

# WASHINGTON SEMESTER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*at* AMERICAN UNIVERSITY



## Colloquium in Non-Profit Careers

Course Code:	WSEM-400-005
Credit Hours:	3 Credits
In-Class Contact Hours:	3.5 contact hours per week/24.5 contact hours for the summer term
Internship Hours:	32+ per week/224+ for the summer term
Portfolio:	Students will create a comprehensive portfolio of their internship and seminar experiences at the end of the term.

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### Course Description

This course focuses on politics, policy, and community issues as they pertain to non-profit professionals and organizations. Students will meet with representatives from government agencies, the advocacy and litigation community, grassroots non-profit organizations, and policy organizations. Course topics may include community impact, grassroots advocacy, public and private partnerships, and funding challenges for non-profit organizations.

### At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify key influencers in local, national, and global arenas that affect non-profit organizations.
- Articulate personal perspectives on such issues as community building, development priorities, and the connections between them - using key field vocabulary.
- Understand and apply varied approaches to solving challenges of non-profit organizations.
- Identify distinctive characteristics of non-profit organizations.