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)

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

<mark>** Spring Break!!**</mark>

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