



WMI BOOTCAMP

Summer 2019

SUMMER 2019 BOOT CAMP SCHEDULE

This schedule is for the first week of WMI Summer 2019. Our goal in bootcamp is to ensure everyone is up to a basic technical level, increase your metabolism for the pace of the work you will do while in DC and catapult you into your internships that begin the following week.

Class is held at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace building at 1779 Massachusetts Ave NW, DC 20036 (Suite 610).

TUESDAY, MAY 28

10 am - Welcome
10:05 am - Who are you
11:30 am - Paperwork
12:00 pm - Lunch on your own
1:00 pm - Writing Across Media
1:30pm - Getting it done
2:00 pm - What Works

WED, MAY 29

10:00 am - Introduction to camera equipment & video basics
12:00 pm - Lunch on your own
2:00 pm - Reviewing class video
2:30 pm - Workshop: Adobe Premiere

THURSDAY, MAY 30

10:00 am - The basics: writing for journalism & public relations 101
12:30 pm - Lunch
1:30 pm - An introduction to WIX
2.00pm - Being a DC Professional
2.30 pm - Work on Assignment

FRIDAY, MAY 31

9:00 am - Assignment review
11:00 am - Learn your town/walking tour
1:30 pm - Newseum

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

12:00-2:00 pm - Welcome brunch at Amos' House: 1414 44th Street NW

Student Handbook

2019 Edition

Please initial each section and sign the last page.

Academic & Program Regulations

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to act honestly inside and outside of the classroom. Plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty undermine the value of the WMI program for everyone and will not be tolerated.

Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Possessing or referring to notes, textbooks or other devices during an exam or quiz.
- Looking at or using information from another person's exam or assignment.
- Communicating with, providing assistance to, or receiving assistance from another person in a manner not authorized by the instructor.
- Submitting an assignment that has been partially or wholly created by someone other than the student.
- Submitting work, ideas or language of another person, without providing the proper acknowledgements.

Grades

Grades for all students are reported at the close of each semester. WMI uses the following grading structure on a 4.00 scale:

Other grade symbols include:

I = Incomplete; calculates as an F in grade point averages.

W = Withdrawal; assigned to a student who officially withdraws from the institute or from a course; carries no credit points, not included in the calculation of grade point averages.

*If a student is found guilty of academic dishonesty, a notation of academic dishonesty will appear directly beneath the class on the academic record.

Internship Responsibility

Students are representatives of the Washington Media Institute, while attending their internships. They are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity and professionalism including, but not exclusive to, punctuality, professional behavior, appropriate dress and reliability.

The Washington Media Institute guarantees an internship for each student. However, if a student is removed from their internship for cause, WMI will not be responsible for finding an internship replacement.

Dress Code

Internship: Business casual dress is recommended. Internship supervisors will provide the dress code, should it be different.

Evening Courses: Casual dress is acceptable.

Friday Course: Business casual dress is required. Students who don't abide by the dress code, will be required to return home and an unexcused absence will be recorded.

Business Casual Guidelines:

For women: A reasonable length skirt or trousers of a non-jeans material combined with a top (such as a dress shirt, polo, or sweater set) is considered acceptable. An informal dress with appropriate skirt length is also acceptable.

For men: A combination of collared shirt (such as a dress shirt or polo shirt), cotton trousers (such as khakis or blue, green, brown, or black trousers) with a belt, jeans and modest shoes with socks is acceptable. A blazer or business jacket can optionally be added.

Unacceptable for either gender: ripped clothing, miniskirts, shorts, inappropriately revealing attire such as bare midriffs, and flip-flops.

Class & Internship Attendance

Every student is expected to attend every class session and internship workday. There are no excused absences except for religious observances that require an absence. All other events that require a class or internship absence may be requested, but are subject to approval.

Students must give written notification to their instructors and internship supervisors within the first two weeks of class of the religious event that prohibits class attendance and the date that will be missed.

Students who become ill must email the Director of WMI and the internship supervisor or professor of the course that will be missed. If no written notification is provided, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

Each unexcused absence from a class or internship session will result in a 5-point deduction from the student's final grade.

