BEMIDJI STATE IN WASHINGTON, DC PROGRAM

Are you interested in working for the government, a non-profit, a business trade association, the media, a justice and law agency, or a national political organization in our nation’s capital? Does the thought of gaining professional work experience while building your resume and making contacts for your future excite you? Would you like an off campus experience in an international, cosmopolitan environment? If you’ve answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider an internship in Washington, DC.

Through the Bemidji State in Washington Program participating students will intern at 32 hours a week for a semester and have a weekly seminar with experts and policy practitioners. You will earn 12 to 15 semester credits or a smaller amount for the shorter summer program in Washington. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to live, learn, and work in our nation’s capital during these interesting times for our country!

INTERNSHIP

Our partners, WISH Internships (www.internshipsdc.com) in Washington will communicate with you and assist in placing you in a premier internship suited to your interests prior to your arrival in Washington. Below is a sample list of possible internship sites. There are many additional opportunities in all fields for all majors.

- The White House
- The Department of Defense
- National Council on US-Arab Relations
- US Chamber of Commerce
- National Peace Corps Association
- National Committee
- INTERPOL
- Print and Broadcast Journalism Organizations
- Office of the US Trade Representative
- International Human Rights Law Group
- An Environmental Public Interest Group
- Congressional Offices and Committees
- National Criminal Justice Association
- The Democratic or Republican
- American Petroleum Institute
- Women’s Campaign Fund
- The Department of Justice

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Academic credits will need to be completed through a cooperating department or program at Bemidji State University. The Department of Political Science can help those interested in political science credits. Those students interested in receiving credits through different departments should contact their academic advisor. It is best that all interested students contact Dr. Patrick Donnay, BSU’s WISH Internship Advisor for more information.

PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER
Each semester one BSU student participant in a WISH internship may be eligible for a 6 credit tuition waiver. This tuition waiver means that when the student who receives the tuition waiver enrolls for credits, they will be expected to pay for a minimum of 6 credits but will receive credit for an additional 6 credits paid for by BSU. The criteria for eligibility for the tuition waiver are the following: The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and must have at least 60 credits at Bemidji State University. See Dr. Patrick Donnay for additional details.

HOUSING

Participants will live together in historic townhouses and apartments on Capitol Hill, owned and managed by Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH). These intern-only facilities are fully furnished and include Internet connection, cable TV, full kitchens, free laundry, etc. and are located near Metro.

Apply online! www.internshipsdc.com or contact your Bemidji State in Washington program advisor, Dr. Patrick Donnay at pdonnay@bemidjistate.edu.