

Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program

The internship program affords students the opportunity to combine academic study with practical political and professional experience. WHIP is a semester-long program, offered in both the fall and spring semesters. Students participating in WHIP earn 15 hours of credit for the semester.

- Students enroll in two academic classes and also work in Washington, D.C., in a political internship in the public or private sector.
- WHIP students are responsible for securing their internships in Washington, D.C., with assistance from WHIP personnel.
- WHIP students take two 3-hour courses:
 - POL 402: Public Policy (taught by Dr. David J. Bobb, Director, Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship, and lecturer in political science); and
 - POL 320: American National Security Studies (taught by Dr. Todd Lowery, Worsham Adjunct Fellow, and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict, and Interdependent Capabilities within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- Students will earn three grades: one grade for each of the two political science courses for a total of six hours of political science credit; and one grade for the nine hours of WHIP credit (WHP 385) based on successful completion of the internship for nine hours of general elective credits.
- WHIP is open to students in all majors.
- The only prerequisite for the program is completion of POL 101: The U.S. Constitution.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the program during their junior or senior years. Only in exceptional cases will second-semester sophomores be allowed to enroll in the program. Freshmen are ineligible for WHIP.
- Tuition for WHIP is the same as a regular full-semester class load at Hillsdale College. Room and board expenses are the responsibility of each student.
- Scholarships are available, and are awarded as part of the internship interview process.
- Housing for WHIP is coordinated with the Heritage Foundation's Johnson Intern Building.
- WHIP applications are due Monday, October 12, by Noon.
- Professional interviews will take place the week of October 12. Students may drop off applications and sign up for interview appointments at the office of Mrs. Margie King, third floor Moss Hall (across from the CCA office area).
- Students will be notified of their WHIP application status prior to the start of fall break, October 15.
- An orientation seminar in Washington, D.C., conducted at the outset of the semester by Hillsdale College staff members including Dr. David Bobb, is mandatory. Also mandatory is an on-campus orientation session to be conducted later this semester.
- Questions? E-mail WHIP@hillsdale.edu.