



Political Science Departmental Programs

Summer 2020

I ILLINOIS



Internships: Illinois in Washington



Study Abroad: Vienna, Austria



Honors Program: Undergraduate Thesis



PS 224: Politics of National Parks

I Political Science Programs



Illinois in Washington is an academic internship program. Participants live, intern, and take classes while gaining valuable work experience in one of the most exciting cities in the world:

- Fall, Spring, Summer opportunity
- Earn up to 12 hours of Political Science credit through Illinois PS courses offered in D.C.
- Safe and affordable living
- Lots of internship opportunities

I Illinois in Washington

Examples of internship opportunities:

- Congressional/Political Party
- C-SPAN
- Delegation of the European Union to the U.S.
- Federal Agency
- NGO's
- U.S. Intelligence Agencies
- Media Outlets
- Non-Profit/Advocacy Organization
- Rising for Justice
- Smithsonian's National Museum
- Think-Tanks
- U.S. State Department
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency
- White House



“USTDA has done a great job at making all of the interns feel welcome and appreciated by organizing events such as lunches with the Director and Deputy Director of the Agency and even a trip to the White House. It’s hard to believe my internship is coming to an end in just a couple weeks, but the skills I’ve gained will definitely last a lifetime.”

Emily, Intern for U.S. Trade and Development Agency



I Illinois in Washington: Highlight

If you would like to learn more about Illinois in Washington:

- Main Site: <https://washington.illinois.edu/>
 - [Internship Information](#)
 - [IIW Coursework](#)
 - [IIW Blog](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



Immerse yourself in a new culture and learn about the Political Science from afar! While our students travel just about everywhere, Political Science has three trips designed for our students:

- Argentina: Human Rights, Political Culture, and Politics
- Austria: EU and Governance
- Vienna Diplomatic Program

I Study Abroad



I am considering a career in trade policy so learning how the European Union manages trade relations... getting out of my comfort zone, and moving to another continent has given me...newfound desire to learn as much about the world as possible.

- Teresa (Vienna Diplomatic Program in Austria)

I Study Abroad: Highlight

When I return to the U.S. the ideas I have attained from my time abroad will allow me to become more open minded and willing to listen to new ideas in both my personal and professional life.

- Patrick (Eurasian Regional Language Program in Dushanbe, Tajikistan)



I Study Abroad: Highlight



The highlight of my time abroad, apart from the amazing people I've met here in Jordan, is definitely learning more Arabic. It's been so fun to see my ability to communicate grow as I learn!

- Barghav ([Boren Scholar](#) in Ammad, Jordan)

I Study Abroad: Highlight

If you would like to learn more about Study Abroad:

- Main Site: <https://studyabroad.illinois.edu/>
 - [First Steps](#)
 - [Vienna Diplomatic Program](#)
 - [LAS Short-Term Study Abroad Information](#)
 - [Program Search](#)



PS 224: Politics of National Parks is a course that concludes with a field trip to a United States national park!

- Understand how natural systems work.
- How people make decisions about the natural worlds.
- Investigate questions of sustainability.
- Explore the natural landscape, bond around the campfire, and develop new outdoor skills.

I PS 224: Politics of the National Parks

Learn more about the course [here!](#)



I PS 224: Politics of the National Parks



The honors program prepares excellent Political Science students to complete a senior-year research experience culminating in the production of a senior thesis.

By participating in research and discussions around selected topics in political science, students will learn how to identify research questions and design of research strategies appropriate for their senior thesis.

