

Study Away in Washington DC: Program Info

The Department of Political Science will offer a two-week course in Washington DC, with tentative dates of May 16-29, 2027. Any undergraduate student may enroll. Students will receive three credit hours of PLSC 300A. The program will include class, housing, and group activities.



Course Description

PLSC 300A: Inside the Beltway will use Washington as a laboratory for studying proximity, access, and political power. Through classroom discussions, guest speakers, and site visits, students will examine both the highly visible spaces of American democracy and the less visible networks and places where politics happens. Along the way, students will get a taste of living and working in the nation's capital and consider where they themselves might fit within Washington's political world.

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 on Thursday, October 15 for interested students:

1. Coffey Hall 326, 11 am
2. Zoom, 5 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 at the [Debonair](#), a short-term student housing provider. Located in the Woodley Park neighborhood in Northwest DC, the complex is a short walk to the National Zoo, Embassy Row, and the Adams Morgan entertainment district. Red Line access at the Woodley Park Metro Station offers easy transit to the rest of the city.

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 13, 2026. Applying does not obligate you to take the class. Admissions will be decided on a rolling basis until the class is filled. Due to the intensive nature of the course, enrollment will be capped at 15 students—apply early to claim your spot!

To reserve a spot, a deposit of \$500 must be paid by December 1, 2026 through your student account. The remainder of the program fee (\$1750) must be paid in full no later than February 5, 2027. Admitted students will receive further instructions on how to submit the fee. Tuition is due to the Bursar's office at the regular Summer Session deadline, usually in early May.

Costs

	Description	Amount	Deadline
Paid to Loyola	Deposit*	\$500	12/1/2027
	Program Fee* (remainder)	\$1750	2/5/2027
	Tuition	Click here for tuition information from the Bursar's office	May 2027
Paid Individually	Airfare/transport to DC	\$400 (estimated)	
	Incidentals and meals	\$600 (estimated)	

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



Study Away in DC

Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

Application Form – Return with essay to Dr. Hansen at ehansen4@luc.edu by 11/13/26.

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 status: FRESH ☐ SOPH ☐ JUNIOR ☐ SENIOR ☐

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 the next 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 the next page that explains all of 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? Please include a discussion of how the program fits with your academic and/or career goals. (200-300 words)