



Spring 2015

UNC Public Policy

Burch Field Research Seminar on Domestic and International Affairs

Washington, DC

A collaboration between Honors Carolina and Public Policy

Course Information

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Honors Carolina and Public Policy

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thursday Seminar, AM and PM

University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

<http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/directorsinstitute/directions.aspx>

Brief Overview of Academic Program

The Burch Field Research Seminar on Domestic and International Affairs offers Carolina undergraduates a unique learning, living, and internship opportunity in our nation's capital. The seminar aims to expose students to a range of public policies that influence U.S. economic prosperity, national security, and America's role in the broader global community. Internship placements provide opportunities for students to apply academic learning to policy debates, to derive new insights and questions for seminar discussion, and to work directly with policy experts.

The seminar is organized around several key components:

1) A morning seminar (9:45 am–12 pm) held every Thursday. This seminar examines a range of domestic and international policy issues, including the federal budget, social policy, income inequality and poverty, international development, foreign policy, national security and intelligence policy, universal education, environment and development, and others.

2) An afternoon seminar (1–3 pm) held every Thursday. This seminar is devoted to examining the role of policy experts and advocates in addressing domestic and global challenges. It includes weekly visits to and/or guest lectures from government officials, think tanks, and policy organizations.

3) Internship placements (Monday–Thursday) with leading domestic and international affairs agencies, policy research and/or advocacy organizations.

4) Several “off-site” visits are planned, including: a conference at the National Press Club, a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and a 2-3 day trip to New York City. Weekly informal professional development sessions also will be planned.

Burch Field Research Seminar: Core Courses

HNRS 352.01S: Seminar on Domestic and International Affairs

Three (3) graded credit hours are awarded for satisfactory completion of the weekly morning seminar, which focuses on a study of domestic and international affairs within the U.S. policy-making process.

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>> **Application Deadline: September 18, 2014**



President Obama at UNC Chapel Hill, April 24, 2012

HNRS 352.02S: The Role of Experts and Advocates in Solving Domestic and Global Challenges

Three (3) graded credit hours are awarded for satisfactory completion of the weekly afternoon seminar, which focuses on the roles of experts and advocates in addressing and solving major domestic and global policy problems.

HNRS 393: Internship in Domestic and/or International Affairs

Six (6) Pass/Fail credit hours are awarded for the successful completion of an internship program at domestic or international affairs agencies and organizations. Students are expected to work four days per week under the direction of a senior mentor at the host agency or organization. Students who are able to use the internships to fulfill major or minor requirements may elect to receive a grade for three of the six credit hours.

Note on credit(s): Honors courses are repeatable for credit as long as the course content is not duplicated. *Students who wish to receive major or minor credit for one or more of these courses above should discuss this with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in their major or minor department.*



House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH)

2014 Internship Placements

American Council on Education, Veterans Programs

American Enterprise Institute

Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training

Bloomberg Government

Center for American Progress

Children's Defense Fund

Council of State Governments

Environmental Law Institute

National Academy for Social Insurance

National Journalism Center

Office of Senator Kay Hagan, NC

Office of Representative David Price, NC

Story Partners, LLC

White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans

US-Asia Institute

US-China Business Council

US Department of State, US Mission to the UN

Housing

Students live in a townhouse or apartments in Washington DC. All townhouses or apartments are located in close proximity to Metro stations. The townhouses or apartments are fully furnished and include on-site laundry facilities, cable TV, and wireless internet access. Students share a room in a townhouse or apartment building with multiple suites.

Key contacts

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