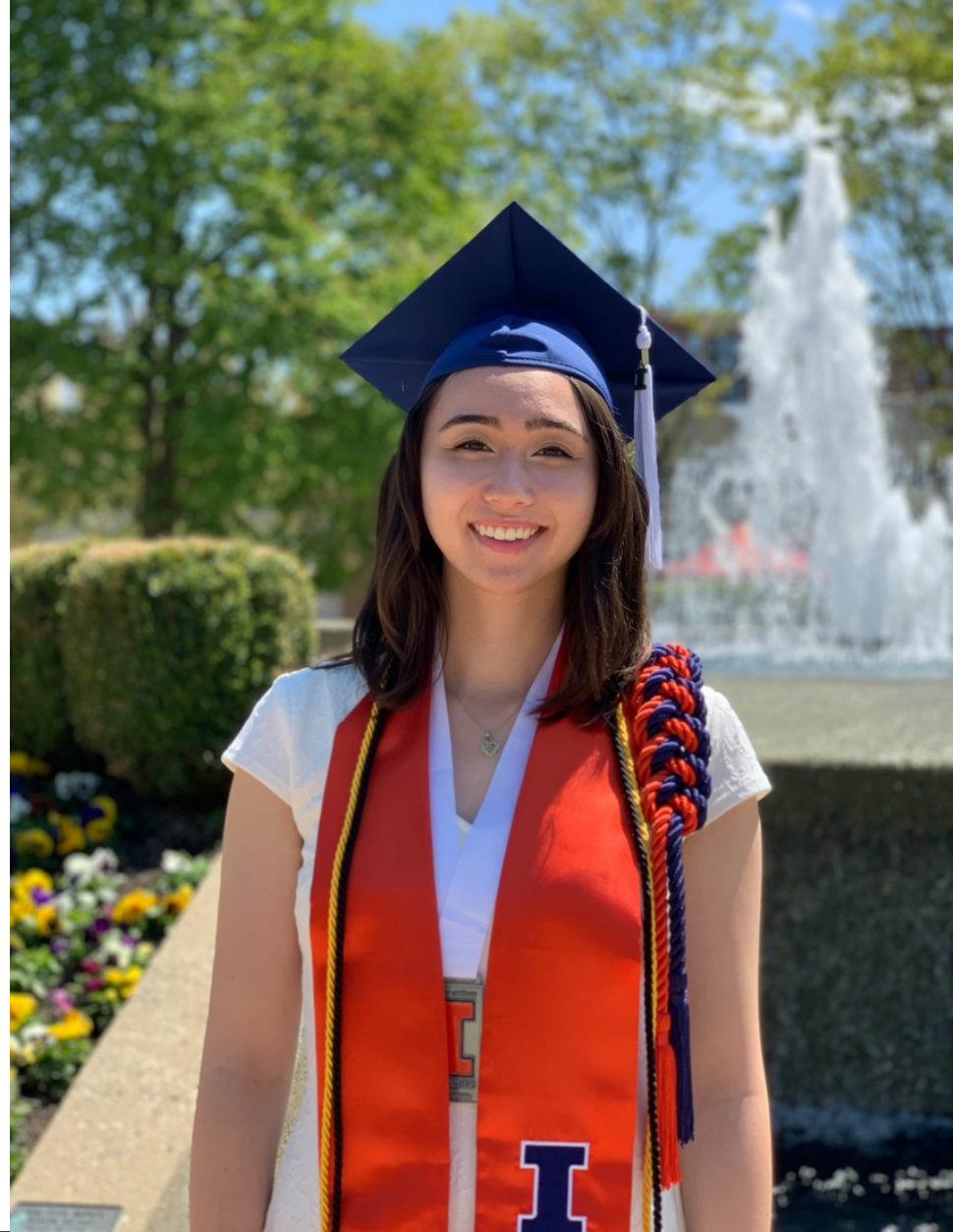
I Political Science Honors Program

- Students must apply to participate in the honors program (usually Sophomore year).
- Complete course sequence: PS 230 or 231, PS 494, PS 495, and PS 496
- Participate in research symposiums to share your research findings!
- Eligibility for high distinction upon graduation.



Sara greatly appreciated the amount of support the department provided to learn about research and analytics, as well as helping her identify research “do’s and don’ts” to better prepare her for graduate school. Sara stated that, “in a large part, because of my work on my thesis, I earned a full ride to my top graduate school of choice”.

-Except from [‘Best Thesis Winner and Honorable Mentions’](#) on 7/23/19



I Honors Program: Highlight

If you would like to learn more about the Honors Program:

- Main Site: <https://pol.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/honors-program>
 - [Application](#)
 - [Requirements](#)
 - [Past Theses Topics](#)
 - [2019 Best Thesis Winner and Honorable Mentions Article](#)

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