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FAQ

1. What is the Hoover Institution Summer Policy Boot Camp (HISPBC), and what is expected of students?

The HISPBC program is an intensive residential four-day program consisting of morning and afternoon class sessions; and group dinners with invited speakers on some evenings. There will be daily readings that are to be completed before class. There may also be written assignments that will require synthesis and analysis on short notice. Students are expected to attend all class sessions, actively participate in discussion sessions, and maintain professional conduct.

2. How is the HISPBC different from other programs?

Situated on the campus of Stanford University, one of the world's great universities, HISPBC offers topics that are immediately relevant to today's public policy challenges. These seminars are taught by renowned economists, seasoned national security professionals, and leading policy makers and will help participants develop and apply critical reasoning skills necessary to public policy formation.

3. What will students gain from the program?

The HISPBC program offers deep engagement and understanding of new and innovative policy ideas that increase understanding of the modern world.

4. Why is the program free to accepted attendees?

The HISPBC is virtually free (including tuition and housing) because of the generosity of Hoover's supporters and their commitment to engaging young thinkers by providing access to the transformative ideas generated by Hoover fellows.

5. Since tuition is free, will there be other expenses?

The tuition and room and board are covered by the Hoover Institution for those who are accepted into the program, but travel costs and incidentals are not.

6. Can I receive credit at my undergraduate institution if I complete the HISPBC program? Are students graded?

No course grades or credits are given for completing the HISPBC program. At the conclusion of the program, participants receive a certificate of completion.

7. What is the dress code at HISPBC?

Class sessions and evening events require business-casual attire. Campus life is casual during non-class hours.

8. What type of meals will be served?

Stanford dining can accommodate a broad range of dietary preferences and restrictions and is based on fresh, sustainable, and culturally diverse cuisine.

9. Is transportation provided?

Transportation is not provided for program participants. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements, including ground transportation to and from campus. Additionally, parking is not offered to program participants. Uber and Lyft are popular travel options in the Bay Area, and public transportation from San Francisco and San Jose airports is available via Caltrain (with connections to BART). Participants can travel around campus and to and from the Caltrain station on the free Marguerite shuttle buses.

10. Am I expected to stay on campus during the program?

HISPBC is an intensive residential program. As such, students are expected to stay on campus in their assigned residence to facilitate group study and full participation in program activities.

11. What are the accommodations?

Overnight accommodations will be provided in an apartment-style residence, on campus, starting the night of Sunday, August 15, until the morning of Friday, August 20 (you may check out Thursday afternoon if you wish). Sleeping rooms are single occupancy and are furnished with a full-size bed, desk, chair, dresser, private bathroom, and kitchenette. You will also be provided with linens: bedspread, sheets (flat), blanket, pillow, pillowcase, two towels, and one washcloth. Please note that these residences do not have air conditioning. Below is a list of items to bring.

12. Are guests allowed to visit or stay in the dorm?

Guests are not allowed to visit or stay in the dorms during the summer program. Dorm buildings are available only for use by those registered to your specific building while attending a Stanford program. There are numerous public areas on Stanford's campus that are appropriate for visiting with those outside the HISPBC program.

13. What are the residence check-in and check-out times for the program?

Please arrive on campus to check in between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm on Sunday, August 15. Flights into San Francisco or San Jose international airports should be scheduled to arrive no later than 10:00 am to allow for travel time to campus. You will check out of student housing the afternoon of Thursday, August 19, or the morning of Friday, August 20 (no later than 10:00 am).

14. What should I bring for the program?

- A laptop computer or tablet for accessing course readings
- Clothing for temperatures ranging from 50 to 90 degrees F (15 to 35 degrees C)
- Attire appropriate for dinners
- Spending money for extra activities and shopping
- All personal beauty, health, and toiletry items
- A desk lamp, small portable fan (residences do not have air conditioning), alarm clock, hair dryer, and shower shoes are recommended. (These items may be purchased at the Stanford Bookstore.)
- If desired, personal academic supplies (HISPBC will provide paper and all course materials)
- If desired, a USB drive or other device for saving computer files

15. Whom can I contact with further questions?

If you have further questions that are not answered here, please send an email to hispbcadmin@stanford.edu.