Gain unique insight into the public policy process through academic coursework and an intensive internship in legislative offices on Capitol Hill, federal agencies, or nonprofit organizations. Students work full days Monday through Wednesday and a half-day on Thursday (at least 28 hours per week).

Participate in courses taught in a seminar format by Baruch College faculty with extensive D.C. experience. Classes are held on Thursday afternoon and Friday until 2 pm.

Obtain 12 graduate-level credits towards the Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of International Affairs (MIA), or Master of Science in Higher Education Administration (MSEd-HEA).

Experience everything the nation's capital has to offer — network with policymakers and thought leaders, tour historical landmarks, and explore the local culture.

**COURSES**

- **PAF 9115**: Political Dynamics (3 credits)
- **PAF 9115**: Who Makes Policy? (3 credits)
- **PAF 9192**: Fellowship in Public Affairs (6 credits)

*Fellowship in Public Affairs (6 credits)*

A high-value internship experience requiring each student to work a minimum of 28 hours per week for 15 weeks in a government agency, congressional office, or nonprofit organization.

**INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**

Internship placements are matched with each student's level of preparation and career goals. Previous placements include:

- Congressman Adriano Espaillat
- Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez
- Congressman Gregory Meeks
- Minority Business Development Agency
- Center for Civilians in Conflict
- Food & Water Watch
- Inter-American Development Bank
- National Association of Latino Elected Officials
- National Women's Law Center
- Truth Initiative
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Guest lectures from leading well-known journalists, top administrators, and key policymakers
- Tours of national landmarks
- Cultural & networking events
- Access to academic and student support services remotely and in person throughout the semester
- Museum visits (e.g., National Archives; Smithsonian: Air and Space, American Indian, etc.)

APPLICATIONS

Applications are due on March 31 and will be considered on a first-come basis. Early applications are strongly encouraged as the number of seats is limited.

To be eligible for the program, students must have a minimum of 9 credits completed at the start of the fall semester, be in good academic standing with no blocks on their student record and hold a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.

The application is available at baruch.cuny.edu/MarxeTWS

1. All qualifying applicants will be asked to interview with the Washington Semester faculty followed by a meeting with a member of the Marxe Dean’s Office to ensure they understand the administrative requirements for Marxe Study Away programs. Interviews and meetings will be held in-person or via video conference service or telephone.

2. Students will be notified of their selection by April 30 and will receive an offer agreement from the Marxe Dean’s Office.

3. Once students receive their formal acceptance, they will be registered for the Washington Semester courses by the Marxe Advisement Team.

STIPULATIONS

- Accepted students must pay Baruch College tuition and fees for 12-credits and remain enrolled for 12-credits during the fall semester.

- The receipt of a Marxe assistantship and/or the LCU Scholarship is not permitted while in the Washington Semester program. Financial aid or other scholarships may be received, but students should contact the Baruch College Office of Financial Aid about their eligibility status.

- Accepted students must contact Professor Michael Feller (Michael.Feller@baruch.cuny.edu) for their internship placement. It is not possible for students to arrange internships without his authorization.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All students selected to participate in the Washington Semester receive individual Marxe Study Away Awards to cover the cost of housing at student housing residence arranged by the program.

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