There are many opportunities for campus involvement and experiential learning, including volunteering for Presidential campaigns, Student Government Association, Model United Nations, Pre-Law Society, College Democrats and College Republicans, the Culver Public Policy Center, the Simpson Political Survey, and May Term trips to Brazil, Great Britain, and Washington, D.C.

The Culver Fellowship program awards up to five $14,000 scholarships to students with a passion for politics, history, public service and community engagement.

Simpson College participates in a national effort, led by Harvard University’s Institute of Politics, to encourage participation and engagement in politics by America’s young people. Simpson is the only college in Iowa to participate in the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement.

Simpson’s ideal location attracts national political figures like George W. Bush, Hillary Clinton, Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

Simpson students have the opportunity to live, learn and intern in Washington, D.C. through the Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP). Housing is just blocks from the Capitol and the program costs about the same as a regular semester on campus. Many recent CHIP graduates now work in positions in D.C.

Simpson is the only Iowa college to regularly attend the Midwest Model United Nations conference.

Political Science majors land prestigious national and state internships. Students have recently interned at the White House, U.S. Justice Department, Iowa Governor’s office, Iowa State Attorney General’s office, the Iowa State Legislature, Senator Tom Harkin’s office, Senator Chuck Grassley’s office, the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, the Iowa Council for International Understanding, the American Civil Liberties Union, U.S.A. Today and Amnesty International.

Nearly two-thirds of Simpson Political Science alumni pursue a post-graduate or law degree, a number that compares favorably with the top colleges and universities in the nation. Recent law and graduate schools include the University of Notre Dame, University of Iowa, Texas A & M’s Bush School of Public Service, the University of Denver, and the University of Houston.

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JAMIE COREY ’10 came from the Chicago suburbs to Simpson College, attracted by the small-town atmosphere and personal attention from faculty. Jamie took advantage of our D.C. semester (the Capitol Hill Internship Program, or CHIP) and landed a life-changing internship at the White House. Jamie has worked for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

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EMILY SCHELLTLE ’10 (Carroll, IA) has a nose for news. As a double major in Journalism and Political Science, Emily interned in the nation’s capital for USA Today and was Editor for the campus paper, the Simpsonian. After graduating, Emily landed a job covering public affairs for the Iowa City Press-Citizen. She now writes for the Des Moines Register doing investigative reporting and covering state/local news.

SHAUNA AGAN ’11 (Des Moines, IA) was born into a politically active family. She loved her CHIP congressional internship so much that she returned to Washington D.C. to intern with the Democratic National Committee and the American Federation of Teachers. Shauna is currently living in D.C. and pursuing a joint degree in law and public policy at American University.

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