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.

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.