



Four-DAY CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING SEMINAR FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Woods Institute's three-day off-the-shelf Congressional Briefing Seminar in Washington, DC is a comprehensive congressional training course crafted for federal agency employees. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from experts on a broad range of Capitol Hill interests that affects executive branch federal agencies. The seminar offers federal employees a comprehensive understanding of the congressional legislative and budget processes.

Tailored to the needs of the participants, Woods Institute invites guest speakers who work with participants' agencies, programs, and areas of interest. Speakers will include Members of Congress and their staff, journalists, government scholars, and NGO and industry lobbyists who focus on natural resources and public lands. Participants will also have the opportunity to see lawmakers in action, and will gain an understanding of the impact of interest groups, the media, and the President on legislative operation

Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the executive and legislative processes of our federal government through the following sessions:

- Introduction and Overview of Government and Congressional Operations
- Sessions with Members of Congress and Hill Staffers Working on Relevant Issues
- The Changing Nature of Congressional Power
- Leadership and Power Centers in the Current Congress
- Perspectives on the Current Congress
- The Role of Congressional Staff
- Interest Groups and Capitol Hill
- Sessions with Legislative Affairs and Budget Staff from Relevant Agencies
- An Overview of the Congressional Budget and Appropriations Processes
- The Congressional Budget Process Formulation in the Executive Branch
- Preparation for Attendance at Committee Hearings
- Attendance at Congressional Hearings and Floor Proceedings

"All Americans should take this course on Congress."

"I now have a greater awareness of the budget and legislation affecting my job".

"I should have taken this course when I first entered the federal government."