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Study Government and Politics in Washington, DC

POLS 497:P003—Small-Group Study in Political Science

February 22, March 10 - 14, 2019

<http://www.niu.edu/SpringBreakTrip>

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.

Instructor: Scot Schraufnagel, PhD, Chair, NIU Department of Political Science

Program Fee: \$400 (*Excludes tuition and fees*)

•Fee includes accommodation, breakfast each day, three dinners, two lunches, a DC alumni reception, speaker honorariums, 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 \$200 is due by **December 14, 2018**, with the balance due by **January 31, 2019**.

•All students must complete a Registration Request Form, Health Form, and a signed Assumption of Risks and Liability Release Agreement.

•In order to receive a one (1) credit hour grade, students must enroll in POLS 497:P003, spring 2019, 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 may do so 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 22, 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 22

- Mandatory orientation meeting at NIU (3:00 pm Zulauf 1015).

Sunday, March 10

- Arrive in DC, check into hotel.

Events Include (others may be added)::

- 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.

- Meet with staff and local member of the U.S. House.
- Tour of the U.S. Capitol.
- Lunch at the U.S. Capitol.
- Reception with DC friends and alumni
- Tour the Library of Congress
- Arlington Cemetery
- Free afternoon to see the sights of your choice.

Thursday, March 14

- Depart DC.