



Spring 2024

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 Seminars

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

3) 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.

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 first seminar 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 second seminar 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.



Carolina DC students visit Bloomberg in NYC, April 2023



Application Deadline: September 10, 2023



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.



UN Tour with Ambassador Barbara Stephenson, April 2023

2023 Internship Placements

American Apparel and Footwear Association

U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Advanced Energy Economy

Fair Chance

House Committee on Agriculture

McCarthy Advanced Consulting

Office of Rep. Deborah Ross (NC)

C-SPAN

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Todd Strategy Group

Center for International Private Enterprise

Seven Letter

Climate Reality Project

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-l/>.

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Skating at the National Mall, January 2022

