

FIU IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

# GREEN SCHOOL

STEVEN J. GREEN SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS



## SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

### Looking for a career in policymaking or advocacy?

#### Do you want to make an impact on the national stage?

Let FIU get you there with a one-of-a-kind semester in Washington, D.C., exclusively for undergraduates enrolled in the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, in collaboration with the **Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy** and **FIU in Washington, D.C.**

Combine your academic knowledge with a hands-on opportunity to develop skills essential to a career in public affairs, policy and advocacy. The program begins in summer 2025 with an asynchronous, noncredit online course and continues in Washington, D.C., in fall 2025 with in-person classroom sessions at FIU's center on Capitol Hill and a paid internship that FIU will help you secure.

#### Why a semester in Washington, D.C.?

Washington, D.C. stands as a symbol of American history, democracy and governance. It is the meeting place of the U.S. Congress and the epicenter of federal policymaking. Laws, intelligence decisions, foreign and military affairs, budget appropriations and more fall under the purview of Congress. By studying and interning in D.C., you will dive into an environment where key decisions are made while gaining firsthand experience and insight into the workings of government.

Faculty, government officials, agency heads and other leading experts will be your instructors. The FIU network of alumni and friends will serve as guides as you build your knowledge and plan for your career.

**Who should apply:** Anyone interested in policy and advocacy to influence government decisions, raise public awareness about important issues and promote the adoption of laws and regulations that benefit society. Interested students must attend an information session. Once applications are received/reviewed, select students will be invited for an interview.

**Students pursuing a major, minor or certificate within the Green School with at least 45 credits and minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply.**

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO ENRICH YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. JOIN US AND TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD BECOMING AN ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE.**

**APPLY NOW**



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**Priority Deadline: March 7**  
**Applications accepted on a rolling basis until all seats are filled.**

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**SUMMER 2025: Foundational Learning Online: “Fundamentals of Public Advocacy for Informed Citizens”** is a free, noncredit online course. Learners go at their own pace and earn a credential upon completion.

Developed by the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy, the course teaches how to interact with policymakers at all levels of government. Learners acquire an understanding of the different levels; which to contact regarding specific issues; how to effectively communicate positions; how to develop relationships with elected officials and staff; and how to advocate for positions and outcomes.

Several other free courses are available for students who want to further prepare for the D.C. experience, including Civic Leadership and Engagement and D.C. Ready: Fundamentals of Government and Policy for Career Success.

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## FALL 2025: Immersive learning in the heart of the nation’s capital

The experience in Washington, D.C. includes three components that offer a comprehensive introduction to policymaking and advocacy at the highest levels.

### ACADEMIC COURSES: UP TO TWO IN-PERSON COURSES

**PAD 3003 (GL) - Introduction to Public Policy and Service (3 credits)** Provides an overview of the field of public administration by focusing on its development and importance in government operations. Must be taken in first 12 hours of upper-division coursework.

**ISS 4385 Effective Governmental Communication (3 credits)** Improves communications for governmental professions, enhancing research and effective writing skills, and developing briefing techniques.

**PAID INTERNSHIP (potential credit, per your department):** A paid internship enables you to apply knowledge and skills gained from the micro-credential as you experience how policy is crafted and implemented, and engage with key stakeholders in real-world settings. FIU’s student support team assists students to identify and apply for internships that align with their interests and connects them with mentors and coaches.

**THE TALENT LAB: LEARNING COMMUNITY:** The FIU in DC center provides professional development presentations for students and recent graduates. The series enables students to: engage with policymakers across a spectrum of organizations; appreciate why communication is key to successful advocacy; understand how emerging technologies are transforming the career landscape and the skills to stay abreast of advances; recognize the value of seeking multiple perspectives on issues; and understand the value of entrepreneurial thinking, workplace soft skills, networking and goal setting

**COST:** Students pay FIU tuition and must be enrolled full time. (Full-time enrollment requires that a student take courses that together equal a minimum of 12 credits, inclusive of online courses.) Financial aid applies. Consult your financial advisor or OneStop for additional information.

Housing is not provided; it is an additional cost, and students are responsible for seeking out housing options. A list of options is provided at [washingtondc.fiu.edu](http://washingtondc.fiu.edu).

## SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

**Congress:** Florida Members of Congress, Congressional Committees, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

### Executive Branch and Federal

**Agencies:** The White House, White House Office of Science Technology Policy, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of State, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### National Strategic Partners:

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, MITRE Corporation, Partnership for Public Service, STEM Connector, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Global Leadership Council

**Think Tanks:** American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution, CATO Institute, Center for American Progress, Council on Foreign Relations, Heritage Foundation

### Humanities and Culture:

Smithsonian Museums

## ADJUNCT FACULTY AND GUEST SPEAKERS COULD INCLUDE

Former members of Congress and chiefs of staff, vice president of the National Association of Broadcasters, top officials from U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, higher education lobbyists and public health experts.

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**The Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs** equips students with the knowledge, experience and tools to create a better world. Through an innovative approach that integrates theory with practice and combines the social sciences with the humanities, the Green School prepares the global leaders and changemakers of tomorrow.

**The Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy** serves as the forefront of public policy discourse by leading, integrating and delivering exceptional multidisciplinary education and research while improving the competitiveness and diversity of students and professionals entering the workforce.

**FIU in Washington, D.C.** showcases the impact of FIU research, provides students with engaged academic experiences and internships, and convenes national partners for meaningful conversations across a broad range of issues as it brings the magic of Miami to the nation’s capital.