James Madison College provides a liberal education in public affairs for undergraduates. This means, among other things, that the primary activity as a faculty and staff is undergraduate teaching. The College is dedicated to the highest standards of excellence, both for the students and the faculty and staff. The curriculum and individual courses are multi-disciplinary, cultivating in the students skills of rigorous thought, lucid prose writing, and articulate speech. The residential environment nurtures a collegium of scholars among students, faculty, and staff. The excellent resources of the wider University enrich the program as a whole. James Madison College established itself in 1967. Since then with an enrollment of approximately 1000 students, the College has graduated numerous Rhodes Scholars, Truman Scholars, Marshall Scholars, Fulbright Scholars, National Science Foundation Fellows and regularly represents a high percentage of Michigan State University’s Phi Beta Kappa class.

Its undergraduate program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in one of four fields of concentration: International Relations, Political Economy, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, and Social Relations. It offers a rigorous program with distinctive attention to written work, analytical writing, critical thinking, give-and-take class discussion and collaborative work. Students have an opportunity to study how public issues develop and how the varied public and private institutions of society function, in the United States and globally.

The faculty of James Madison College have been recruited from a number of inter-related fields: American studies, economics, history, sociology, political science and political theory. The College emphasizes teaching excellence, individualized attention to students and scholarly research in public affairs. Its courses are conducted as either lecture-discussion or collaborative classes in which student participation is encouraged and often expected. A typical class focuses on such issues as how globalization affects civil society, or how theories of justice evolve into systems of laws, or how a society’s cultural and social values influence its economic development. In short, the emphasis throughout the program is on the dynamics of public affairs and public decision making.

Competency in writing is strongly emphasized for all students in James Madison College. In addition to a required two semester First-year Writing Program, research papers and other writing assignments have been incorporated into the requirements for each of the fields of concentration and all James Madison College courses.

The College is an excellent choice for any student aiming at careers in government, politics, administration, business, foreign service, or considering post-baccalaureate studies: pre-law students, students planning to pursue graduate study in one of the social science fields, business and public administration. Included in the James Madison College program is a concentrated junior or senior year Field Experience in which students work for an agency of government, a private organization, non-profit organization, journalism or a corporation. The full-time internship is intended to provide students with the opportunity to connect their education to the realm of practice. Placements are available throughout the United States and internationally.

The total enrollment in James Madison College is approximately 1000 students, so that the College is able to provide a small college environment on the Michigan State University campus. Faculty members devote a substantial amount of time to individual student advisement; as a result, programs of study are designed to satisfy the academic needs, intellectual curiosity, and career goals of each student.

In addition, the home of the College is Case Residence Hall, which includes not only the residence hall rooms of its on-campus students, but also faculty offices, classrooms, dining facilities, a College library, seminar rooms, and a computer laboratory. In the evenings, cultural programs, speakers, presentations and other extracurricular events are regularly scheduled. At the same time, the College’s students are full
members of the Michigan State University student body. They take approximately half their courses in other units of the University and enjoy all benefits of living on a large, bountiful campus.

Students admitted to Michigan State University are also admissible to James Madison College. Enrollments in the College are, however, limited. Prospective first year and transfer students should notify the Michigan State University Office of Admissions and Scholarships as early as possible of their desire to enroll in the College. Limited numbers of currently enrolled Michigan State University students may also be eligible to transfer into the College; such students are encouraged to contact the Director of Admissions in the College early in the Fall semester. Subject to space availability, students from the College to other programs until their junior year without delaying completion of their degrees.

**ADDITIONAL MAJORS.** Students who elect to pursue additional majors should notify the James Madison College Director of Academic Affairs or their adviser as early as possible in order to satisfy this requirement. The major in Education must be the first major declared, and all Education courses must be taken through the College.

