BXA Students in Washington

BXA students will find a variety of opportunities in DC to gain valuable work experience that relates to an interdisciplinary degree.

Internships

Interested in a deep-dive on drafting legislation that supports the arts community? Head to a Senator or Representative's office on Capitol Hill for a front row seat.

Want to get a behind the scenes look at some of the most famous collections in the world? Consider an internship with one of the Smithsonian Museums.

Looking to build your DC network, and get non-profit management experience in the arts and humanities? Join the team at Washington Performing Arts to support their community education or advancement work.

Thinking about a career in research and policy? Hundreds of world-renowned think tanks are looking for students to complete substantive research that informs real world policy.

I am so grateful for the option to study both Vocal Performance and Politics and Public Policy simultaneously. Working at the Smithsonian during CMU/WSP has taught me that all life paths are not always cut-and-dry. It is good to be multi-faceted and pursue your interests when you have the passion and energy.”

– Zofia Majewski, BHA Vocal Performance and Politics and Public Policy, 2022

Minor in Politics & Public Policy

Get ahead of the curve and learn where your interests converge with those of the nation's capital through our Politics and Public Policy minor. Complete the Washington Semester Program and two additional courses in Pittsburgh to earn the minor, and arm yourself with the knowledge to navigate the intersection of the arts and public policy.

On our Capitol Hill campus, you'll learn about public policy, data for decision-making, and advocating for the causes you care about from our accomplished faculty, who have served as Executive Directors, Political Appointees, Congressional Liaisons and CIA Senior Staff.

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