

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

**Program:** Washington Internship Program  
**Dates:** Spring Semester

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

**Program Description:** This program provides students from all disciplines the opportunity to build on their knowledge and understanding of politics and its relationship to their own field of study by immersing them in the life and culture of Washington, DC, and the real world of politics through an internship in the nation’s capital. Students will participate in an internship 30-35 hours per week, take 3 Furman faculty-taught political science classes during evenings , and participate in a service-learning project.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop				X		X	
Use of smart device				X		X	
Traditional Classroom			X				X
Indoor Course Work				X			X
Outdoor Course Work			X		X		
Group Work		X			X		
Presentations			X			X	
Interactions with local residents				X			X
Field Work				X			X
Internship				X			X
Research			X				X
Comments:							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options					X
Vegan Options					X
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals		X			
Cooking for oneself					X
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments: Students will shop for groceries and cook for themselves daily or eat out at restaurants. Student apartments will have a shared kitchen.					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment	X				
Mountainous	X				
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban					X
Rural	X				
High Elevation	X				
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution				X	
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness		X			
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments: It's Washington DC. Normal levels of city pollution.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment					X
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel	X				
Cell phone signal available					X
Internet signal available					X
Comments: There are limited options for students to have a room for themselves if accessibility requires it. Students will live in shared apartments at the Washington Center.					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage		X			
Carrying luggage upstairs	X				
Carrying equipment			X		
Carrying groceries			X		
Standing 30+ minutes					
Walking 1+ miles	X				
Hiking (easy)	X				
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours			X		
Use of public transportation					X
Flat terrain				X	
Hilly terrain			X		
Stairs			X		
Comments: Most buildings should have elevators and be accessible, but there may be some historic sites that have stairs. Class and the internship should be in places that are accessible. Students will use public transportation daily.					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: n/a					