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**Re quire ments for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in James Madison College**

1. The University’s requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree is that all students complete 32 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. These credits must include:
   - 12 credits of general education:
     - 3 credits of English Composition
     - 3 credits of Math
     - 3 credits of Social Sciences
     - 3 credits of Humanities
   - 12 credits of major courses:
     - 9 credits of major courses
     - 3 credits of major electives
   - 16 credits of electives:
     - 8 credits of electives
     - 8 credits of general electives

2. The minimum number of credits required for the Bachelor of Arts degree is 120 credits.

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**Fields of Concentration**

1. **International Relations**
   - Required Courses:
     - MC 111 International Relations I (3 credits)
     - MC 220 International Relations II (3 credits)
     - MC 320 International Relations III (3 credits)
   - Electives:
     - MC 321 Contemporary International Politics (3 credits)
     - MC 322 Contemporary International Security (3 credits)
     - MC 323 Contemporary International Organizations (3 credits)

2. **Economics**
   - Required Courses:
     - EC 101 Principles of Economics (3 credits)
     - EC 201 Microeconomics (3 credits)
     - EC 202 Macroeconomics (3 credits)
   - Electives:
     - EC 301 Advanced Microeconomics (3 credits)
     - EC 302 Advanced Macroeconomics (3 credits)

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**Additional Information**

1. All of the courses that are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree must be completed with a grade of C or better.
2. Students may take courses at Michigan State University and James Madison College.
3. Students may take courses at Michigan State University and James Madison College as first-year students.
4. Students may take courses at Michigan State University and James Madison College as transfer students.
5. Students may take courses at Michigan State University and James Madison College as graduate students.

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**Notes:**

- Students who are admitted to James Madison College are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Students who are transferred to James Madison College are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Students who are admitted to the Bachelor of Arts degree program are required to complete a minimum of 41 credits as James Madison College courses.

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**Credit–No Credit System**

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**Admission Requirements**

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**Declaration of Major**

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**James Madison College**

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PHL 330 Formal Reasoning 4

PHL 480 Philosophy of Science 4

STT 315 Introduction to Probability and Statistics 3

STT 421 Statistics 4

g. Two related courses from one of the following four groups (6 to 8 credits):

(1) HISTORY

HST 205 European History to 1500 4

HST 206 European History since 1500 4

HST 326 United States Foriegn Relations since 1914 3

HST 337 European Intellectual History: Natural Philosophy through Romanticism 4

HST 338 European Intellectual History: Modernism and Post-Modernism 4

HST 390 History of International Relations 3

(2) ECONOMICS

EC 302 Intermediate Macroeconomics 3

EC 306 Comparative Economic Systems 3

EC 405 The Development of the American Economy 3

EC 406 Economic Analysis of the Soviet Union and Transition Economy 3

EC 410 Issues in the Economics of Developing Countries 3

EC 411 Issues in Economic Development 3

EC 413 Economic Analysis of Asia 3

EC 414 Economic Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa 3

MC 240 Foundations of Political Economy 3

MC 340 Economic Growth 4

(3) POLITICAL SCIENCE

MC 270 Classical Republicanism 4

MC 271 Constitutionalism and Democracy 4

MC 370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy 4

(4) An area and related courses as approved by the student's academic advisor. In order to fulfill this requirement, a student must complete 300-400 level courses in a foreign language. Courses at the 100-200 level in a foreign language may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

- James Madison College 320, 322, 325, and 327 may be counted toward this requirement if they deal with international relations.
- James Madison College 350 may be counted toward this requirement if only one course from each group is taken.

2. Political Economy

a. All of the following courses (17 credits):

MC 240 Foundations of Political Economy 4

MC 241 Politics and Market 4

MC 340 Economic Growth 4

MC 494 Senior Seminar in Political Economy (W) 5

b. One of the following courses (3 credits):

EC 301 Intermediate Microeconomics 3

EC 302 Intermediate Macroeconomics 3

c. Three courses from the following groups of courses, with at least one course from each group:

Domestic:

MC 342 Employment, Production, and Income Distribution 4

MC 347 Urban and Regional Development 4

MC 370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy 4

MC 375 Contemporary Developments in American Politics 4

MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs 4

MC 444 Policy Evaluation 4

International:

MC 320 Politics, Society, and Economy in the Third World 4

MC 324A Regional Poltics, Cooperation, and Conflict in the Middle East 4

MC 324B Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa 4

MC 324D Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean 4

MC 324D Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Asia 4

MC 324E Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe 4

MC 325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective 4

MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs 4

MC 421 Advanced International Political Economy 4

MC 442 U.S. in Industry and the World Economy 3

d. Two of the following courses (3 credits):

EC 320 Analysis of Economic Data 3

STT 315 Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Business 3

STT 421 Statistics 4

e. Two courses from economics, history, math, mat ics, political science, or the other re lated or areas (6 to 8 credits). Courses must be related to the three James Madison College fields of concentration as may be counted to ward this requirement.

