James Madison College

111 Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing I
Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open only to students in James Madison College. Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts. Influences of family, education, work, religion, gender, race, class and/or sexuality on identity and community. Critical reading and analytical writing and public speaking.

112 Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing II
Spring. 4(4-0) P-M: (MC 111) R: Open only to students in James Madison College. Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts in selected historical eras. Reconstructioning images of self and society in time of stress or transition. History, narrative, literature, film, art, politics. Principles of research, documentation, persuasive writing, and public speaking.

181 Introduction to Science, Technology, the Environment and Public Policy
Fall. 4(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. Relation of science and technology to ethics and public policy. Environmental law and public policy. Managing fish, water and wildlife resources at state, national, and international levels. Science and technology in developing countries. Impacts of military technology on environmental policy.

201 Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs I (D)
Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open only to students in James Madison College. Interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

202 Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs II (I)
Spring. 4(4-0) P-M: (MC 201) RB: or approval of college. Continued interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

220 International Relations I: World Politics and International Security
Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Evolution of the contemporary international system. Theories, explanations, and comparisons of actions and interactions of state and non-state actors. Causes of war and peace.

241 Politics and Markets
Spring. 4(3-0) P-M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) Comparative study of firm, market, and government relations. Variations in the institutions of the mixed economy across countries. Normative principles for evaluating state and market relations. Positive political economic theories of government behavior in market economies.

270 Classical Republicanism
Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Theory and practice of popular government in classical Greece and Rome. Rebirth of such forms in the cities and monarchies of Medieval and Renaissance Europe.

271 Constitutionalism and Democracy
Spring. 4(3-0) P-M: (MC 270) RB: or approval of college. Origins and development of liberal constitutionalism and its democratization. Theory and practice of the modern state, especially the American variant.

272 Political Theory and Political Issues
Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Not open to freshmen. Selected issues in political theory or specific political problems. Topics vary.

280 Social Theory and Social Relations
Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Classical and contemporary theories of social structure, intergroup process, inequality, and social change. Class, ethnicity, race, gender, social stratification, social mobility and conflict.

281 Immigrants, Minorities, and American Pluralism
Spring. 4(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by James Madison College. R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. Comparative social history of American peoples, focused on immigrants and ethnic and racial minorities. Comparisons of patterns of adjustment, intergroup relations, and politics.

290 Special Topics
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. Selected topics in public affairs. Varied issues in international relations, political economy, political theory and constitutional democracy, and social relations.

293 Methods for Strategic Analysis in Public Affairs
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P-M: (MTH 110 or MTH 116 or MTH 112 or MTH 114 or MTH 124 or MTH 132 or STT 200) or designated score on Mathematics Placement test Basic methods of strategic analysis and game theory. Applications and case studies in international relations, politics, political economy, and social relations.

299 Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to freshmen or sophomores in James Madison College. Approval of college. Individual reading and research under faculty direction.

300 Collaborative Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of college. Group reading, research or simulations under faculty direction.

320 Politics, Society and Economy in the Third World
Fall. 4(3-0) P-M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. Topics vary. Politics of social and economic change. Policies and strategies of development and of state and nation building in Third World countries. Impact of international political, security and economic structures on the process of state and nation building in the Third World.

321 The Cold War: Culture, Politics and Foreign Policy
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P-M: MC 220 Cultural representations to explore the Cold War's balance of power politics and domestic consequences.

323 Japanese Foreign Policy
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P-M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: PLS 353. Evolution of Japanese foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

324A Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in the Middle East
Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) P-M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: MC 221 Sources of conflict and cooperation in the Middle East through case studies such as the Arab-Israeli conflict. Intra-state, regional, and global factors.

324B Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P-M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: MC 221 Domestic and international politics of sub-Saharan African countries. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.
324C Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Domestic and international politics of Latin American or Caribbean countries. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

324D Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Asia
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Asia. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

324E Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe
Summer of odd years: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Europe. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

324F Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in North America
Summer of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) or completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: MC 221 R: Approval of College.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in North America. Government policies to promote security, democracy and growth.

325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221 or MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.
Comparison of political systems and social-economic structures in capitalist and state-socialist societies. Political history, institutions, culture, and current policy issues.

