Students and faculty will travel to the nation’s capital for an intensive five-day, four-night, hands-on seminar in government and politics. We will tour and meet officials at the White House, Congress, and Supreme Court as well as network with DC-area alumni. The trip will take place during Spring Break.

**Instructors:** Scot Schraufnagel, PhD, Chair, NIU Department of Political Science
Matt Streb, PhD, Professor, NIU Department of Political Science

**Program Fee:** $625 *(Excludes tuition and fees)*
• Fee includes accommodation, breakfast each day, three dinners, two lunches, a DC alumni reception, and a pre-paid Metro Card for transportation in DC.
• Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from DC.
• A non-refundable deposit of $250 is due by **January 27, 2017**, with the balance due by **February 17, 2017**.
• In order to receive a one (1) credit hour grade, students must enroll in POLS 497:P003, spring 2017, through MyNIU, as well as submit a completed registration packet and the deposit to the Department of Political Science.
• Students who wish to take part in the course for no credit by simply submitting a completed registration packet and the deposit to the Department of Political Science.

**Course Requirements**
Students are expected to attend a February 24, mandatory orientation meeting, as well as, all program events in Washington, DC. For those enrolling in the one-credit class, readings will be posted on Blackboard and students are required to keep a journal of their experiences during the trip. The course grade will be based on the journal as well as attendance and participation at the mandatory meeting and the events in DC.

**Accommodations**
Students will share rooms (two students per room) with two queen beds at the Hampton Inn – Navy Yard located at 1265 First Street SE, in the heart of DC. The hotel has a fitness center and is close to Metro stops, restaurants, and attractions.

**Timeline**

**Friday, February 24**
• Mandatory orientation meeting at NIU (12:00 pm Zulauf 1015).

**Sunday, March 12**
• Arrive in DC, check into hotel.

**Possible Events Include:**
• Dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill.
• Nighttime walking tour of monuments.
• Meet with lobbying/consulting firm for Q/A with lobbyists.
• Lunch at U.S. Supreme Court building.
• Touring the U.S. Supreme Court building.
• Lecture in the Supreme Court chamber.

**Thursday, March 17**
• Depart DC.
• Tour the U.S. Capitol.
• Tour of the U.S. Capitol.
• Meet with staff and local member of the U.S. House.
• Tour A C-SPAN
• Reception with DC friends and alumni
• Tour the Library of Congress
• Free afternoon to see the sights of your choice.
• Dinner at Clyde’s