Students are responsible for material covered in class, regardless of whether the student is absent or present.

Class & Internship Punctuality

An unexcused absence will be recorded for students who arrive to class more than 15 minutes late. Students who know they will arrive late must provide written notification in advance.

Punctuality is required for every internship session. Supervisors reserve the right to fire any interns who arrive late more than two times. In this case, WMI will not provide the students with a second internship placement.

Public transportation delays are not an excuse for tardiness. Always allow for extra time, as city transportation is unpredictable.

Classroom & Equipment Regulations

Students are responsible for the care of their equipment for the duration of the semester and will be billed for the cost of replacement of missing or damaged items. In the event of equipment loss, damage, or malfunction, please notify Jon Agnew immediately.

Speaker Guidelines

WMI regularly hosts speakers and guest lecturers to enhance the quality of our curriculum. Please utilize the following guidelines when interacting with guests: The golden rule always applies: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." You, of course, have the right to ask questions and request clarification but you also have the responsibility to do so respectfully and tactfully. Students who disregard these basic guidelines of respect will be removed from the classroom and an unexcused absence will be recorded.

Abuse of Technical Resources

Students are responsible for all technical resources loaned to students by WMI. Technical resources include cameras, hardware, software, etc. Theft or other abuse of these resources is prohibited and students will be responsible for replacement of items.

Code of Conduct

Alcohol & Drug Consumption

If a student is of legal drinking age, alcohol may be consumed responsibly. Underage possession, consumption, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to any person under legal age is prohibited. Students are not permitted to have kegs, alcoholic beverages or parties with alcohol in residence hall rooms.

The possession, use or sale of any controlled substance, drug or drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

Sexual Misconduct/ Hostile Environment

Intentional or reckless acts that cause physical or mental harm to any person are prohibited. Examples include: non-consensual sexual conduct or contact, sexual harassment, voyeurism and indecent exposure.

Weapons

The possession or use of a weapon is prohibited. Examples of a dangerous weapon include, but are not limited to, the following: firearms, explosive devices, dangerous chemicals, knives, fireworks, compressed air guns, pellet guns, stun guns, tasers.

Violation of Law

Conduct that violates any federal, state, or local law is prohibited. Students found guilty of breaking a law will be dismissed from the WMI program, without a refund.

Failure to adhere by the rules and regulations set forth by The Washington Media Institute may result in the immediate dismissal, without a refund.

By signing I have read and agree to comply with all WMI policies

Date: _____ Semester: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Confirmation of Receipt of WMI Equipment & Understanding of Equipment Responsibilities

As students of The Washington Media Institute (WMI) you will receive premier filming and editing equipment to use while you are attending WMI. Each student will receive a tripod and tripod holder as well as a Kata backpack filled with the following items:

- One 3CCD JVC ProHD video camera
- One, 16 GB Scandisk SD card
- One JVC battery charger
- One JVC battery
- One hand--held microphone
- One microphone cord
- One 500 GB external hard drive
- One Tripod

While this equipment is costly, we find it essential to your success as a WMI student, so we are happy to supply this equipment. However, please note that you are responsible for maintaining the optimum quality of these materials.

If any of the aforementioned pieces of equipment are missing or damaged at the end of the semester you will be responsible for incurring the costs associated with replacing any and all of the damaged and/or missing items.

By signing this document you acknowledge that you have received that aforementioned equipment from The Washington Media Institute and you are will be charged to replace any damaged or missing equipment.

