Global Politics Fellows

Global Affairs and the Schar School of Policy and Government are proud to offer a unique opportunity for undergraduate students: The Global Politics Fellows.

Program Features

- **Cohort learning environment** with small, discussion-based classes
- Opportunity to complete a **significant internship experience** where Fellows gain new skills and network within their desired field
- Fellows take classes on the **Arlington Campus**, getting you closer to the action and all the city has to offer
- **Distinguished Speaker Series** gives you special access to local and national leaders from a variety of fields
- Fellows receive a transportation **stipend** for travel to their internship site and the Arlington campus for the duration of the program

The Global Politics Fellows program is a unique academic program for selected students interested in global affairs, government, and international politics at George Mason University. The academic program is based at the Arlington campus and incorporates a significant internship experience into the semester.

The Global Politics Fellows make up a small cohort of 20 to 25 students, all interested in the role of government in society, here in the United States and abroad. The smaller classes allow for more student discussion and the opportunity to delve deeper into the issues the world faces today. The internship provides students the chance to immediately apply what they are learning and offers students greater insight into their future careers in the arena of government and global affairs.

Students are enrolled in three academic courses and a six-credit internship course for a total of 15 credits. The courses for the fall 2019 program are listed on the reverse side.

Information Session: Tuesday, March 26th
4:00 – 5:30pm, Johnson Center 327, Room C

Applications due April 1st

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Courses

Students are enrolled in three academic courses and a six-credit internship course for a total of 15 credits. Students can only opt out of one of the courses if they have already taken the course. The courses for the fall 2019 program are:

GOVT 434 Democracy in Global Perspective (3 credits)
Comparative study of structures and performance of democracies around the world since 1975. Examines growing influence of global forces such as economy, media, and culture in process of democratization. Examines select current elections.

GOVT 445 Human Rights (3 credits)
Explores philosophical, legal, and political issues at heart of the modern international human rights movement. Examines historical background and legal architecture of the modern human rights movement.

GOVT 446 International Law and Organization (3 credits)
Nature, sources, subject of law of nations; law and individual; territorial questions; sources, and functions of international organizations; international transactions and organizations; war; and present and future status of international law.

GOVT 496 Public and Int’l Affairs Internship (6 credits)
Approved internships with specific employer. Programs relate in some capacity to government, politics, public policy, or the law. Students develop individual contracts defining learning and competencies they plan to gain from the experience. Three credits can be applied to student’s concentration depending on internship placement.

OR

GLOA 495 Global Experiential Learning (6 credits)
On-the-job training in transnational or international fields through approved internship programs. Three credits can be applied to student’s concentration depending on internship placement.

Internships

The internship is a key component of the Global Politics Fellows program. Courses are conveniently scheduled to allow students more time for an internship. Students will intern three days a week, for twenty to twenty-five hours a week. This schedule increases the number of internships available to our Fellows and their ability to take on more responsibility within their positions. Internships are also great networking opportunities for students to learn more about a specific field or gain contacts they can use in their future job search.

Students will obtain their own internship with the help and support of the program and Mason’s University Career Services. Internship host sites will likely include local and federal government offices, foreign embassies, non-profit organizations, NGO’s and think tanks. Internship duties often focus on advocacy, communications, research, program support or community outreach. Most internships will be unpaid, but students are also encouraged to pursue paid internships or internships that offer a stipend.

Students have recently interned at:
- Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Hudson Institute
- Institute of World Politics
- Partnership for Public Service
- Partners of the Americas
- Save the Children
- The Truman Center
- The Wilson Center
- U.N. Relief & Works Agency
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- U.S. - Ukraine Foundation
- Various Capitol Hill offices
- Various Embassies

Requirements to apply: 45 completed credits, 3.0 overall GPA. Visit fellows.gmu.edu for application!