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# WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES

**College of Arts and Sciences** 

Department of Political Science www.kent.edu/polisci

#### **About This Program**

Explore national issues with the Washington program. Our unique program offers students the opportunity to engage with current political issues and connect with experts in the field. You will gain real-world experience through internships, seminars and networking events while living in the heart of Washington D.C. Read more...

#### Contact Information

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## **Program Delivery**

- · Delivery:
  - In person
- · Location:
  - · Washington, D.C.

#### **Admission Requirements**

The program is open to junior and senior students from all academic disciplines with a minimum 2.750 overall GPA.

#### **Program Requirements**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Program Requirements		
POL 42990	WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES (ELR)	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

### **Full Description**

The Washington Program in National Issues was established in 1973 through the initiative of Washington-based alumni who sought to provide Kent State University undergraduates with a unique living and learning experience in the nation's capital.

The purpose of the program is to accomplish the following:

- Facilitate learning about the U.S. political system through briefings with government officials and other working professionals in Washington, DC
- Develop a personal understanding of the demands and rewards of the professional work world through an internship experience
- Encourage initiative through individualized research, which may involve resources at the Library of Congress, among other sit

Students participate in internships — in places such as Capitol Hill, in a governmental agency or with an interest group — and attend seminars.

The program requires a semester-long residence in the Washington, DC, area. Alumni in the nation's capital continue to support the program by introducing students to the culture and serving as consultants and mentors.