



The Institute of Politics

at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Institute of Politics (IOP) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill aims to engage and inspire students, particularly undergraduates, to pursue careers in politics and public service.

The University of North Carolina is, as alumnus Charles Kuralt famously called it, “the University of the people.” As such, promoting democratic values sits at the core of the University’s mission - protecting and facilitating the right to debate, advocate, agree, and disagree.

The Institute of Politics seeks to prompt students to understand and exercise these rights at both the University and beyond, ultimately contributing to the expansion and protection of liberty and democracy in both the United States and abroad.

Consistent with the University’s collaborative and interdisciplinary culture, the Institute strives to unite students, academics, and political leaders from a wide spectrum of political views and ideologies. Furthermore, the IOP is dedicated to bridging the gap between the academic and political spheres through programming designed to foster engaging and productive dialogue between the two.

In 2017, the Institute will offer a wide range of opportunities for students through three main components.

Student Programming: The Institute will establish and support four inaugural programs in its first year.

1. *Carolina Political Review:* The Carolina Political Review (CPR) will be a biannual, nonpartisan political journal, engaging the University and the local community through a dynamic online platform managed solely by undergraduate students.
2. *TechTeam:* TechTeam will provide digital support to Triangle area community organizations and state and local government offices.
3. *Speaker Series:* The Speaker Series will provide a forum for leaders in politics, government, business, labor and the media to share their experiences and insights on today’s most pressing issues. Activities will range from larger, on-the-record events to more intimate, off-the-record sessions.
4. *Civics in the Triangle:* Civics in the Triangle will place motivated undergraduates in classrooms throughout the Triangle region, teaching civics and government classes to inspire students to immerse themselves in their local communities and grow into active participants in our democracy.

Fellows Program: The Fellows Program will provide an invaluable chance for students to learn from some of the most notable political practitioners, academics, and journalists in an informal setting. Political practitioners will immerse themselves in the Carolina community - interacting with students and leading a not-for-credit study group. The Institute will host two Visiting Fellows in Fall 2017.

Summer in Washington Program: The Institute will collaborate with its peer Institutes at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Georgetown University to offer career-oriented roundtables with prominent political practitioners to Carolina students pursuing internships in Washington D.C.

These organizations, and the long-term vision for the Institute of Politics, will be highlighted at our kickoff event in September 2017.