BOSTON UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON PROGRAMS
INTERNSHIP COURSE SEMINAR (Study Abroad 400E [4 credits])

Course Outline - Spring 2013
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Breakdown of credit/grades:

Goal Statement & Letter of Agreement 5%
Journal (due mid-semester & end of the semester) 15%
Work Portfolio Samples 15%
Supervisor Evaluation 15%
Paper #1 (includes a presentation to the class) 15%
Paper #2 15%
Class Participation (Includes Field Trips and Final Presentation) 20%

Paper #1 will be an Organizational Analysis of your Internship organization (Due 2/13)
Paper #2 will be a commentary/reaction to course readings and discussions (Due 4/17)

Topics/Readings covered in class will be posted on Blackboard the week prior to meeting. This will include pertinent readings dealing with specific topics to be discussed in detail in class.

The course meets on the following dates:

Wednesday, 23 January – Contact Information/Setting Goals – Drafting a Letter/Contract of Agreement; First Day(s) on the Job (Reactions); General Advice for Launching a Successful FIRST week on the job!

Wednesday, 30 January -- Recapping Goals and the first week on the job; The Political Mood in DC & Partisan Politics. Read “Want to End Partisan Politics? Here's What Won’t Work” (Mann & Ornstein, May 2012, Washington Post)

Wednesday, 13 February -- What Type of Organization do I work for? Org. Analysis (Presentations!); The Internship Experience thus far; Challenges; the Culture in your office; (Paper I due)

Wednesday, 27 February – The Viability of Democracy. Is it all it’s worth?? (Journal I due)

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**Wednesday, 6 March** – Readings-Based discussion; Mid-Semester Synopsis

**Spring Break!!**

**Wednesday, 20 March** – The Influence of the Media on Washington; New Media vs. 'Old' Media and its influence on those in power

**Wednesday, 3 April** -- Re-examining the ‘art’ of Debate in Washington; in-class ‘debates’ (previously assigned teams/topics)

**Tuesday, 17 April** -- Networking Skills. (Paper II due)

**Wednesday, 1 May** – Final Analysis – Portfolio Presentations – Lessons Learned --Goal(s) Reassessment