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NYU comes to D.C.

New York University breaks ground today on a new District facility that will be the university's first "[Study Away](#)" site in the country -- essentially a domestic counterpart to study abroad.

The Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center, a 12-story building planned for construction at 13th and L streets in Northwest Washington, will hold classrooms and housing for students wishing to spend a semester or more studying in Washington. It will also "provide a base for faculty research, graduate education, student internships and the Brademas Center for the Study of Congress, among other offices," according to a release.



Here is an artist's rendering of the planned NYU center in Northwest Washington.

NYU is one of the nation's largest private universities and reports that it sends more students to study abroad than any other U.S. university.

Project literature says the center will initially take students mainly from the departments of politics, economics, art history, journalism and history, and that the "heart" of the program will be undergraduate study. Later, students will come from other undergraduate and graduate programs, including business and law.

From the program Web site:

"Up to 150 students will come to the Center each semester, pairing classroom work with internships offered by the wealth of non-profits, government agencies, and corporations that call DC home. A History student, for example, can spend a semester in DC, taking a course on colonial American history and completing an internship at the National Museum of the American Indian."

NYU won't be the first out-of-town university with a major presence in the District. The [University of California](#) system is among our current tenants.