



The John Glenn College of Public Affairs Washington Academic Internship Program

What's WAIP?

- I lived and worked in Washington, D.C. for the summer with 35 other Ohio State students
- Interned at Sustained Dialogue Institute for 32 hours/week, Monday-Thursday. Sustained Dialogue is a social justice, civil discourse nonprofit. Fun fact: I am the president of OSU's Sustained Dialogue chapter!
- Earned 12 OSU credits through my internship, a weekly class called Issues in Contemporary Governance, and a research thesis (that will count for my capstone paper! I wrote my thesis on Title X funding for reproductive healthcare services, and the disparate impact on women of color that the Trump Administration's proposed legislative changes would have.
- We had weekly "policy salons" that included networking events, public speaking workshops, and professional development events.
- My cohort participated in Friday "study tours" to places like the White House, Pentagon, African American History Museum, Holocaust Museum, and different service events.

Why WAIP?



I chose to do this program so I could spend the summer in our nation's capital and get a feel for if it was something I really wanted! For anyone interested in politics, public policy, or the nonprofit world, I highly recommend it! I got exposure to rallies, think tanks, and meetings with politicians such as Joe Biden, Sherrod Brown, and Rob Portman!



Transformations

Spending the summer interning in Washington, D.C. and living in a new city really helped me expand my career interests, as well as giving me invaluable connections and practice networking. I now feel more confident about my options and abilities after graduation, and am even more motivated to be studying public policy and making the world a more equitable place.

