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ALEX JIANG ’15
Intern at: The International Trade Administration
Majors: Managerial Economics and International Relations

The internship solidified my plans to pursue a career in cyber policy.

KAMAAL THOMAS ’16
Intern at: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Major: International Relations and Economics

The UCDC program fueled my passions and gave me the summer of a lifetime.

JENNIFER BOYER ’15
Intern at: American Council on Renewable Energy
Major: Environmental Sciences

It’s incredibly important to bridge the gap between healthcare and science policy.

LYNDZIE SARDENGA ’15
Intern at: Genetic Alliance
Major: Genetics

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Academic Year Program — 11 Weeks

• Internship - 8 units: students work 3–4 days per week (24–32 hours), leaving time for academic work.

• Core Research Seminar - 4 units: students enroll in one upper division core seminar designed to put the internship in an academic framework.

• Optional Elective - 4 units: students may choose from electives taught by faculty and local experts. Most meet one evening a week at the UCDC building.

You will continue to earn credit and be registered full-time at UC Davis during your quarter-in-residence (except for the summer non-credit option). Financial Aid may be available for students registered full-time.

Summer Program — 10 weeks

• Non-Credit Option: students participate exclusively in the internship, working 4–5 days per week (32–40 hours). While there is no enrollment fee, students do not earn academic credit but do receive transcript notation. Financial aid cannot be applied to this program option.

• Credit Option: students enroll in a 4 unit elective course in addition to working at an 8 unit internship for credit.

You must check with your major advisor to ensure that the courses you choose can be applied to your graduation requirements. Each department has a different procedure for petitioning major/minor credit for DC coursework, so we encourage you to talk with an academic advisor early in the planning process.

Awaken a Passion You Never Knew You Had

The internship is the heart of the Washington Program. You’ll have the opportunity to make real contributions in a work environment where people share your passions and interests. Students in all majors develop professional skills while gaining experience with experts in their fields and building valuable career connections.

Explore a Variety of Career Interests

Working in the nation’s capital allows you to explore a variety of career interests, occupations, and work environments. Internships are available at private, non-profit, international, and government agencies. With hundreds of possibilities, internships in Washington can open doors to professional opportunities you can’t find on campus.

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It’s amazing to see a member of Congress quoting a report you’ve just written for him.

BRADLEY BOTTOMS ‘14
Vorheis at The Office of U.S. Congressman John Garamendi
Major: Political Science - Public Service

Learn From Amazing Teachers

Imagine a class where a U.S. Supreme Court Justice is your guest instructor, giving an intimate Q & A to you and your classmates. Washington Program courses are taught by visiting UC professors, UCDC instructors and Washington area leaders, experts, and special guests such as Justice Anthony Kennedy, pictured above, who taught a class on the Constitution. Small classes give students close access to professors and an interactive learning environment.

Washington Program Costs and Expenses

University tuition and fees for the Washington Program are the same as a regular quarter on campus. Without exception, students are required to live at the UC Washington Center and housing costs vary by quarter. Round-trip airfare and local transportation also factor into the program cost and can vary widely. Be sure to budget for special trips and personal expenses and remember that your student ID gives discounts to many attractions.