



Continuity and Change in American Leadership 2020

Two Weeks: Jan. 5-18, 2020
or One Week: Jan. 5-11, 2020 or Jan. 12-18, 2020



A new era in American politics and international relations is presenting the U.S. with profound challenges to established approaches to education, business, journalism, politics, diplomacy and even science. This program brings together leading journalists, analysts, diplomats, professionals, and educators to examine the significance of the times and to explore what is new, what is ephemeral, and what is lasting. Informed speakers, visits to Washington institutions, and diverse student participation will make this a unique experiential learning opportunity for tomorrow's leaders.

The Osgood Center for International Studies invites your institution to participate in an academic seminar that past participants have said has transformed their views of our nation's most important issues, inspired them to follow in the footsteps of leaders they admire, and dedicate themselves to an action-oriented future in society. The diverse program appeals to students in all major fields and all college levels from freshmen to recent graduates, including honors students.

Why this Osgood Center Program?

The Osgood Center consults with faculty in order to cover preferred topics and to help arrange site visits that fit their academic focus. Whether this involves an emphasis on politics, domestic policy, foreign policy, the role of the media and interest groups, various public policy issues or even the arts and humanities or sciences, we often can arrange appropriate activities to suit your preferences. This is YOUR program, one that we develop with your input. We keep the size of the program reasonable so most students are able to ask their questions and interact with the speakers. Staff are easily accessible and students are able to interact more with those from other institutions.

Past site visits have included the Capitol Hill Visitors Center, Offices of Members of Congress, visits with alumni in their places of work, Smithsonian museums, Library of Congress, the White House, and embassies. Also, some groups have arranged a community service activity during the program.

Program Components



Pulitzer Prize Winner Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune in January 2017

We begin the program with a Sunday evening orientation, a Monday morning icebreaker and a keynote speaker. Then we visit the major D.C. sights on the National Mall and a reception with a speaker usually during week two. We will generally provide two speaker sessions in the morning and allow the faculty time to arrange site visits in the afternoon on their own or with our assistance. Time will be available for small group meetings for discussion and reflection. Special site visits in lieu of some of the morning presentations will likely be arranged to visit locations that the public often cannot arrange on their own.

Program Schedule

To accommodate various types of academic calendars, we are offering both a two-week program-ideal for Jan Term schools-or a one-week program for those institutions not quite starting their spring semester. Also, accommodations are often available before and after the program for institutions seeking to arrange their own additional instructional time.

Two-week program

Jan. 5-18, 2020

Program Cost: \$750

One-Week Program

Jan. 5-11, 2020 or Jan. 12-18, 2020

Program Cost: \$500 per week

Very affordable and attractive housing options are available. Please contact us for more information.

There is no program charge for the faculty, but they are responsible for the cost of their housing. Food, transportation and other personal expenses are also not included.

Deadlines and Payments

Reservations (via email) from institutions will be accepted until spaces are filled. Deadline for applications is December 6, 2019, but registrations may still be accepted if space is available. Housing costs may increase after our room block expires in November, so we encourage early applications and early invoicing.

Payment in full is required by December 13, 2019 unless other arrangements are made. Housing payment may be required at an earlier time to guarantee rates. Requests (in writing via email) for a full refund minus a \$150 administrative fee are possible until December 13, 2019. No refunds are available for any reason after that date. To avoid disappointment due to illness, inclement weather, change of plans, etc., we encourage participants to consider travel insurance. Substitutions from the same school may be allowed after Dec. 13 if feasible.

The Osgood Center Difference

Dr. Shelton Williams and Dr. Eugene Alpert, president and vice president, respectively, of the Osgood Center have been leading academic seminar programs since the 1980s. Our contacts and familiarity with procedures and protocols serve as an invaluable resource for those attending this program and help ensure that Washington's resources become fully accessible to those with diverse interests.

About the Osgood Center

The Osgood Center is a non-profit educational organization that offers short-term experiential learning programs for college students in the U.S. and around the globe.



Participants at the 2018 reception at the Hong Kong Economic Mission

At the Osgood Center, our mission is to advance understanding of public affairs and contemporary international and domestic issues. We positively affect the lives of our participants and prepare them to be better global citizens through quality educational experiences that emphasize short-term active engagement and experiential learning programs such as academic seminars and internships. Our vision is a generation of young people who strive to understand public policy issues and work to find creative solutions to global problems.

We are known for the personal attention we provide our program participants and for the customized instructional model that we utilize to help them achieve their academic and career goals. We welcome college students and recent graduates in all major fields.

For more information and to make reservations, contact us at:

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A group of our Jan. 2017 attendees on tour at the Iwo Jima Memorial



Kiki McLean, a veteran of many presidential campaigns, speaks to the students about how she got involved in politics and how it has opened up so many opportunities for her.



Students play an important role in the program by serving to introduce the program speakers.

A few quotes from 2019 program participants:

- This seminar really challenged my beliefs and increased awareness of my own political knowledge.
- I have learned many ways to improve myself in all aspects of my life but most importantly it has encouraged me to write and incorporate government and policy into my career path.
- The seminar has enhanced my cultural, academic, professional and political views.
- I have found a unique inspiration to continue evolving from the words of the extraordinary speakers throughout my life and to help others using the lessons we learned.
- I am more informed about what is going on in our country and I feel like I'm going home with a wealth of knowledge.
- I know have a better understanding o the inner workings of our federal government.
- This seminar has inspired me to be a more informed and involved citizen, specifically related to our government issues. Our speakers have also shown me examples of great leadership and inspired me to create my own path.
- I have been inspired to use my voice and become more involved in political life.
- Coming here taught me to diversify my friend group and interact with people who identify with a different party than me.
- It was very interesting to be able to hear different people's political and personal views. I've never been to Washington before. So that was cool to see and explore.
- I enjoyed the diversity of speakers and learning how there are multiple pathways to accomplish your goals and how your goals will grow and change.