

WASHINGTON, D.C.

LUTHERAN COLLEGE WASHINGTON SEMESTER (LCWS)

Program Features

- Real-world work experience through various internships
- Housing in furnished condos near Iwo Jima Memorial and within walking distance to Georgetown
- Weekly field trips
- 16-credit semester consisting of two 4-credit courses and an 8-credit internship
- Open to all majors

Estimated Semester Costs

TUITION: Regular CLU tuition

HOUSING: Mogen rate paid to CLU

BOARD: Students responsible for own meals

Airfare and additional personal expenses are the responsibility of the student. Travel grants are available.



"My favorite part about studying in D.C. was becoming a local in such a popular tourist destination. It was great when someone asked me for restaurant advice or directions, and I could easily provide them with the information they needed!"

-Candice Cerro '09



The City

As the center of American politics and a metropolitan city, the nation's capital is a fast-paced and exciting area for young adults. With world-famous monuments and museums around every corner, the city offers endless cultural and entertainment options. The Smithsonian, the White House, and numerous memorials are just a few highlights of this great city. An extensive metro system connects the surrounding areas and makes exploring easy.

The University

Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) was founded in 1986 by a group of Lutheran colleges to provide a residential program for their students to study and intern in Washington, D.C.

Professors teach evening courses Monday through Thursday. In addition to classes, students are required to participate in field trips, meetings with experts, workshops, and 12 hours of community service.

The Program

LCWS incorporates evening courses with an internship, linking academic interests to challenging, practical experiences. Course options have included Public Policy Issues, Capital Landmarks in Art and Architecture, Political Communications, and Public Relations Seminar among others. Students select two courses to earn 8 credits and complete 8 internship credits for a full 16-credit semester.

With help from LCWS, students apply for internships in a wide spectrum of fields. Past participants have interned at the Smithsonian, the U.S. Senate, CNN, and various non-profit organizations. CLU students from all majors benefit from this valuable experience. Students are encouraged to apply early as this competitive program fills up quickly.

Housing

While in Washington, D.C., students live in fully-furnished condos across the Potomac River in Arlington, Virginia. The two bedroom/two bath condos typically house four students. In addition to complete furnishings, each unit features a kitchen with accessories, laundry facilities, and high-speed internet. No meal plans are available, however, a supermarket and numerous restaurants are a short walk from the condos. The complex is just two blocks from the Rosslyn metro station, which serves the entire area.



Approximate Program Dates

FALL: SEPTEMBER- DECEMBER
CLU Online Application due March 1

SPRING: JANUARY- APRIL
CLU Online Application due October 1