- A 400-level course in the Department of Economics may be substituted for one of the courses listed below.

- James Madison College 390 may be used to satisfy the requirement of at least one course from the Domestic group in requirement 2. e. only when the topic deals with domestic political economy.

- James Madison College 324A or 324B or 324C or 324D or 324E or 324F or 324G or 324H or 324I or 324J may be used to satisfy the requirement of at least one course from the international group in requirement 2. e. only when the content deals with international political economy.

3. Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

a. All of the following courses (4 credits):

MC 270 Classical Republicanism 4

MC 271 Constitutionalism and Democracy 4

MC 370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy 4

MC 371 Beyond Liberal Democracy? New Directions in Political Theory 4

MC 497 Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (W) 5

b. One of the following courses (4 credits):

MC 373 Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court 4

MC 374 Constitutionalism: The Presidency and Congress 4

MC 375 Contemporary Developments in American Politics 4

MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs 4

c. One of the following courses (4 credits):

MC 241 Politics and Market 4

MC 272 Political Theory and Political Issues 4

MC 325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective 4

MC 326 U.S. Foreign Policy 4

MC 372 African American Political Thought 4

MC 377 Culture, Politics and Post-Colonialism 4

MC 381 African American Politics 4

MC 382 African American Politics 4

MC 386 Women and Power in Comparative Perspective 4

MC 387 Jews and Anti-Semitism 4

MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs 4

d. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

PHL 330 Formal Reasoning 4

PHL 480 Philosophy of Science 4

PLS 201 Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis 4

STT 421 Statistics 4

One college-level math or course selected from: Mathematics 126, 133, 152H, 153H.

e. One of the following two options (12 to 16 credits). Both the option and the related courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor.

(1) Four courses from one of the following disciplines or fields: anthropology, economics, English, history, international relations, philosophy, political economy, political science, sociology, social studies, sociology, or the like. If a course is used in the discipline or field, it must be taken above the 300-400 level in the same language that was used to satisfy the College's requirement for an international language course, or at the 100-200 level in an other foreign language, may be counted toward this requirement.

(2) Four courses on a historical or significant political topic in another time and space. One course must be in History; the other three courses may in other aspects of life in the political. Two of the three courses may be in the language of the country in which the student lived at school.

3. Social Relations

a. All of the following courses (21 credits):

MC 280 Social Theory and Social Relations 4

MC 281 Immigration, Minorities, and America 4

MC 380 Social Policy 4

MC 498 Senior Seminar in Social Relations (W) 5

SOC 281 Methods of Social Research 4

Sociology 281 should be completed during the sophomore year.

d. Three courses from the following groups of courses, with at least one course from each group (12 credits):

(1) American Politics, Government and Law

MC 375 Contemporary Developments in American Politics 4

MC 381 American Politics and Policy 4

MC 382 Social Movements 4

MC 383 African-American Politics 4

MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs 4

(2) The Dynamics of Social Relations

MC 347 Urban and Regional Development 4

MC 384 Metropolitan Society 4

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2. The student must meet the requirements specified below:

   a. Two courses at the 300–400 level in a related discipline (e.g., anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, or social policy) or in an approved related area (e.g., ethnic and race, gender and women's studies, urban and metropolitan studies, or U.S. politics) (6 to 8 credits).

   b. A research paper in the discipline or social policy.

   c. Two courses at the 300–400 level in a related discipline (e.g., anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, or social policy) or in an approved related area (e.g., ethnic and race, gender and women's studies, urban and metropolitan studies, or U.S. politics) (6 to 8 credits).

