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Dear Troy,

As a valued partner institution representative for **American University's Washington Semester Program**, you understand the value of an internship and experiential education focused semester in DC. But did you know, this type of experience is also available to post-bac students?

Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) will provide your recent graduates and young alumni an excellent way to explore a professional career and graduate school—at the same time. This one-semester program is a perfect next step for recent college graduates who want to:

- build a professional network, with an internship or focused research in Washington, D.C., that can lead to enhanced career contacts and possibly a job, or
- begin graduate studies with a few courses that can be transferred and used to strengthen graduate school applications.

By earning **9-graduate credits through coursework** and completing a **three day-per-week internship**, students have opportunities to explore careers, build professional networks, and bolster graduate school applications. Students can choose from six program tracks to best suit their academic and professional interests: **U.S. Politics & Policy, Biotechnology, International Affairs, Global Business & Trade, Sports Management & Media, and Diplomacy, Defense, & Development.**

Graduate Professional Studies also offers a **Summer Program**, in which **rising senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and young professionals in DC** can take a 3-credit seminar in **Political Communication or Sports Management & Media**, complemented by professional development activities and support.

Applications are now being accepted for our spring 2017, summer 2017, and fall 2017 programs. Enclosed please find a GPS poster and additional information on our program. If you or your students have any questions, please contact me at knox@american.edu or at 202-895-4859. More information can also be found online www.american.edu/spexs/gps.

I look forward to working with you and welcoming your students and alumni to AU's Graduate Professional Studies soon!

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CREATE YOUR PATH AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.



AVERAGE
CLASS
SIZE **10**

58%

of students
USED GPS TO LEAD INTO
A MASTER'S PROGRAM AT
AU OR ELSEWHERE

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You've earned your bachelor's degree. Now you need the connections and foundation to strengthen your resume and pave the way toward professional and academic success.

AU's Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) offers graduate-level academic credit and applied experience with specialized research projects or internship experience. In the fall and spring semesters, you will earn 9-credits through:

- Seminar course (3 credits)
- Internship (3 days per week, 3 credits) or Research course (online, 3 credits)
- Evening graduate-level elective course (3 credits)

With seminar options during the day and evening, you can find a program that works with your life.

Graduate Professional Studies classes are designed to transfer into degree seeking graduate programs at American University or other institutions.*

PROGRAMS OFFERED IN:

U.S. Politics & Policy

Diplomacy, Defense, & Development

Global Business & Trade

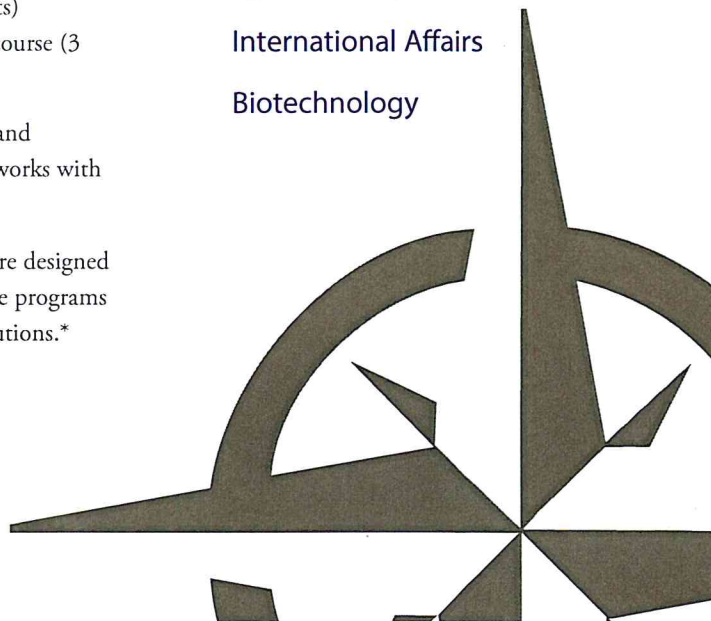
Sports Management & Media

International Affairs

Biotechnology

*Please note: the transferability of credits rests with the program you pursue after completion of the your GPS semester.

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GAIN APPLICABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

In the fall and spring programs, you will have the opportunity to conduct focused research on a topic of your choice or participate in a 3-day per week internship. As part of the internship component you will have access to the School of Professional & Extended Studies (SPEX) Internship Database—the largest of its kind focusing on internships in the Washington, D.C. area. With over 3,000 internships in the database, many employers specifically turn to SPEX and GPS for their semester interns.

In addition, all students have access to internship and career resources, one-on-one internship advising, cover letter and resume reviews, and professional development opportunities across AU and Washington, DC.

I became acquainted with graduate school coursework and feel that I am better prepared for future employment. I would recommend this program to anyone questioning what they should do after graduating from undergrad.

Fall 2013 Student

PAST INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE

American Foreign Service Association

Atlantic Council

Center for International Media Assistance

Center for Health, Environment & Justice

C-SPAN

Children's National Medical Center

College Republican National Committee

Danish Broadcasting Company

Department of Health & Human Services

Council on Hemispheric Affairs

European Parliament Liaison Office

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

GlobalGiving

Institute of International Finance

National Press Club

National Institute of Health (NIH)

Riattas Public Strategies

Supreme Court Office of the Curator

Small Business Administration

US International Trade Commission

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The Washington Post

U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

United States Trade Representative

Various offices in the U.S. Senate & House of Representatives

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Vital Voice Global Partnership



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