

Study Away in Washington DC: Program Info

The Department of Political Science will offer a two-week course in Washington, DC, May 11-25, 2024. Any undergraduate student may enroll. Students will receive three credit hours of PLSC 300A, which counts towards the Political Science major and minor. The program will include class, housing, and group activities.



Course Description

Textbooks portray American politics as a set of formal, rule-bound institutions in Washington, while popular media tend to emphasize conflict and drama. Neither fully captures political life in DC. PLSC 300A: Inside the Beltway will take students behind the scenes of DC politics. The course will focus on how interpersonal relationships and coordination help our nation's political system to run. Class will feature a mixture of classroom discussion, guest speakers, and site visits. Students will also get a taste of living and working in the nation's capital and have opportunities to build their own professional networks. The course will count as an upper-level American Politics class for PLSC majors and minors.

Instructor

[Dr. Eric Hansen](#) teaches courses on Congress, interest groups, media, and American political institutions in the Department of Political Science. His research focuses on legislative politics and representation.

Learn More!

There will be two information sessions for interested students:

In-Person: Monday, October 23, 2023 at 11 am. Coffey Hall 326 (PLSC Conference Room).

Online: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm. [Register for Zoom meeting here.](#)

You may also contact Dr. Eric Hansen at ehansen4@luc.edu.

Housing

Students will stay in double-occupancy rooms in 2BD/2BA apartments furnished by [TurnKey Housing Solutions](#), a short-term housing provider serving the DC Metro area. Apartments are located in the Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood, walking distance from downtown DC and steps from the Mt. Vernon Sq.-7th St.-Convention Center station for the Metro's Green/Yellow lines.

Application and Enrollment Process

Students should complete the application form and essay (page 3 and 4 below) and submit them to Dr. Hansen by ehansen4@luc.edu by November 15, 2023. Applying does not obligate you to take the class. Due to the intensive nature of the course, enrollment will be capped at 18 students. Admissions will be based on essay responses and preferences will be given to seniors and juniors. Students who will graduate in May 2024 are not eligible to participate.

To reserve a spot, a deposit of \$500 must be paid by December 5, 2023. Checks should be made out to LUC Department of Political Science and given to Nora Rybarczyk in Coffey 324. Admitted students who do not pay by the deadline will cede their seats to other interested students.

The remainder of the program fee (\$1750) must be paid in full no later than February 15, 2024. Admitted students will receive further instructions on how to submit the fee. Tuition is due separately to the Bursar's office at the regular Summer Session deadline in early May 2024.

Costs

	Description	Amount	Deadline
Paid to LUC Department of Political Science	Deposit*	\$500	12/5/2023
	Program Fee*	\$1750	2/15/2024
Paid to LUC Bursar's Office	Tuition**	Click here for tuition information from the Bursar's office	5/5/2024
Paid Individually	Airfare/transport to DC	\$300 (estimated)	
	Incidentals and meals	\$500 (estimated)	

*Combined, the class deposit and program fee includes housing, classroom space rental, transportation within DC (through WMATA), and program expenses such as museum admissions and group meals.

**As of 9/18/23, tuition fees on the Bursar's website are listed for the 2023-24 AY. Tuition fees are subject to change for Summer 2024. Payment deadline is an expected date, also subject to change.



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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

Application Form – Return with essay to Dr. Hansen at ehansen4@luc.edu by 11/15/23.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ LUC Email _____

Declared major(s): _____

Declared minor(s): _____

Current standing: FRESH SOPH JUNIOR SENIOR

Gender identity: FEMALE MALE NEITHER

If neither, please list gender identity here: _____

Have you ever been found responsible by the Loyola Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) for a violation of the Loyola Community Standards? YES NO

If yes, provide a statement on another page that explains and attests to your potential to succeed in the study away program in light of your conduct violations.

Do you have any incomplete sanctions and/or assigned outcomes given to you by OSCCR? YES NO

If yes, provide a statement on another page that explains all your incomplete sanctions and/or assigned outcomes and when you expect to complete each.

Disclaimer and Signature

I hereby certify that I have personally completed this application and that the information is accurate to the best of my belief and knowledge. Failure to provide accurate responses to these questions may result in your study away approval being revoked.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Short Essay

Why do you wish to study away in Washington, DC? Please explain how the program fits with your academic and career goals. (200-300 words)