This class meets with SPEA-V 378.

This is an honors class only for students who have applied and been accepted into SPEA’s fall Washington Leadership Program (WLP). Any IU student may apply to the WLP Program which offers a semester in Washington, DC working at an internship (6 credits) and taking two classes (6 credits). The students may also take one of the classes for honors. This listing is for the WLP honors class. The students for the Fall 2012 WLP program have been chosen. If you are interested in applying for the next WLP fall 2013 semester in Washington, DC, please go to the SPEA web site or contact SPEA for additional information. The WLP program is not offered in the Spring of 2013.

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