

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

**OU-Gaylord College: 2011 Summer in Washington, D.C. Program**

**Program Overview**

The OU 2011 Summer in Washington, D.C. Program will immerse current University of Oklahoma Gaylord College students into the culture of government and politics in the Nation's capitol. Students will learn about campaign, governance and interest group politics in weekly seminars, featuring political practitioners and national political journalists. They receive practical experience in, and exposure to national politics as interns through various Washington offices.

**Program Dates**

The Summer 2011 program dates are TBD. Please contact Jana Davis, (405) 325-0918, for more information.

**Application**

Students will need to submit an official program application **no later than Wednesday, November 4, 2009**. Each application will have 1.) Statement of Interest, 2.) Personal References, 3.) Writing/Work samples, and 4.) Resume`. Application packets may be found on the Gaylord College website, "Student Opportunities," OU Summer In Washington Program beginning October 1, 2009. Additionally, application packets will be available in the Gaylord College Student Services Center, on the second floor of Gaylord Hall, again, beginning October 1. Students will be notified of their application status by mid-November.

**College Credit**

This summer experience ***will require*** JMC students to earn a total of one (1) credit hour of experience for the summer semester through JMC 4970, Gaylord College Summer in Washington, D.C., Program. This is a full summer course (meeting in both June and July). Students may also be eligible to register for internship credit for their experience if eligible. See Heather Spencer, Gaylord College Career and Internship Coordinator for information and eligibility for the additional internship credit **option**.

**Cost**

Students will be responsible for their University of Oklahoma tuition and fee charges, as well as housing, transportation to and from (and while in) Washington, D.C., meals, and other personal and miscellaneous expenses incurred getting to, living in, and associated with their time in the Washington, D.C., area. On average, you should expect to spend approximately \$5,000 for living, transportation, food, and miscellaneous expenses while in Washington, D.C.

**Fellowships**

There will hopefully be a limited number of fellowships available for this program. Your program application will also serve as your fellowship application. Fellowship amounts will be announced before December 15, and in conjunction with the program application. Fellowship notification and program acceptance will occur simultaneously.

**Internship Placement**

Gaylord College faculty and staff will assist you to secure an appropriate internship in Washington, D.C. You should seek out and take the lead in this placement process to secure the internship that would best fit you. Note that summer internships in the Washington, D.C. area typically last a minimum of ten (10) weeks.

**Housing**

Gaylord College will assist students in locating housing in the Washington, D.C., area. Students will be responsible for securing their place of residence while in the Washington, D.C., area, including payment (which can be expensive). Efforts will be made to direct students toward dormitory housing at area colleges and universities.

**Gaylord College recommends that students stay in dormitory housing at the George Washington University (Foggy Bottom area). This is based on past student recommendations.**

**Questions**

Contact Mr. John M. Hockett, Assistant Dean for Student Services and Administration, Gaylord College, [jhockett@ou.edu](mailto:jhockett@ou.edu) , 325-0918.