

Hilltop on the Hill Fall 2018



When: October 6-10, 2018

Where: Washington DC

Who: Faculty Leaders: Drs. Salinas, Kirk, and Duhé

Events: Students will travel to Washington, DC, and meet with political communication professionals. You will meet with key players in D.C., such as press secretaries, speechwriters, nonprofit advocates, lobbyists, and political advisors. You will also meet with news and policy makers and experience the Newseum. The purpose of this program is academic, but there will also be some amazing opportunities for you to experience American democracy.

Coursework: Students who are selected for the program will be enrolled in CCPA 5110, a one hour directed study course. Enrollment in the one hour directed study will not affect tuition if currently enrolled in 12-17 hours. If a student currently enrolled in 18 hours, please see Mrs. Hewitt to discuss options.

Cost: Tuition + \$1750 (housing and programming fees), airfare and meals are independent. All students are qualified to receive financial assistance and be named Bauer Scholars. The amount awarded is based upon need, but all students will receive support.

Accommodations: The group will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3 blocks from the White House! The rooms are set for triple occupancy; pack wisely so you have room for professional attire.

Selection Process: Selection for the program is competitive and is limited to 15 students. Early submission of program applications is encouraged to ensure full consideration.

Application: Students must submit applications by **September 14**. Interviews, if applicable, will follow. Students accepted into the program will be notified and then enrolled, administratively, in CCPA 5110 on September 22 in order to facilitate final programming details. Note: tuition and fees are due on date of enrollment.

Travel: *Plan to arrive at the hotel before 1:00 on October 6, and ready to participate at 2:00. Plan to depart after 2:00 on October 10.*

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APPLICATION

Instructor consent is required for CCPA 5110. Cost is \$1750, plus airfare and meals. Scholarship money is available to CCPA majors. To apply, you must submit this application form to the CCPA office in 229 ULEE. Early applications are encouraged as students will be accepted into the program on a continuing basis. **Application deadline: Friday, September 14.**

Direct questions to Dr. Chris Salinas (cdsalinas@smu.edu) and/or Dr. Rita Kirk (rkirk@smu.edu)

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Name _____ FY SOPH JR SR
Email _____ Cell Phone _____
Student ID _____ GPA _____ Graduation Date _____
Major _____ Minor _____
Local Address: _____

Please submit a typed letter of application that covers the following details:

Reasons you wish to participate in Hilltop on the Hill

Scholarship money is available to CCPA students. Do you require financial assistance? Are you receiving financial aid at SMU? What is your financial need for the program? Please attach your financial aid award snapshot from Access. Your financial aid award snapshot is mandatory for consideration of scholarship funds (and can be found in my.smu.edu).

Security Information (required for access to some government facilities):

Full Legal Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Citizenship _____ Place and County of Birth _____

Driver's License (State/Number) _____

I understand that if I am accepted to this program I will be prepared with business dress attire and will conduct myself professionally at all times.

Signature: _____ Date: _____