

WASHINGTON SEMESTER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

at AMERICAN UNIVERSITY



Colloquium in Professional Development in DC

Course Code:	WSEM-400-001
Credit Hours:	1 credit
In-Class Contact Hours:	2 contact hours per week/16 contact hours for the summer term
Internship Hours:	32+ per week/224+ for the summer term

Course Description

This course will guide students on topics ranging from resume building to networking opportunities to career planning. Students will learn how to leverage past work experience and skill-building opportunities via in-depth career training, along with a customized internship experience. The course will coach students on cultivating growth in the areas of self-knowledge; designing a meaningful career path; and taking action to explore varied career options.

At the conclusion of this course, students will have:

- Expanded knowledge about professional opportunities in varied fields.
- Increased awareness of the experiential learning process itself— developing both the ability to identify and articulate what they have learned in their offices and the ability to analyze their own performance, including an evaluation of their professional strengths and weaknesses, as well as of their growth in knowledge about the field in which they worked.
- The ability to explain the value of integrating theory and practice and give real life examples from their own experience of how what they studied in class applied to their work in their internship offices.
- Detailed job searching skills, such as networking and self-marketing (e.g., resume and cover letter writing, as well as job interviewing) and, more importantly, specific sets of professional skills related to the work they performed in their internship offices.
- Greater understanding of how to apply strategies of professional communications and conduct in order to be successful in diverse and complex workplace environments.
- Enhanced abilities to work collaboratively and effectively in teams.