

## The Washington Center Intern Program

The Washington Center provides internships for all majors including the arts, politics, international relations, non-profits, health, civil rights, environment and media. USF students are eligible for scholarships up to \$5,000 and may earn up to 12 USF credits. Interns will experience seminars, congressional breakfasts, and presidential lectures while living in comfortable apartments with students from around the country.

Students in the Main Program are assigned a program supervisor and, like all Washington Center interns, take a class each semester. Sample placements include the White House, U.S. Congress, National Education Association, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Institutes of Health, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Arena Stage, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs among hundreds of others.



USF students can experience the nation's capital through The Washington Center intern program.



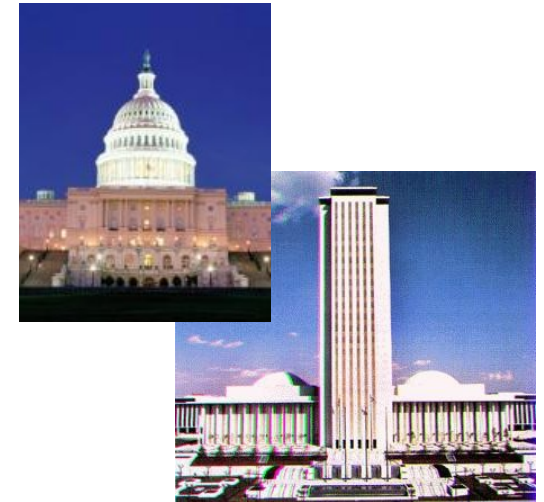
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# Public Policy Programs



*It's time to get involved in Public Policy & the Legislative Process through the Public Policy Programs sponsored by :*

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**Public Policy & Policy Makers Class  
Legislative Directed Study Program  
Legislative Internship Program  
Tallahassee Internship Program  
The Washington Center Internship Program**

## **Alumni Legislative & Public Policy Programs at USF**

As a student at the University of South Florida you have the opportunity to become actively involved in the political process through a variety of programs that will help prepare you for a future in Public Policy. The USF Alumni Association has partnered with the USF College of Arts & Sciences to offer several programs that take you inside the legislative process and introduce you to the policymakers, their all-important staff, lobbyists, and our USF alumni already working in government.

### **Policy Makers Class**

The Public Policy & Policy Makers class, offered during the fall semester introduces students to the process of decision-making at the state level of government. It offers a unique opportunity to learn from a distinguished group of guest speakers including prominent policy makers, former state government officials, and business leaders. Past speakers include former Governors' Chiefs of Staff, the Governor's Legislative Affairs Director, state legislators from the House and Senate, the Deputy Attorney General from Florida, the publisher of Florida Trend Magazine and lobbyists from the most prestigious political lobbying firms in Florida; most of them are USF graduates who started out right where you are now. Five (5) students from this class are chosen to participate in the Legislative Directed Study Program for the spring semester.

### **Legislative Directed Study (LDS)**

Learn how a bill "really becomes a law" and watch the legislative process from the inside as you follow the hottest issues of the day. Talk with the lobbyists, the lawmakers, the staff directors and analysts in meetings, during receptions, at dinner and sometimes in the hallways of the Florida Capitol. This program involves five USF Public Policy students in a more direct, practical experience with the legislative process in Tallahassee by visiting the Capitol several times during the spring semester. Students receive class credit for following substantial issues

through the entire legislative session from committee meetings to the final days of session, reflecting upon your experience in academic journals, and then completing a major research paper based upon your participation in the process. USF Alumni Association Council of 100 members serve as mentors during the Capitol visits and introduce students to key individuals who may have a stake in the outcome of particular bills related to your issues. Each student selected receives a \$500 scholarship from the Alumni Association to defray lodging and travel costs to Tallahassee.



Spring 09 LIP students hold mock debate in Senate Chamber.

### **Legislative Intern Program (LIP)**

Be part of the legislative staff while working at the local and district offices of Florida's United States Senators and Congressmen, members of the Florida Senate and House of Representatives, the Tampa City Council, the Hillsborough County Commission, or other local government offices.

See how the elected officials interact with other elected offices and with the public through conducting legislative research, providing constituent service, attending public meetings and working with legislative staff on community projects. Students receive two (2) class credits for serving nine (9) hours each week in the elected official's office, and two (2) credits for attending the academic component of the class, a weekly seminar, where students discuss and reflect upon the experience of the internship. Through the Legislative Intern Program you will see the inner-workings of local, state and federal government, and obtain valuable experience that will give you an advantage in applying for work in the legislative arena following graduation. Approved applicants receive a \$250 scholarship from the Alumni Association to defray travel costs.

### **Tallahassee Intern Program (TIP)**

The USF Tallahassee Intern Program offers undergraduate students, at the junior and senior level, the opportunity to work with officials in the state capitol in Tallahassee during Florida's annual legislative session. Each student is carefully matched with an elected official, appointed Cabinet official, state agency office or lobbying organization willing to provide a meaningful learning experience. An on-campus supervisor maintains regular

contact with the student and the official to guarantee that the goals of the internship program are being achieved. Each student will spend five days per week in the official's Tallahassee office, for which he/she will earn six credits. In addition, the academic foundation for the internship will be provided by a three-credit Tallahassee seminar that will meet in the Capitol at a time specified, and there will be three credits for a compressed course to be offered on the Tampa campus during the weeks before the legislative session begins. Thus, students who complete the program will have the opportunity to earn a total of 12 credits in the USF Tallahassee Intern Program. Students are responsible for tuition and fees in accordance with USF policies. Students also are responsible for transportation to the state capital and expenses they incur during the program. Students are awarded a \$2,500 stipend from the USF Alumni Association in partnership with USF Student Government and the USF College of Arts & Sciences, and an additional \$1,000 scholarship from the H. Lee Moffitt Scholarship Fund. The stipend is intended to defray expenses while participating in the program.



Governor Charlie Crist speaks with 2009 TIP students.

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