

Washington Semester at American University

An opportunity for Tulane students

2017-2018 information sheet

American University is located in the upper northwest section of Washington, DC. Chartered by an act of Congress in 1893, American University now has approximately 5,000 undergraduate and 5,000 graduate students. Students in the Washington Semester program live in residence halls on the Tenley campus, designed specifically for this program. Students take meals on campus.

Tulane University has had a long-standing relationship with American University's Washington semester program. We may send numerous students each semester (fall and spring). Students earn Tulane grades through their participation in one of the approved Washington Semester programs and apply their Tulane scholarships and financial aid.

Program and application dates

The spring 2018 semester (mid-January to early May) application deadline is September 5, 2017. The fall 2018 deadline is March 5, 2018.

The Tulane application information is available at <https://www2.tulane.edu/college/programs/washington.cfm>. These deadlines apply to the Tulane application; there is also an American University application that students must complete; the deadlines and application are found on the Washington Semester website: <http://www.american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/index.cfm>.

Washington Semester programs

Tulane awards credit for these programs: American Politics, Foreign Policy, Sustainable Development, International Law and Organizations, and Justice and Law. The program consists of three components: a seminar in 2 parts, (4 credits each); an internship (4 credits); a research project (4 credits)—which is not mandatory. The research project results in a paper of 30-50 pages that the student writes on a topic relevant to the program these. Applicants to Washington Semester who choose to do the research project must include a research proposal with their application.

Students generally spend two days per week on their internship. (Newcomb-Tulane College students may apply no more than six credits of internship toward their degree; the Washington Semester internship carries four credits.) Tulane awards 500-level credit for the Washington Semester courses; however, some departments will not apply these courses toward their “upper level requirements”.

Eligibility

The minimum cumulative grade point average for participation is 3.00. Applicants must have completed these college requirements before enrolling in Washington Semester: first-year writing, quantitative reasoning, and foreign language.

Students with junior standing are given preference over sophomores.

Preference is given to students with a strong record of academic achievement. Students who have been found guilty of an Honor Code violation or who have been placed on disciplinary probation will not be accepted to this program.

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