**State Politics Internship Program**

**Xavier University**

**Overview of Program**

Students participating in the State Politics Internship program serve an eight-week, full-time (35 hours/week) internship in the state capital, working for a member of the state legislature, a state legislative committee or leadership office, an executive agency, political party, interest group, or non-profit organization. The internships are typically unpaid.

Students also participate in a combination of in-class and online learning activities, including on-site lectures, small group discussions, field trips, and one-on-one interviews. Students will take part in one or more shadowing days which allow them to engage personally with political professionals while closely observing state politics from a variety of perspectives. Interns typically meet as a group on Monday mornings for academic activities (instruction, discussion, field trips, etc…) however this schedule may be changed from week to week depending on the legislative schedule.

**Program Dates**

For 2020, the academic program and internship will begin on Monday, May 11, 2020 and end on Friday, June 19, 2020. For students staying in student housing, move-in will take place on Sunday, May 10. Move-out will take place on Saturday, June 20.

**Course Credit**

Students can receive between 3 and 6 academic credits while participating in the program.

* **State and Local Government (3 credits - Required)** - All students participating in the program must register for POLI 240, State and Local Government. This course is offered in Columbus by Mack Mariani (Political Science) and Sean Comer (PPP).
* **Internship Course (3 credits - Optional)** - Students may also choose to register for an additional 3 credit internship course (either POLI 397 Political Internship or POLI 399 Political Communication Internship, depending on the student’s research interests and program).

**Eligibility**

The State Politics Internship Program is open to students regardless of major, program or college. To participate in the program, students must have completed their freshman year of college. Previous internship experience is preferred, but not required. Note that students working in the General Assembly are required to complete and pass a background check prior to being approved for a legislative internship. Students are also required to interview in-person at the General Assembly in the Spring semester.

**Application Procedure**

Applications can be downloaded at http://xavier.edu/political-science/statepolitics. Completed applications should be sent to professor Mack Mariani in the Department of Political Science at marianim@xavier.edu. Due to the limited availability of classroom space and housing, the program will be limited to a class of 10-12. In order to guarantee consideration for the program before the available spots are filled, please submit your application as soon as possible.

**Housing**

Internship housing is available at The Ohio State University (about 7 minutes by car, 20 minutes by bus). Housing costs are approximately $1,000 over the course of the 6-week internship (specific cost will depend on total length of stay and accommodations). Note that the costs will be paid directly to Xavier University in the form of a program fee for students participating in the program. Note that the housing fee will be waived for students who have their own housing in the Columbus area during the internship.

**Estimated Costs**

To ensure internships are affordable for our students, Xavier offers political internships at half-price the usual summer rate. The approximate cost of the program will be as follows:

$750 Off-campus tuition (3 credit hours)\*

$1,000 Housing at The Ohio State University (7-weeks)\*\*

$300 Administrative and materials fee\*\*\*.

$2,050 Total Cost (approximate)

\* Note that the rate listed here is an estimate based on the rate charged by the university in the past.

\*\* Housing fee will be paid directly to Xavier university in the form of a program fee. Please note that this cost includes housing only. Students are responsible for their own meals and transportation costs during the seven-week program. Housing fee is estimated. Final fee will depend on length of stay and type of accommodations.

\*\*\* Materials fee includes costs for business cards and portfolio for each student and provides support for teaching-related activities, student interview trip in the Spring, guest speakers, as well as meals and refreshments provided to students over the course of the program, including an end-of-internship luncheon with interns and intern supervisors.

**For More Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Mack Mariani, Associate Professor of Political Science, Xavier University at [marianim@xavier.edu](mailto:marianim@xavier.edu) or Sean Comer, Director of Governmental Relations at [comers@xavier.edu](mailto:comers@xavier.edu).

**STATE POLITICS INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

**SUMMER 2020 SESSION**

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| **Major:** |  |
| **Class Year:** |  |
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| **Do you need housing?**   * Yes * No – (if no, please provide a Columbus address below): | |
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| **Placement Interests (check all that apply)**   * Work in legislature * Work in executive branch or agency * Work in judicial branch * Work in party politics or campaigns * Work in non-profit agency * Work in lobbying * Work in media * Other (specify): | |

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| **Political Preference (for placement purposes)**   * Democratic Preferred * No Preference * Non-Partisan Office Preferred * Republican Preferred |

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| **Briefly describe the areas of public policy in which you have a particular interest. This information will help us place you in the right internship.** |

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| **Briefly describe your career goals. This information will help us place you in the right internship.** |

**Emergency Contact Information (required):**

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| **Emergency Contact 1** |  | **Emergency Contact 2** |
| Name |  | Name: |
| Address: |  | Address: |
| Phone: |  | Phone: |
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**References (required):**

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| **Reference 1** |  | **Reference 2** |
| Name |  | Name: |
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| **PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME THAT INCLUDES UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION.**  **Did you attach a resume to this application?**   * Yes * No |

**PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION BY E-MAIL TO MARIANIM@XAVIER.EDU.**