Date: _____ Semester: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Top 10 Tips for Having A Good Roommate Experience

1. Be clear from the beginning. Do you know in advance that you hate it when someone hits the snooze button fifteen times every morning? That you're a neat freak? That you need ten minutes to yourself before talking to anyone after you wake up? Let your roommates know as soon as you can about your little quirks and preferences. It's not fair to expect him or her to pick up on them right away, and communicating what you need is one of the best ways to eliminate problems before they become problems.
2. Address things when they're little. Is your roommate always forgetting her stuff for the shower, and taking yours? Are your clothes being borrowed faster than you can wash them? Addressing things that bug you while they're still little can help your roommate be aware of something she may not otherwise know. And addressing little things is much easier than addressing them after they've become big.
3. Respect your roommate's stuff. This may seem simple, but it's probably one of the biggest reasons why roommates experience conflict. Don't think he'll mind if you borrow his cleats for a quick soccer game? For all you know, you just stepped over a line. Don't borrow, use, or take anything without getting permission first.
4. Be careful of who you bring into your room—and how often. You may love having your coworkers over. But your roommate may not. Be mindful of how often you bring people over. If your roommate works best in the quiet, and you work best in a group, can you alternate who hits an outside spot and who gets the room?
5. Lock the door and windows. This may seem like it has nothing to do with roommate relationships, but how would you feel if your roommate's laptop got stolen during the ten seconds it took you to run down the hall? Or vice versa? Locking your door and windows is a critical part of keeping safe while you're living in DC.
6. Be friendly, without expecting to be best friends. Don't go into your roommate relationship thinking that you are going to be best friends for the time you're in DC. It may happen, but expecting it sets both of you up for trouble. You should be friendly with your roommate but also make sure you have your own social circles.
7. Be open to new things. Your roommate may be from someplace you've never heard of. They may have a religion or lifestyle that is completely different from your own. Be open to new ideas and experiences, especially as it relates to what your roommate brings into your life.
8. Be open to change. You should expect to learn and grow and change during your time in the WMI program. And the same should happen to your roommate, if all goes well. As

the semester progresses, realize things will change for both of you. Be comfortable addressing things that unexpectedly come up, setting new rules, and being flexible to your changing environment.

9. Address things when they're big. You may not have been totally honest with tip #2. Or you may suddenly find yourself with a roommate who goes wild after being shy and quiet the first two months. Either way, if something gets to be a big problem quickly, deal with it as soon as you can.
10. If nothing else, follow the Golden Rule. Treat your roommate like you'd like to be treated. No matter what your relationship is at the end of your WMI experience, you can take comfort knowing you acted like an adult and treated your roommate with respect.

Cleaning & Roommate Agreement

Apartment Number: _____

Resident Initials: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

Communication is the single most important factor in building a good roommate relationship. Many roommates assume they know how each other feel, and therefore, do not discuss issues that often lead to conflict. This roommate agreement will help you and your roommates begin the process of discussing issues that are often sources of conflict. Once a potential conflict is identified, it can be resolved through compromise before a major problem develops.

This roommate agreement will be filled out by each roommate individually, but discussed collectively with the other roommates. At the end of this agreement all roommates will read the paragraph on the last page and sign his or her signature, signifying that they have discussed the aforementioned topics relating to cleanliness and roommate relations and intend to abide by the rules established by all of you.

Breaking the Ice

Take some time to discuss these questions with one another:

- Have you ever shared a room before?
- What was that living experience like?
- What did you enjoy about your living situation? What didn't you like?
- What are items and qualities in life that you value?
- Describe your lifestyle choices. For example, do you smoke? Do you drink alcohol often? Do you have any dietary restrictions or preferences (diabetic, vegan, etc.)?

Roommate Agreement

Roommate Name _____

If consumables (food, soap, paper etc.) are used, they must be replaced: Yes or No

I expect to go to bed by: _____

I expect to get up most mornings by: _____

I usually take naps by: _____

I plan to do work in the room at: _____

My expectations for this living experience:

My expectations of you all, as my roommate(s):

Roommate Name _____

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Cleaning Agreement Signature Page

I, _____ fully intend to adhere to the requests of my roommates, as designated through this cleaning and roommate agreement. In the same manner that I will conduct our living space, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen with respect, I expect my roommates to do so as well. In the same way that I will respect our housing facilities, I fully intend to treat my roommates and their belongings with the same level of utmost respect. By signing this agreement, I also anticipate that my roommates will treat my belongings and I with the utmost level of respect.

Date: _____

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Date: _____

DC is an incredibly easy to navigate city. During your first week here, we will walk around extensively to give you an idea of where things are and how to get from place to place.

