

**MILITARY AND VETERANS POLICY & PRACTICE IMMERSION** 

# WASHINGTON, D.C.



Introducing MSW students to policies and programs for service members, veterans and their families.

The Military and Veterans Policy and Practice Immersion is offered during the spring semester and takes place in and around Washington, D.C. for one week and in virtual classes prior to and following the program.

Site visits to Congress, government agencies and policy/ advocacy organizations. Seminars with guests from government agencies and policy/advocacy organizations.

Daily sessions for discussion and reflection with time set aside for journal writing.



### Who can participate?

The program is designed for a limited number of graduate-level social work students on a rolling admissions basis. All campus-based and VAC students who have successfully completed all foundation/generalist practice requirements and have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply.

### Will I get credit for the program?

If you are enrolled in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, you will receive 3-elective unit credits for completing the program.

# What if I am taking 15 units of credit during the spring semester?

If you are a student in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and are enrolled in 15 units during the spring semester, you will not need to pay additional tuition for the required 3-elective unit course.

## Will this program help my chances of finding a job?

The program will expose students to training opportunities and career pathways in government service not only within federal agencies located in Washington, D.C., but also within other organizations that work with the military and veteran groups.

#### Is financial aid available?

If you are receiving or are eligible for financial aid, you may be able to apply it toward this program. For details, contact the School's Scholarship Programs Office.

### Where will we stay?

USC will arrange housing at a hotel in Washington, D.C.

### How much will the program cost?

Program costs include seven nights of accommodations (double-room occupancy), daily breakfast, weekday lunches, local transportation during program hours and field excursions during the Washington portion. In addition, costs include a program administrative fee.

Other fees are additional, including tuition for a required 3-unit course and a health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health or other insurance plan. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from their home to Washington, dinners, weekend lunches, non-program-related transportation and other incidentals.

For additional information, please contact:

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The Military Immersion program made me feel welcome by facilitating a deeper connection with the individuals involved, including the professors. As a VAC student, I don't get to meet people from my classroom in person, and this by far surpassed my expectations. I'm grateful to all the professors for sharing their own experiences. The friendships and support I gained can't be adequately expressed in words.

Student comments from past military immersions in D.C.

One of the most intense, but best,
experiences of my MSW program. It made a
lasting impression and I learned so much.

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