



Spring 2023

Honors Seminar on Public Policy and Global Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Course Information

Honors Seminar on Public Policy and Global Affairs

Honors Carolina and UNC Public Policy
College of Arts and Sciences
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Thursday Seminar, AM and PM

Duke in DC
1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20004
<https://dukeindc.duke.edu>

Brief Overview of Academic Program

The Honors Seminar on Public Policy and Global Affairs offers Carolina undergraduates of all majors and minors a unique learning, living, and internship opportunity in our nation's capital. The seminar offers students first-hand engagement with the actors and organizations—across the public, private and non-profit sectors—that influence domestic and global affairs in Washington, D.C. It aims to expose students to a range of topics that focus on U.S. economic prosperity, national security, and the U.S. role in the broader global community. Internship placements provide opportunities for students to apply academic learning, to derive new insights and questions for seminar discussion, and to work directly with substantive experts.

The seminar is organized around these key components:

1) The Thursday morning seminar (9am-12pm) examines a range of domestic and global policy challenges, including economic-well-being, income inequality and policy, foreign policy, national security and intelligence policy, global development and poverty, universal education, environment and development, and others.

2) The Thursday afternoon seminar (2-5pm) is devoted to learning from public, private and non-profit actors and understanding their roles in addressing and solving major domestic and global problems. We meet and visit with experts in their place of work.

3) Students intern (4 days a week) with public sector or policy-relevant private and non-profit organizations.

4) Several group excursions are planned, including a think tank conference, a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a visit to a major museum and a 3 day trip to New York City. UNC alumni mentors lead weekly informal professional development sessions.



Carolina students visit Bloomberg in NYC, April 2022



2022 Internship Placements

Office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor

American Action Forum

The Raben Group

Inter-American Dialogue

Bloomberg Government

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Office of Congressman David Price

Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary

American Council on Renewable Energy

Democratic Attorneys General Association

Honors Seminar: Core Courses

PLCY 352H: Seminar on Public Policy and Global Affairs

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

PLCY 395H: Research In Public Policy and Global Affairs

Two (2) additional credits will be awarded for satisfactory completion of the weekly research skills development section to provide students with the mentoring and practice to enhance their research, analytical, writing and presentation skills.

PLCY 353H: The Role of the Public, Private and Non-Profit Sector in Addressing Policy Challenges

Three (3) graded credit hours are awarded for satisfactory completion of the weekly afternoon seminar, which focuses on meeting with public, private and non-profit actors and understanding their role in solving domestic and global problems.

PLCY 493H: Internship In Domestic and Global Affairs

Six (6) graded credit hours are awarded for the successful completion of an internship program at a public, private or non-profit organization. Students are expected to work four days per week following a program of work directed by a mentor at the host organization.



Skating at the National Mall, January 2022

Housing

Students live in one of the WIHN (Washington Intern Housing Network) properties in Washington DC called the Aria: <https://www.thewihn.com/buildings/the-aria-on-1/>.

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Washington Monument, April 2021



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