To get to your internship you will use either the metro, the bus system, or walk. A map of the DC metro system is included in this packet. Everyone will use the metro to get around for the program, and thus we will all be going to get Smartrip cards during the first week of orientation.

Metro SmarTrip Card

A SmarTrip card is a permanent, rechargeable farecard. It's plastic, like a credit card, and is embedded with a special computer chip that keeps track of the value of the card. That way in case you misplace it, you can get a new one without losing the money that was on the card.

SmarTrip cards can be used at all metro stations and on all buses in DC. Before arriving, feel free to review the metro map or check out the WMATA web site, which gives you the ability to “plan trips” in DC and get familiar with the bus and metro system.

Capital Bikeshare

Capital Bikeshare is a bicycle sharing system that serves Washington, D.C., and Arlington County, Virginia. The stations and bicycles are owned by the participating local governments and operated in a partnership with Alta Bicycle Share. With more than 1,100 bicycles operating from 116 stations, the system is one of the largest bike sharing services in the United States.

Uber and Lyft

Uber and Lyft are “ride-sharing transportation app that function like taxi cabs. Simply download these apps on your phone and you will be able to request Uber or Lyft cars to pick you up wherever you are.

Walk

The most historic means of human transportation. Walking is a great way to explore all D.C. has to offer. In reality, nothing is more than a 30-minute walk away.

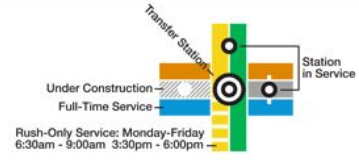
Washington D.C. Metro Map



wmata.com
 Customer Information Service: 202 637-7000
 TTY Phone: 202 638-3780
 Metro Transit Police: 202 962-2121

- Legend**
- Red Line • Glenmont / Shady Grove
 - Orange Line • New Carrollton / Vienna
 - Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield / Largo Town Center
 - Green Line • Branch Ave / Greenbelt
 - Yellow Line • Huntington / Fort Totten
 - Silver Line • Wiehle-Reston East / Largo Town Center

- Station Features**
- Bus to Airport
 - Parking
 - Hospital
 - Airport
- Connecting Rail Systems**
- AMTRAK
 - MARC



MetroRail Operating Times

- Mon-Thu 5am-midnight
- Fri 5am-3am
- Sat 7am-3am
- Sun 7am-midnight

Times are approximate

Metro is accessible.

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 Map is not to scale

Fun For All!

Welcome to DC! Now that you're officially a resident of the District it's time to whip out your snazzy smartphones and download the must-have apps for DC residents! Are you more of the blog-obsessed type? Don't worry; we've got some options for you, too. Regardless of how you like to stay in the know, WMI's got you covered. Take a look at the list we comprised below.

APPS

iCommute DC This is an app that predicts Metro bus and train times. Although predicting bus arrival seems may often seem futile, iCommute DC at least gives you a fighting chance.

DC Rider Metro map in case you need a visualization of where you're going, a list of stations with rolling updates of train times, Tweets that shows you up-to-date twitter info of what people are saying about the Metro, a News section that gets fed with metro-related articles, and a built-in trip planner that tells you how to get from Point A to Point B are all in this app.

Postmates You're hungry, but you don't want to cook. You have a smartphone, but you don't want to actually call anyone to order takeout. You're in luck. Seamless provides the ability to order food for delivery or takeout from a list of rotating restaurants. You can even have groceries delivered

Scoutmob Scoutmob is all about local; local events, local food, and especially, local deals. Members of the Scoutmob team visit local stores and restaurants, and handpick deals. The best part? You don't need to purchase a coupon to receive any of these deals. All that's required is your smartphone and some spontaneity.

BLOGS

Brightest Young Things a daily magazine covering just about everything in DC including music, art, movies, design, photography, etc.

Bitches Who Brunch the website Washingtonians turn to when they want to know where to brunch—or what to wear and where to party.

DCist news and events, restaurants and nightlife, happenings, goings-on and observations from a group of residents.

