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**Major:** Public Policy

**Employer:** Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

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**Fun Cultural Experience**

I joined my office's badminton team - a sport the Germans take surprisingly seriously! We practiced in a sports club that was a relic from wall-era East Berlin, which made a fascinating backdrop for such a light-hearted activity.

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**Summary**

GPPi is an independent policy think tank in Berlin, Germany. GPPi does work in a large range of issue areas, and I worked in the data and technology politics division. My work covered a large range of research and administrative tasks, and I contributed to work on topics such as encryption, artificial intelligence, internet of things security, digitization of government agencies, and the role of social media companies in the spread of disinformation. I also worked extensively with the planning and administrative side of the Transatlantic Digital Debates program, a dialogue program hosted by GPPi.

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**Relation to Your Major**

All of the work at GPPi, whether research or advocacy focused, is public policy work. This was the first internship I've had where the work was related to my major in such a literal way, so it was satisfying to be able to apply what I learned through my coursework to my work at GPPi. The analysis and policy writing skills I've learned at Georgia Tech served me well and were appreciated by everyone I worked with.