

Course: WAS 193 or POL 193W

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Requirement

During the academic year, participants in the Washington Program are required to take the WAS 193 or POL 193W seminar course. There is no difference between the courses other than how they show up on the transcript. Students are not required to take this course during the summer unless they need financial aid.

WAS 193 & POL 193W SEMINAR/COURSE OBJECTIVES

A fundamental part of the UCDC academic curriculum is the research seminar designed to supplement the internship experience through the substantive and research requirements. These courses are taught by UCDC instructors, local Washington experts, and occasionally visiting UC professors. Seminars meet once a week for three hours, usually during the day; on occasion there is an evening seminar offered. Students take off from their internship on the day that their seminar meets to attend class and address other course requirements. Students are free to choose the seminar that best suits their interests or internship. Most seminars combine research papers with a substantive focus on Congress, the Supreme Court, the media, the presidency, elections, and international relations. Another seminar focuses completely on research and allows students to write an in-depth research paper on a topic related to the work of their internship organization. Depending on the seminar, students may share internship experiences, hold discussions on Washington policy, learn research techniques, take field trips to Washington landmarks, or participate in skill-building workshops.

GRADING

The course grade for WAS 193 or POL 193W has a letter grade option only. The [UCDC Core Seminars](#) show up on transcripts as WAS 193 or POL 193W and have been approved to meet the Social Sciences (SS), Writing Experience (WE), and Oral Literacy (OL) GE requirements. Please make sure to meet with your major advisor to see how this course and the Washington Program will fit into your academic plan. Satisfactory completion for all course requirements is outlined in each courses syllabus.