

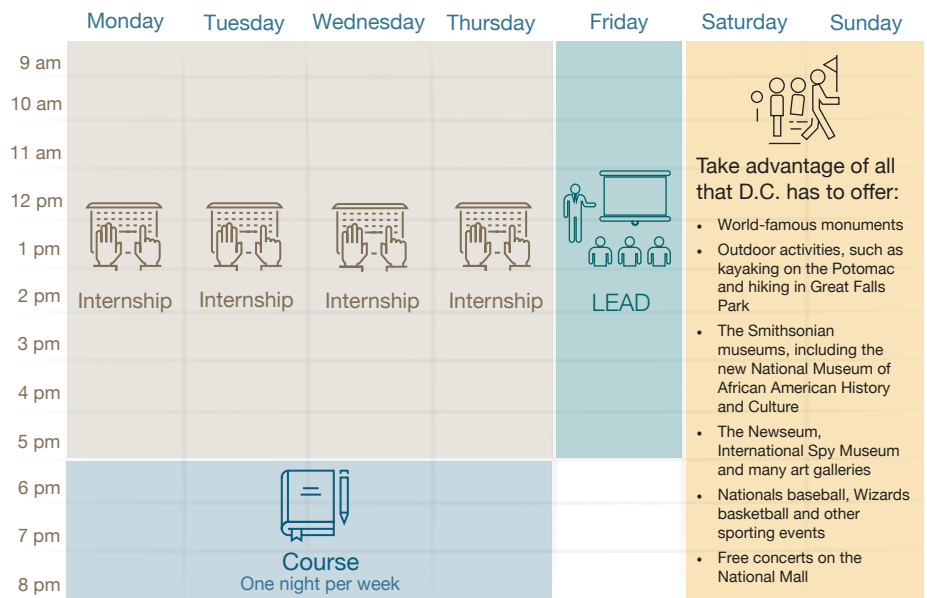


Academic Internship Program: Transforming Majors into Career Paths

The Washington Center is the largest and most established student internship program in Washington, D.C. Since our founding in 1975, TWC has helped more than 60,000 young people translate their college majors into career paths. We use our scale and expertise to customize each student's experience to be truly transformative.

TWC's Academic Internship Program (AIP) prepares students for their future careers through immersive internships. During a semester or summer at TWC, student interns gain real-world, on-the-job experience, make valuable professional connections and gain the skills and tools they need to succeed in the workforce, all while receiving academic credit from their school. TWC students have a head start in the job market upon completion of AIP compared to their peers who have remained on campus. Best of all, TWC brings them to the vibrant, influential city of Washington, D.C. where they enjoy this unique experience in a community of fellow students from across the United States and around the world.

What Does a Week of AIP Look Like?





Program Components

Internship: We work with each accepted student to ensure they are matched with internships that fit their interests, skills and professional goals. Our internships go way beyond coffee and copies. Students work Monday-Thursday at their internship site performing meaningful work duties that are critical for the organization’s daily and long-term success.

Evening Course: AIP is a learning experience, and that includes an academic component, as well. TWC has recruited a wide-ranging network of experts as class instructors. Students select from an extensive list of 20+ course offerings that fit their interests and needs. A student’s chosen course meets for three hours one evening per week on one of the internship days (Monday-Thursday). AIP courses are like those on campus, except in D.C.!

LEAD Colloquium: TWC’s LEAD (Leadership Engagement Achievement Development) Colloquium provides professional development that complements the students’ work and classroom experience. Every Friday morning, LEAD programming further prepares students for their future careers. LEAD is individualized to assist each student in several areas, including a strengths assessment, networking, workplace familiarization and building a personal brand. Armed with these skills and strategies, TWC alumni are better positioned to begin and grow lifelong success in the workforce.



Housing

The Washington Center and its Student Services & Community Life Department prioritizes the safety and security of our students. TWC housing complexes can only be accessed by assigned electronic access cards and feature 24-hour front desk teams of concierge and security staff who also demand 100% ID checks. The main living facility is the Michael B. Smith Residential and Academic Facility (RAF), located in the thriving neighborhood of NoMa.

Apartments are primarily two bedroom, two bath units with shared common area of a living room, kitchen and dining area. Each apartment comes complete with essential appliances, in-unit washer and dryer, air conditioning/heater, and cable/internet. TWC pairs student roommates based on a percentage of match determined by the personality information shared in the student profile. Students have access to a computer lab, fitness center, lounge, and the majority of their academic courses and programs take place here.



To ensure our students feel at home, during check-in and opening weekend, the Student Services & Community Life team work closely with the students to acclimate them to their buildings, the neighborhood, and to the D.C. community. Students receive safety and security orientations for community and neighborhood safety awareness and a term called “urban common sense.” Additionally, events are scheduled on an ongoing basis to foster a sense of community and belonging throughout the semester or summer.



For more information, visit our website: www.twc.edu/AIP