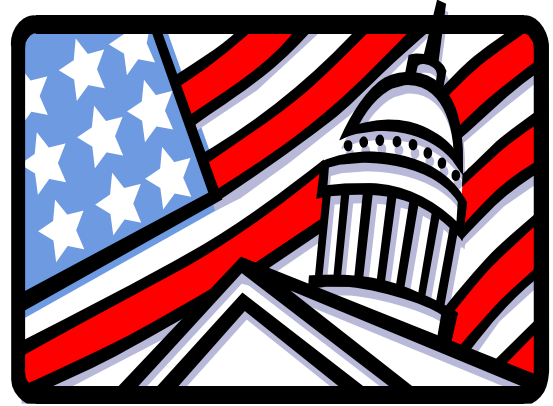


Consumer and Housing Policy in Action: Exploring Policies and Programs in Washington, DC



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Description of program: Decisions made in Washington, DC affect our lives in Athens, Georgia everyday. The purpose of this program is to provide an in-depth study of consumer and housing programs and policies at the Federal level. The emphasis will be on current issues. Students will meet and interact with a variety of private and governmental officials in Washington, DC.

While studying in Washington, DC, students will:

- ★ *develop an understanding of the context in which public policy decisions are made*
- ★ *identify major functions and “hot topics” of government regulatory agencies, advocacy groups, and businesses in the area of housing and consumer economics*
- ★ *increase knowledge and understanding of public policy related to consumer and housing issues*
- ★ *experience the public policy process*
- ★ *develop and strengthen professional behaviors and attitudes*

Application and Program Fee Deadlines:

- ★ *Application and Deposit of \$500 are due by December 8, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.*
- ★ *Balance of \$550 is due April 3rd 2009 by 3:00 p.m.*

(Students who withdraw from the program may have the fee refunded until April 17th 2009)

Approximate Cost: A program fee of \$1050 includes lodging while in Washington, DC at George Washington University, metro pass, some sightseeing attractions and events, and some meals. Airfare and personal expenses such as souvenirs, some meals, etc., are not included. Students can anticipate airfares will be around \$250 and other out of pocket expenses from \$200 to \$400.

Dates: Leave on June 13th and return on June 20th.

Courses offered: 3 hours for HACE 5710 and HACE 4900 will also be available for students who might need an additional 3 hours of credit.

Spaces Available For 2009: 25