Famous DC Famous DC takes a humorous look at politics, sports and entertainment within the beltway. Founded by a group of former Capitol Hill, Administration and K Street staffers, this blog has quickly become the talk of Capitol Hill.

[We Love DC](#) We Love DC does just that, love DC. With a collection of diverse writers from all over DC, this blog delivers refreshing content day--in and day--out.

Our Favorite Restaurants

Best Quick Eat: Cava, Buredo, &pizza

Best Unique Eat: Oz, Ching Ching Cha, Eastern Market Crab Cakes, The Dangerously Delicious Pie Truck

Best Coffee: The Coffee Bar, Filter, Un Je Ne Sais Quoi

Best Pizza: &pizza, 2Amys

Best Burger: Bare Burger, Shake Shack, Cleveland Park Bar and Grill

Best Brunch: Open City, Ted's Bulletin, Busboys and Poets, The Pig

Best Chinese: Meiwah, Full Key, Da Hong Pao

Best Indian: Heritage India

Best Mediterranean: Lebanese Taverna, Yafa, Amsterdam Falafel

Best Tacos: El Centro, District Taco, Rosa Mexicana

Best Dessert: Le Diplomate, Un Je Ne Sais Quoi

Best Cupcake: Baked and Wired (unanimously)

Other Good Places to Eat:

<https://dc.eater.com/maps/dc-best-restaurants-38>

Our Favorite Places to Work

1. Tryst
2. Politics and prose
3. Firehook
4. Chinatown Coffee
5. Slipstream
6. Compass Coffee
7. Bourbon Coffee
8. The Coffee Bar
9. Le Pain Quotidien

Our Bucket List: Top 10 Things to Do or See

1. Renwick Gallery
2. Arlington National Cemetery
3. Watch the sunset from the Georgetown Waterfront
4. Go sit on the Einstein Statue
5. Explore Eastern Market
6. FDR Memorial
7. Explore Adams Morgan
8. Stargaze/picnic from Jefferson Memorial
9. See a Broadway Musical at the Kennedy Center

10. Walk/run/bike down the C&O Canal Trail

Another Top 10 Things to Do or See

1. Go to the museums. The Smithsonian is FREE. Look around for 4 hours or 5 minutes, it's still free.
2. Visit the National Mall
3. Visit the Iwo Jima Memorial
4. Visit the Air Force Memorial
5. Visit Mount Vernon
6. Go see a play at one of DC's many thriving theaters
7. Explore a local bookstore
8. Eat in a Chinatown Restaurant
9. Explore Georgetown
10. Explore Rock Creek Park

Beautiful Places to Read:

<https://dc.curbed.com/maps/best-places-reading-dc>

Hidden Gems:

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/washington-dc>

Internship Tips

The internship course is a dynamic part of your WMI adventure. What you learn, who you meet and the real-world challenges you face will provide invaluable experience on which to make future career choices. An internship allows you to learn by doing and to learn by observation. Your internship will also provide opportunities to build your network of professional contacts.

Please review the tips below for making your internship the best experience you can!

- Be early - as a rule interns should arrive exactly on time or early. If you aren't going to make it at that time make sure to call your supervisor.
- First impressions are very important, as is maintaining good ones. It is important for you to dress, speak, write, and generally behave like a professional. Shake hands, make eye contact, smile, and be friendly and confident.
- Be easy to work with. Accept assignments without complaint, ask for more work when assignments are completed, and turn out good quality work. Listen carefully to instructions and ask for clarification. Learn to work as a team; be respectful of input from other team members and practice the art of compromising.
- If you have an issue with your internship, please call Amos, Jon or Katey. If there is too much work for you, not enough work, or, if your supervisor is leaving and will be out of town for an extended period, please let us know so we can help.
- If for some reason your internship does not work out or you are not satisfied with it – in extenuating circumstances - you may be able to change your internship location.
- At the close of your internship you should write a thank you card to your supervisor and the employees you worked with throughout your time there. They will remember this act of professionalism and kindness.
- Keep in touch after your internship. When you are home just touch base with them to see how things are going!
- Have fun and work hard! It is bound to be one of the greatest experiences of your life!

