

National Capital Semester for Seminarians Program (NCSS)

The National Capital Semester for Seminarians is an intensive program of study in ethics, theology, and public policy at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Placed in the heart of the nation's capital, NCSS equips future Christian leaders to model a prophetic voice in the public square from a variety of vocations. For more than 40 years, students from schools across the country have come to Wesley to explore the connection between faith and politics with NCSS.

NCSS offers students a unique opportunity to:

- Study the intersection of faith and politics
- Interact with those involved in policy formation, implementation, and evaluation
- Work with faith-based education and advocacy organizations
- Serve in internships on Capitol Hill
- Dive deeper into specific issues at the intersection of faith and politics

Here are two ways to experience Public Theology in action through NCSS:

Spring Semester

- A four-credit hour, semester-long seminar, including visits to Capitol Hill, faith-based advocacy agencies, think tanks, news media, and non-profits to meet with faith leaders and policy experts.
- Opportunities for internships on Capitol Hill
- Independent research project on a specific policy or issue
- Ability to take other courses at Wesley for transfer credit in order to maintain degree progress

May-term

- A one-week, two-credit hour immersion in public theology, including visits to Capitol Hill, faith-based advocacy agencies, think tanks, news media, and non-profits to meet with faith leaders and policy experts.
- Opportunities for internships on Capitol Hill
- Independent research project on a specific policy or issue



“I entered Seminary knowing I felt called to a vocation at the intersection of faith and the public square but I struggled to imagine what that would look like. Participating in NCSS—from my internship to our numerous site visits and lively class discussion—helped sharpen my understanding of how I could use my gifts, passions, and degree, in a tangible way.”

— Kyle Cristofalo, Candler School of Theology M.Div 2014

Internships

NCSS has a large network of institutional partnerships, and our staff and faculty are able to help students connect with potential placements that align with their interests and skills.

NCSS students have served in internships at a variety of locations, including:

- Bread for the World
- Sojourners
- White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- UMC General Board of Church and Society
- Friends Committee for National Legislation
- Churches for Middle East Peace
- PC-USA Office of Public Witness

For more information and to apply to NCSS visit wesleyseminary.edu/NCSS

Apply for spring semester by November 1

Apply for May-term by March 1

