



THE WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

WINS Course Information

Washington Semester American Indian Program: Washington Internships for Native Students

Please note that all WINS participants are required to enroll in two American University courses, for a total of 6-credits. You must share the AU course information with your college advisor to discuss the transfer of credits to your home institution.

GOVT-391 (undergraduate)/691 (graduate) WINS Internship Course, 3 credits: Required

Course Description: This course is composed of your internship and an academic seminar class designed to provide a formal means for you to analyze your internship, explore issues that arise in the workplace in the course of any career, and determine ways in which the internship experience can be used to help you best achieve your long term professional goals. The coursework and assignments will help you learn useful skills, gain the most from your internship, and serves as a forum to analyze and reflect upon your work at your internship site and on the organization itself.

Federal Indian Policy, 3 credits: Required. Note: if you have taken a similar class at your home school, you must notify WINS in advance in writing and take an alternate class below.*

The course on the formation of Federal Indian Policy will focus on the dynamics of the development of federal policy in the field of Indian affairs from a historical point of view. The purpose of this course to learn the current status of both Indians and tribes within the United States today and to understand the history of the formation of federal Indian Policy resulting in today's reality. Accordingly, we will analyze, both historically and contemporaneously, the relationship between Indians and the states, federal government and other actors.

Special Topics Course:*

American Indian Community Development in the 21st century, 3 credits (Tentative)

This course considers American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian community development and contemporary concerns in Indian Country. It looks at political sovereignty, economic development, cultural resources, health care, housing, environmental issues, education, and AI/AN/NH expression. The course examines ways in which leaders can address these broad issues, problems and opportunities that AI/AN/NH face in the 21st century.

Alternate Class: Required if one of the other WINS classes is not taken. *

You may choose to do an independent study for 3 credits. Alternatively, you may register for an approved evening class after 5:00 pm, at a time conducive to your full-time internship schedule. Course information and the schedule of AU classes is available here: <http://www.american.edu/registrar>

Student Name

Social Security Number

***You are automatically enrolled in the required WINS courses unless you write an appeal for exception to the Dean of the Washington Semester Program. Attach a separate letter with the rationale.** If you have a special request or are interested in an independent study, please consult with WINS staff. WSP Experiential Learning Coordinator Liz Litchfield at 202-885-5934, who will help confirm which elective class you choose.

Elective or Independent Study Preferences if the appeal is approved:

1st Choice)

AU course number	AU course name	credit hours

2nd Choice)

AU course number	AU course name	credit hours

