

Agricultural Policy & Leadership



ACE 291 (3 hrs.) Spring 2016 Course and Study Tour to Washington DC

A unique experience for undergraduate students of all majors to learn firsthand about the policy issues facing the food & agricultural sector

ACE 291 Agricultural Policy & Leadership is designed to provide students with a well-rounded immersion in the complex issues and constraints involved in policy making and implementation. This class explores the entire policy making process and the complex linkages and relationships between “Who” is involved in policy making; “What” the current topics are; “Where” it occurs; “Why” policy is important and “How” it’s implemented.



The policy issues presented in this course are those that are currently impacting the food and agriculture industry and complimented by a field trip to Washington DC over spring break.

DC TRIP: Spring Break 2016

Students will travel to Washington DC over spring break to see where and how federal policy is made. We will meet with legislators, agency officials and organization heads directly engaged in the food and agricultural policy process. Examples of previous meetings include the US Transportation Secretary, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, President and CEO of CropLife America and numerous Illinois Congressmen.

Preference will be given to juniors / seniors in ACES.

Course Format: Class meets for the entire semester with a mid-semester trip to Washington DC over spring break. Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-4:20pm.



Course Fee: Please note there is a course fee estimated at \$1,100 for the DC study tour (course fee includes flight, lodging, transportation, and some meals).

For More Information Contact:

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***TO APPLY:** email a statement of interest (one paragraph minimum) to jbecker2@illinois.edu with how you feel that you would benefit from this program. Students will be notified of acceptance in the course by Dec. 1st. Upon acceptance into the course, you'll be issued an override to register for ACE 291.