8 Ways to Make the Most of Your Internship

Across the country, thousands of college students are preparing to start internships, which are a crucial way to get experience before graduation. But simply having an internship isn't enough; you also need to impress your employer, form solid relationships with your co-workers, and pay attention to what's happening around you.

Here are eight tips for getting the most out of interning:

1. Figure out what you want to learn from the experience. Are you trying to figure out if you want to work in this field after graduation? Hoping to pick up a particular skill? Trying to get accomplishments that you can add to your resume? Being clear in your head from the start about what you want to get from the experience can help ensure that you get it, whatever it is.
2. Don't segregate yourself with other interns. Get to know other workers too, including those who are older and more experienced. While you might prefer your own peer group for happy hours, co-workers who are a decade or more older than you are often better positioned to help with your career, whether it's giving you advice or helping you connect to your next job.
3. Take your work seriously. In school, if you made a mistake on a test or paper, it only affected you. But at most jobs, mistakes are much more serious. If you make a mistake, don't minimize it. Instead, take responsibility for it, figure out how you're going to fix it, and make it clear that you understand its seriousness.
4. Pay attention to how things work around you. Pay attention even to things that don't directly involve you—like meetings that would otherwise be boring—and absorb all that you can. This is one of the best ways to gain familiarity with the work world, and it will pay off later.
5. Ask your manager for feedback. You want to know your manager's assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, because that's valuable information that will help you do better in this job, and in the next one. Say something like, "I'd really value hearing your advice on where you think I'm doing well and what I could work on improving."
6. Learn from your co-workers. Ask them about their careers. How did they get into the field? What do they like about it? What do they find challenging? What advice do they have for you? Most people love to talk about themselves and will be flattered that you're

asking about their experiences. Best of all, it's likely to make them want to help you. Speaking of which...

7. Ask for advice. Talk to people about your future plans. Let people know what you're hoping to do after graduation, and that you'd love any advice they have. Your co-workers can be very helpful to you in the future—telling you about job leads, recommending you, helping you figure out career choices, and so forth. But most people won't offer this kind of help if you don't explicitly ask for it. They'll often be happy to help if you do.
8. Thank people who help you. If your boss or another co-worker takes the time to help you with something, give them a sincere thank you. People who feel appreciated are more likely to go out of their way for you again. If you don't seem to care, they probably won't bother again.

Director Amos Gelb

Amos Gelb produced virtually every type of television news programming over a two decade broadcast journalism career, from daily news and multi-hour documentaries to undercover investigations to talk shows. His work has incorporated the entire landscape of production techniques from hard news and documentaries to reenactments and full-fledged dramatizations. He has produced and directed for many of America's leading broadcast and cable outlets including CNN, National Geographic, ABC News Nightline, the Discovery Channel, the History Channel and FOX, working with many of broadcast journalism's biggest names. He even produced a reality television series.

That portfolio of work has won over two dozen of the most prestigious awards in American television, including two Ace Awards, two National Emmy's and a DuPont Award.

Amos began teaching a decade ago, first at Georgetown University, then developing and leading the experiential journalism program at American University's Washington Semester. He has taught journalism theory and practice, and studied the changing business fundamentals of today's journalism. He holds an MBA from the prestigious Kogod School of Business at American University.

In 2008, The George Washington University invited Amos to move from AU to build the gold standard in experiential journalism education, incorporating an unparalleled level of academic service providing real world experience within a rigorous academic setting.

The Washington Media Institute, founded in 2011, was the next evolution. Freed of GW limitations and tuition, WMI offers students improved academics, internship and programming experience at an affordable price.

Amos has also run, served as a consultant to, and guest speaker for many executive education programs. He has worked as a communications advisor to the US Department of Justice and Commerce Department, numerous non-profit organizations and for profit organizations including the World Bank's International Finance Corporation. He also negotiated the first joint Masters of Journalism Program between an American and Chinese university.

Amos holds a 3rd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and speaks Chinese.