APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligibility Requirements

• 3.0 GPA
• Full-time UCLA undergraduate
• One upper division course in area of interest

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• Short Essay: In one page, discuss a specific topic and a question or problem you want to pose about that topic.
• Resume
• Letters of Recommendation: Submit at least one letter of recommendation, preferably from a UCLA professor.
• Unofficial Transcripts
• Application Form: Available at the CAPPP office or on the CAPPP website.
• Dean’s Letter of Certification: CAPPP screens all applicants through the UCLA Office of the Dean of Students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is financial aid available?
A: The UCLA Financial Aid office uses CAPPP’s budget to ensure students who receive aid have adequate funds for the quarter.

Q: Do I have to be a political science major?
A: No. All majors are encouraged to apply.

Q: Do I need to have research experience?
A: No. The CAPPP program is designed to introduce students to the process of doing research.

Q: Can freshmen and sophomores apply?
A: Students at any level can apply for the program provided they meet the minimum criteria. Typically, juniors and seniors are more focused and therefore have a higher acceptance rate.

Q: How many units can I earn?
A: Students earn 12-16 upper division UCLA units for completing the CAPPP program.

Q: Can I get credit in my major?
A: You can enroll in CAPPP’s core 8-unit research seminar through UCLA’s departments of Political Science, History, Sociology or Communication Studies. Other majors may grant credit for CAPPP by petition.

Q: What about credit in minors?
A: The program is integrated with the Civic Engagement Minor and the Public Affairs Minor. Other minors may grant credit by petition.

Q: Will going to Washington interrupt my degree progress?
A: No. You remain a full-time UCLA student while you are in DC.

Q: How much does the program cost?
A: A quarter in Washington costs about the same as a quarter living on campus.

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EXAMINE
Research that reflects your interests
Whatever your goals, CAPPP’s blend of academics and internship experience can take you to the next level.

A research project anchors the CAPPP curriculum. Students explore a question of their choice, on topics that range from international development and foreign relations to policy, law, communications, history and the arts.

CAPPP faculty work closely with students in a small 8-unit upper division research development seminar. The seminar introduces students to the research process in a challenging but supportive environment.

EXPERIENCE
Internships that connect to careers
Complete a Washington internship without interrupting progress toward your degree.

During the search process, staff provide guidance and resources to help students secure internships that fit individual interests and complement research projects.

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