

COLUMBUS PROGRAM IN STATE ISSUES

College of Sciences and Humanities
Department of Political Science
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Full Description

The Columbus Program in State Issues provides students the opportunity to experience firsthand the public policy making process in Ohio's state capital while earning a full semester's credit toward graduation. The program is a unique learning community and requires full-time residence in Columbus during the fall semester. The program is offered, in part, with the cooperation of Kent State alumni living and working in the greater Columbus area and, thus, offers students excellent career networking opportunities.

About This Program

Immerse yourself in the heart of Ohio's policymaking with the Columbus Program in State Issues. This selective, semester-long experience places students from all majors into tailored internships in Columbus, offering firsthand exposure to state government operations and professional networking opportunities. Live steps from the Statehouse, attend briefings with influential leaders and build career-ready skills in a dynamic, real-world setting. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Columbus

Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to students from all academic disciplines who have completed a minimum 45 credit hours of college coursework with a minimum 2.500 overall GPA.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Program Requirements		
POL 41990	COLUMBUS PROGRAM IN STATE ISSUES (ELR)	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

¹ Students receive 15 credit hours of academic credit, broken down as follows: 6 credit hours for attending regular briefings; 6 credit hours for completing an internship in Columbus; and 3 credit hours for completing the requirements while residing in Columbus.

Program Learning Outcomes

Completers of this program will be able to:

1. Master the protocol of state government processes.
2. Be competent in analyzing, monitoring and promoting policy.
3. Establish professional networks that will launch their careers in public service, advocacy, lobbying or related endeavors.