Why you should study Public Affairs in Columbus

AFFORDABLE
Living in Columbus is extremely affordable. It costs only $3,760 in Columbus to maintain the same standard of living as $5,800 in Washington, D.C.

Columbus is Ohio’s state capital, boasting 160+ state agencies, offices, and commissions where internships and professional opportunities allow hands-on experiences to supplement the Public Affairs program.

Columbus provides prestigious opportunities for our students such as fellowships with the Legislative Service Commission and the Columbus Foundation.
Columbus is a great city for young, smart people to live. There is no better place for Public Affairs students to live and learn.

Ohio is extremely politically relevant. No Republican has ever been elected to the White House without Ohio’s 20 electoral votes. Obama visited Columbus six times during his reelection campaign.

Your vote matters here. Ohio State alumni participate in civic affairs in the Statehouse at State of Residency.

Columbus is philanthropic. Columbus philanthropy fuels a vibrant nonprofit community, benefitting the arts, education, innovation, health, and social services. Equality Ohio, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, the Women’s Fund, and Battelle are just some of the over 110 nonprofits in the Columbus area.

Columbus is growing. Columbus is home to many Public-Private Partnerships that enrich the economy. JobsOhio helps businesses relocate and expand in Ohio. Columbus2020 leverages public, private, and institutional partnerships to accelerate economic prosperity in Columbus.

Average age 32.5 years, 6th youngest in the U.S., 2nd highest per capita number of college students. Whether working for state or local government, internships for our students are accessible and feasible.