

Women & Politics Institute's Summer Session
PROGRAM APPLICATION
June 20 – July 1, 2011

Please complete both sides of this application and print clearly.

Submit your application as soon as it is ready. We will review applications upon receipt, as long as we receive them in full by **April 1st**.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name _____
Last First MI

Birth Date ____/____/____ Social Security Number ____-____-____ Male Female

Permanent Address _____
Street Apartment/Unit

City State Zip Email _____

Home Phone (____) ____-____ Cell Phone (____) ____-____

Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information

Mother _____
Last First MI

Home Phone (____) ____-____ Cell Phone (____) ____-____ Email _____

Father _____
Last First MI

Home Phone (____) ____-____ Cell Phone (____) ____-____ Email _____

If either of your parents lives at a separate address, then please indicate which parent and provide the address.

Parent with Secondary Address _____
Last First MI

Secondary Parent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Section 3: Education Background

High School Name _____

High School Address _____
Street City State Zip

City State Zip Phone (____) ____-____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (include scale, e.g., 3.6/4.0) _____ Expected Graduation Date _____



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College Program for
High School Students

Summer 2011

June 20th - July 1st
Monday - Friday
9AM - 4PM

How to Apply:

Admission Requirements

- Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Academic Recommendation
- Processing Fee

Tuition / Fees

\$3,615 includes:

- Three College Credits
- Daily Lunch
- Field Trips

Admission Deadline

We must receive completed applications
(under one cover) no later than **April 1, 2011**.

For more information, please contact:

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A Message from the Director

Eighty-nine nations surpass the United States in the percentage of women serving in the national legislature. In the U.S. Congress, 83 percent of the members are men. Three-quarters of statewide elected officials and state legislators are men. Men occupy the governor's mansion in 44 of the 50 states. And men run City Hall in 93 of the largest 100 cities across the country.

The Women & Politics Institute strives to close the gender gap in political leadership.

- We provide young women with academic training that encourages them to become involved in the political process.
- We facilitate faculty and student research so as to enhance our understanding of the challenges women face in the political arena.
- We offer the only Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership in the country.
- We give women the skills necessary to run for public office, pursue a variety of political careers, and develop their leadership capabilities.
- And our new Summer Program for High School Students expands these opportunities to pre-college students.

I invite you to learn more about the Women & Politics Institute, and I hope you will join us in making history as we move more women into positions of political leadership.

Thank you,

Jennifer L. Lawless
Director, Women & Politics Institute
Associate Professor of Government

Women, Policy, & Political Leadership



Jennifer L. Lawless graduated from Union College in Schenectady, New York, with a B.A. in political science. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University.

A nationally recognized expert on women's involvement in politics, she is co-author (with Richard L. Fox) of the book, *It Still Takes A Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office* (2010). She has published numerous articles in political science journals and has issued two policy reports on the barriers that impede women's candidate emergence. She currently serves as editor of *Politics & Gender*. From 2003 – 2009, she was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Brown University.



Do you want to...

- earn three college credits before you even begin your freshman year of college?
- experience what it feels like to be a college student?
- hear from both scholars and practitioners about why so few women hold public office and why it's so important that more do?
- understand the barriers that women face on the campaign trail?
- ensure that your verbal and written communication skills meet college standards?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then the Women & Politics Institute's College Program for High School Students is for you!



Course Description

In this course, we will address women's political participation over time, why so few women hold public office, and what women's numeric under-representation implies for democratic governance and public policy outcomes. We will do this by taking full advantage of Washington, DC. The Summer Session is a non-residential program that blends a traditional seminar style classroom experience with field trips and guest speakers who are experts and leading practitioners in the political arena.

Sample Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 AM - 12 PM	Welcome & Course Overview	Introduction to Women & Politics	Women & Public Policy	Women, Campaigns, & Elections	Women & Political Leadership
12 PM - 1 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1 PM - 4 PM	Orientation AU ID Cards Campus Tour	Special Topic: <i>Politics of Girls' Empowerment</i>	Field Trip: <i>Sewall-Belmont House</i>	Special Topic: <i>Women on the Campaign Trail</i>	Field Trip: <i>Women's Campaign Forum</i>

Section 4: Personal Statement

Directions: Please attach on a separate page answers to the following three questions (each response should be approximately 250 words and may not exceed 300 words).

1. How will you benefit from participating in the Women & Politics Institute's Summer Session?
2. Describe a previous leadership role in which you served and explain what you learned from the experience.
3. Why is closing the gender gap in political leadership important to you?

Additional Materials

Teacher Recommendation Letter: Please ask a teacher to write a brief letter of recommendation. The letter does not have to be in any particular format, but should address why the teacher believes you would succeed in a demanding academic college environment, as well as in a program that focuses on women and politics.

School Transcript (official or unofficial): Please enclose a transcript with your fall semester grades.

Processing Fee: Please include a non-refundable processing fee by check or money order in the amount of \$50 payable to the Women & Politics Institute. If you would prefer to pay by credit card, then please call us.

Important: Your completed application (personal statement, letter of recommendation, school transcript, \$50 processing fee, and application) must be enclosed IN ONE ENVELOPE. Please send this package to:

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We understand that the individuals writing your letters of recommendation, as well as the office from which you will obtain your transcript, may want to send these materials directly to the Institute. Please ask them instead to provide you the materials in a signed, sealed envelope that you can enclose with your other application materials. We will only process complete applications that arrive under one cover. If this is not possible, then please let us know and we can make alternative arrangements.

Questions? Please call our office at (202) 885-2903 or email us at wpi@american.edu.

In compliance with the student Right-To-Know Act, American University publishes annual reports which disclose information about the athletic programs and campus security. The campus security report included campus crime statistics and is published annually by September 1. A copy may be obtained by calling (202) 885-2525. The athletic reports include athlete participation and graduation rates and are published annually by October 15. A copy of either of these reports may be obtained by calling Athletic Communication at (202) 885-3030.