Navigate the Corridors of Power in Washington, D.C.

The Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) is now offering students enrolled in the online Political Management program an immersive experience in the Capital, the Washington, D.C. Capstone Residency. This unique residency experience teaches students how to navigate the corridors of power in Washington, D.C.

Over six weeks, five weeks of online instruction and one week in an intensive Washington D.C. residency, students will learn from specially arranged sessions with influential figures such as White House officials, members of Congress, political strategists, elite reporters, PR specialists, and lobbyists. Students will also have the opportunity to meet on campus program peers and D.C.-based GSPM alumni to build a robust political network to be tapped upon graduation.

The residency is designed to provide our students with an insider view of how Washington works. Learning objectives include:

- Understanding how to effectively advocate and communicate your message to Washington decision-makers and the national public
- Learning the most current, hands-on techniques from some of the top strategists and practitioners in politics
- Gaining an “insider’s perspective” on their individually-designed research topic through one-on-one interviews with Washington operatives
- Developing a final portfolio research project that can serve as a sample work product to present to future employers

TIMING
The first residency opportunity begins Fall 2, 2015 and is available every second term of the year (each Fall 2, Spring 2, and Summer 2). Ask your enrollment advisor for when you would be eligible to pursue this exciting opportunity.

ELIGIBILITY
All political management students in good academic standing who have (or will have) completed at least thirty credit hours are eligible to participate.

COST
In addition to the standard tuition costs for a 3-credit course, there will be an additional course fee of $475 to cover some meals and inside the Beltway transportation. Students will also be expected to pay for their own transportation to Washington, as well as their hotel rooms. A negotiated rate group rate at a couple of nearby hotels will be available for residency students.

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