3. Humanities: The student must complete a mini-union of three courses totaling at least 9 credits selected from at least two of the following groups of courses:

   a. History of Art
   b. Art History
   c. European History
   d. American History
   e. European Literature
   f. American Literature
   g. European Film
   h. American Film

   4. Supervised Research Paper: The student must complete one of the following four options:

   a. In independent study. A research paper on a topic related to Western Europe completed while enrolled in an independent study course of at least 3 credits.
   b. Overseas Study. A research paper completed while enrolled in an AFSU overseas study program in Western Europe totaling at least 3 credits.
   c. Internship. A research paper on a topic related to Western Europe completed while enrolled in a field experience or internship course of at least 3 credits.
   d. Capstone Course. A research paper on a topic related to Western Europe that is completed while enrolled in a capstone course of at least 3 credits.

   *MC 390 Advanced Topics in Political Science* (1 to 4)

   *MC 492 Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 493 Capstone Course in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 494 Advanced Topics in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 495 Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 496 Capstone Course in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 497 Advanced Topics in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 498 Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)*

   *MC 499 Capstone Course in International Relations (W)*
Upon completion of the requirements for the specialization in Western European studies as specified by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, the student should contact the Dean of James Madison College and request certification for the completion of the specialization. After the certification is approved by the Dean of James Madison College, the Office of the Registrar will enter on the student's academic record the name of the specialization and the date that it was completed. This certification will appear on the student's transcript.

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTIONS**

The following disciplinary majors leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in James Madison College are available for teacher certification: international relations, political economy, political theory and constitutional democracy, and social studies. Students who complete the requirements for one of these disciplinary majors and the requirements for teacher certification are recommended for a teaching certificate in social studies. Persons with a teacher certification in social studies are qualified to teach history, political science, geography, and economics.

Students with an International Relations disciplinary major must complete the following disciplinary courses: two History courses and one course in political science other than James Madison College 240. The courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor. These courses may be used to satisfy the degree requirement referenced in item 1. g. above, as well as the requirements for teacher certification.

Students with a Political Economy disciplinary major must complete the following disciplinary courses: two History courses and one course in political science other than James Madison College 240. The courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor. These courses may be used to satisfy the degree requirement referenced in item 2. e. under the heading Fields of Concentration above, as well as the requirements for teacher certification.

Students with a Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy disciplinary major must complete the following disciplinary courses: two Geography courses approved by the student's academic advisor. These courses may be used to satisfy the degree requirement referenced in item 3. d. under the heading Fields of Concentration above, as well as the requirements for teacher certification.

Students with a Social Relations disciplinary major must complete the following disciplinary courses as specified below:

1. Geography: One of the following two options:
   a. Two Geography courses approved by the student's academic advisor.
   b. James Madison College 384 and one Geography course approved by the student's academic advisor.

2. History: One of the following two options:
   a. James Madison College 382 or 384 or 387.

b. One History course approved by the student's academic advisor.

These courses may be used to satisfy the degree requirements referenced in items 4. b. and 4. c. under the heading Fields of Concentration above, as well as the requirements for teacher certification.

1. James Madison College 281, which is required for the Social Relations disciplinary major, also partially satisfies the history requirement for teacher certification.

Students who elect one of the disciplinary majors referenced above must contact the James Madison College Director of Academic and Student Affairs. For additional information, refer to the statement on Teacher Certification in the Department of Teacher Education section of this catalog.

**JAMES MADISON COLLEGE 3 + 3 OPTION**

James Madison College, in collaboration with MSU/DCL, offers an opportunity for selected students to earn a baccalaureate degree after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 91 credits at Michigan State University and a minimum of 29 credits through subsequent enrollment at MSU/DCL. Only students who matriculate as first-year students at James Madison College may pursue this option. Students interested in this option should consult with their academic advisors during the first year in the college.

Admission to the MSU/DCL component of this program is limited to a small number of students who complete the specified University credits and college requirements and who earn a GPA and LSAT score that is acceptable for admission to MSU/DCL. All students in this program will complete a minimum of 91 credits at Michigan State University, at least 47 of which (not to include James Madison College 440 and 401) shall be James Madison College credits. The requirements for the program are as follows:

1. Completion of the All University-level graduation requirements, including integrative studies, mathematics, and writing.
2. Completion of the All-College required courses, including James Madison College 111, 112, 201, 202; Economics 201 and 202; and second-year competency in a foreign language.
3. Completion of the requirements for one of the Madison fields of concentration.
4. Completion of a minimum of 29 credits at MSU/DCL.

Upon satisfactory completion of the specified MSU/DCL credits, students in this program will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree.