court of the United State
- Washington Monument

Museums:

- African American Civil War Memorial and Museum
- Art Museum of the Americas
- International Spy Museum
- Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery
- National Air and Space Museum

Other:

- United States Botanical Garden
- The House Where Lincoln Died

- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- National Gallery of Art
- Martin Luther King, Jr National Memorial

Things to Do – Regional Travel

** Below is a list of suggested day-trip locations for student wishing to explore outside of D.C. and surrounding areas during their optional travel weekends. **These are only suggestions;** students are responsible for planning their own optional travel excursions.

Looking for an adventure?

City	State	Distance from London
Baltimore	Maryland	20 min. by train
Annapolis	Maryland	60 min. by bus
Great Falls	Virginia	43 min, by bus
New York	New York	3hr. by train
Amsterdam	Boston	5 hr. by train

