



**SUMMER
SPRINGBOARD**
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PUBLIC POLICY INFOSHEET

**New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open**

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Discover the impact social media has on political campaigns and movements
- Gain an understanding of the factors that influence the direction of government action and the “tools” available to address policy problems
- Develop critical thinking skills about public policy issues and the ability to conduct professional analyses of social, political, and economic structures and bureaucratic processes
- Engage with experts and hear firsthand about the policy-making practices
- In teams apply social science methods and policy analysis to practical problems of government, communities, regions, and/or global issues

2026 Dates

Duke

- Session 2: July 12 - July 24



Academic Program Overview

The government today can affect all aspects of our lives. Curious to find out more about issues addressed by public policy such as public health, criminal justice, gun rights, immigration, reproductive rights, drug use, education, and disaster preparedness? Learn and discuss the system of laws, regulatory measures, courses of action, and funding priorities concerning a given topic promulgated by a governmental entity or its representatives. This course aims to create conditions for learning, opportunity and experience, which enable young people to develop knowledge and new skills.



Excursions

Previous Public Policy excursions included a city tour of Durham and a visit to the North Carolina State Legislative Building. During the city tour of Durham, Dr. Romine led students to look at the impact of certain policies with regards to housing, transportation, and contemporary home values. Students enjoyed applying their coursework in a hands-on activity with the knowledge of their instructor. Students had the opportunity to observe a house session at the legislative building, witnessing how policies and initiatives are talked about in day to day politics.

Instructors

Dr. David Tyroler Romine

David Tyroler Romine is a historian of the United States focusing on the intersection of race, social movements, and public policy. He received a Master's degree from New York University in 2009 and a Ph.D. from Duke University in 2018. Dr. Romine returns as an instructor after his successful courses from 2023-2025 at Duke.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,798

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$2,998

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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