Program Overview
The OU 2011 Summer in Washington, D.C. Program will immerse 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 begins on Monday, May 30, 2011, and ends on Friday, August 5, 2011. The faculty-led topical seminars will occur Tuesday, June 14 through Thursday, July 21 (three times each week—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.). Students will continue in their internship placement through August 5.

Application
Students will need to submit an official program application by no later than Friday, November 5, 2010. 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, 2010. Additionally, application packets will be available in the Gaylord College Student Services Center, on the second floor of Gaylord Hall, again, beginning October 1.

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.

Fellowship Stipends
There will be a limited number of fellowship stipends available for this program. Your program application will also serve as your fellowship application. Fellowship amounts will be announced on October 1 in conjunction with the program application. Fellowship notification and program acceptance will occur simultaneously. Stipend amounts for the last two (2) years have been $3,000 per Fellow.

Internship Placement
Gaylord College will place you in an appropriate internship in Washington, D.C. Your selection as a Gaylord College Fellow will come with an internship attached. If you are selected and accept the Fellowship, then you also agree to accept the internship that the Gaylord College selects for you. Note that summer internships in the Washington, D.C. area typically last a minimum of ten (10) weeks.

Housing
Gaylord College recommends that students stay in dormitory housing at the George Washington University (Foggy Bottom area). This is based on past student recommendations. Students will be ultimately responsible for securing their place of residence while in the Washington, D.C., area, including payment (which can be expensive).

Questions
Contact Mr. John M. Hockett, Assistant Dean for Student Services and Administration, Gaylord College, jhockett@ou.edu, 325-0918.