COLUMBUS PROGRAM IN STATE ISSUES

About This Program

The Columbus Program in State Issues provides students the opportunity to experience firsthand the public policy making process in Ohio’s state capital while earning a full semester’s credit toward graduation. The program is a unique learning community and requires full-time residence in Columbus during the fall semester. The program is offered, in part, with the cooperation of Kent State alumni living and working in the greater Columbus area and, thus, offers students excellent career networking opportunities.

Contact Information

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- Speak with an Advisor

Program Delivery

- Delivery:
  - In person
- Location:
  - Columbus

Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to students from all academic disciplines who have completed a minimum 45 credit hours of college coursework with a minimum 2.500 overall GPA.

Program Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

1 Students receive 15 credit hours of academic credit, broken down as follows: 6 credit hours for attending regular briefings; 6 credit hours for completing an internship in Columbus; and 3 credit hours for completing the requirements while residing in Columbus.

Program Learning Outcomes

Completers of this program will be able to:

1. Master the protocol of state government processes.
2. Be competent in analyzing, monitoring and promoting policy.
3. Establish professional networks that will launch their careers in public service, advocacy, lobbying or related endeavors.