Study Government and Politics in Washington D.C.  
POLS 497:P002—Small-Group Study in Political Science  
March 11-14, 2012

Students and faculty will travel to the nation’s capital for an intensive four-day, three-night, hands-on seminar in government and politics. We will tour and meet officials at the White House, Congress, and Supreme Court. The seminar will take place at the beginning of spring break.

Instructor: Art Ward, PhD, Associate Professor, NIU Department of Political Science.

Program Fee: $775  
(Excludes tuition and fees)

Students are required to enroll in POLS 497:P002, spring 2012, through MyNIU.

Fee includes accommodations, dinner March 11 at the historic Old Ebbitt Grill, a DC alumni reception, and pre-paid Metro Card for transportation in DC. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from DC.

A non-refundable deposit of $250 is due by January 20, 2012, with the balance due by February 17, 2012.

Course Requirements:
Students are required to attend a March 2 mandatory orientation meeting on the NIU campus as well as all program events in Washington D.C. Readings will be provided by the instructor and students are required to keep a journal of their experiences during the trip. The journal is due at a mandatory debriefing meeting at NIU March 23 (time and location TBA). The course grade will be based on attendance at the mandatory meetings and events.

Accommodations:
Students will share rooms (two students per room) with two queen beds at the Doubletree Suites located at 1515 Rhode Island Ave., NW, near Dupont Circle and the White House. The hotel has a fitness center and restaurant and is within walking distance of Metro stops, restaurants, and attractions.

Tentative Itinerary

Friday, March 2
• Mandatory orientation meeting at NIU (time and location TBA).

Sunday, March 11
• 5:00 pm – Arrive in DC, check into hotel.
• 8:30 pm – Dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill (included).

Monday, March 12
• 9:00 am – Tour U.S. Supreme Court.
• 12:00 pm – Lunch on your own at Supreme Court Cafeteria.
• 1:30 pm – Meet w/ staff and local member of U.S. House.
• 2:30 pm – Tour U.S. Capitol.
• 3:30 pm – Visit House & Senate galleries.
• Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, March 13
• 9:00 am – Tour of the White House.
• 10:30 am – Meet w/ White House staffer.
• Lunch on your own at the Longworth House Office Building.
• Tour D.C. Monuments.
• 6:00 pm – Final program reception with DC-area alumni.
• Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, March 14
• Depart D.C.

Friday, March 23
• Mandatory debriefing meeting at NIU (time and location TBA).
Register Now! Enrollment is Limited!

Registration Request Form

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Two Ways to Register:
1. Call (815) 753-5200 to register and pay with a credit card;
2. Bring completed registration form and payment in person to: Northern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, External Programming, 148 N 3rd St, Room 152, DeKalb.

Program Fee: $775 Fee includes hotel accommodations (double-occupancy), March 11 dinner, a DC alumni reception, and a pre-paid Metro Card for transportation in DC.

Deposit and Payment: A non-refundable deposit of $250 is required with completed registration and health forms by Friday, January 20, 2012 (to be applied to the program fee balance). Please note students will not be able to register for POLS 497:P002 until the deposit is paid in full. All registrations must be paid in full (no exceptions) by Friday, February 17, 2012.

[ ] I have enrolled for POLS 497:P002, spring 2012, through MyNIU.

$___775___ Total fees due
$__________ Total enclosed (Minimum of $250 non-refundable deposit due by Friday, January 20, 2012.)
$__________ Balance due by Friday, February 17, 2012.

Name _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Permanent Mailing Address ___________________________________________________________________________________

City _________________________________________________ State ___________ ZIP Code ____________________________

Local Mailing Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

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Day Phone ______________________________________ Evening Phone ______________________________________________

E-Mail Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Roommate(s) Requested ______________________________________________________________________________________

[ ] Check here and attach an explanation (required) if you have special needs that are regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

[ ] Enclosed is a check payable to Northern Illinois University:

[ ] $250 non-refundable deposit; [ ] Full balance due; [ ] Other amount $__________

[ ] Please charge my [ ] MasterCard [ ] Discover [ ] American Express (VISA not accepted):

[ ] $250 non-refundable deposit; [ ] Full balance due; [ ] Other amount $__________

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Cancellation Policy: Cancellation requests must be received in writing by 4 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2012, and are subject to the $250 non-refundable deposit. Full refunds are given when NIU cancels a program or a program with limited enrollment is