326 U.S. Foreign Policy
Fall. Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college. SA: MC 323A

327 The Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 326) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college. SA: MC 321
Not open to students with credit in PLS 362. Concepts, processes and domestic and external determinants of foreign policy decision-making in several foreign countries. Comparative public policy, including security and foreign economic policies.

328 Russian Foreign Policy
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and PLS 358 SA: MC 323B
Evolution of Russian and Soviet foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

329 European Security: Challenges and Strategies
Summer. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: PLS 356
Evolution of challenges facing Europe in post-cold war period. Critical examination of alternative policies and structures proposed in response to these challenges.

340 Economic Growth
Fall. Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 202 or EC 252H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college R: Open only to students in James Madison College or approval of college.

342 Social Economics of the Workplace: Class, Race, and Gender
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or approval of college.

347 Urban and Regional Development
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 343, MC 344
Spatial dimensions of economic growth and development. Socioeconomic structure of urban and metropolitan areas. Business location and economic development. Design and impact of public policies.

348 Educational Policy
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement
Examination of alternative policies to improve K-12 educational outcomes, including school finance, educational standards, teacher professional development, and school choice.

349 Economics of Legal Relationships in Comparative Perspective
Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement
Survey and comparison of major schools of legal-economic thought, and their implications for policy. Economic impacts of law and legal institutions.

350 Evolution and Society
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) RB: Basic knowledge of biology and US history.
The reciprocal relationship between evolutionary science and American culture. Social, political, and economic influences that shape biological scientists' descriptions of evolutionary change, and their claims about evolutionary influence on cultures.

351 Science and Social Policy
Fall of even years. 4(3-0)
Role that scientific research on group differences plays in creating and maintaining social stereotypes and policy. Practical implications of scientific research, sources of bias among scientific investigators, and the role of scientists in creating and changing stereotypes and in attacking social prejudice.

361 Political Economy and Comparative Public Policymaking
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221 or MC 241) or completion of Tier I writing requirement and (EC 201 and EC 202)
Use of political economy approaches to explain public policies and policymaking processes in comparative perspective.

362 Public International Law
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 322
Impact of international law on social, political, and economic change in the international system. Military conflict and conflict resolution, economic prosperity and redistribution, human rights and ecology. Origin and operation of international laws.

363 Global Governance
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 322
Not open to students with credit in PLS 364.
Impact of international institutions on social, political, and economic change in the international system. Evolution and devolution of global governance in international trade and finance, the environment, and military security.

364 Policy Evaluation
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and (SOC 281 or concurrently or MC 296 or concurrently or PLS 201) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 444
Not open to students with credit in PLS 313.
Economic concepts and analytic techniques for the design and evaluation of public policies. Political environment of policy formation and implementation. Basic data analysis. Application of concepts and techniques to selected government policies.

365 Islam and Development in Southeast Asia
Summer. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.

368 Black Nationalisms: Africa and Its Diaspora
Summer of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Multi-disciplinary study of the ways in which Africans in Africa and the Diaspora have searched for, imagined, and produced community and nation, and the different struggles for identity and self-determination. Examination of the ways in which race, ethnicity, gender, class and sexuality have shaped discourses of nationalisms.

370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy
Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.
Criticisms of constitutionalism and liberal democracy. Theory and practice of 19th and early 20th century attempts to perfect or transcend bourgeois life through radical reform or revolution.
Beyond Liberal Democracy? New Directions in Political Theory
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M (MC 370) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.

The contemporary status of liberal democracy. Theory and practice of late 20th century attempts to perfect, transcend, or undermine liberal democracy in light of crisis of rationalism.

African American Political Thought
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen.

Social and political theories of selected African American activists and scholars. Relationships of African, European, and American value systems.

Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Study of theory of constitutional democracy through examination of selected Supreme Court cases. History of the Supreme Court and principles of constitutionalism.

Constitutionalism: The Presidency and Congress
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.


Contemporary Developments in American Politics
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Contemporary developments related to persistent issues of American governance. Normative, empirical, and historical inquiry into topics such as the role of popular opinion, policy capacities and democratic and deliberative practice. Examination of case studies. Selected policy problems.

Culture, Politics and Post-Colonialism(I)
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221 or MC 271) or completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.

Contemporary issues of cultural politics and power. Relations of colonialism and post-colonialism. Contemporary repercussions. History, literature, culture and political theory.

Law and Social Groups
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of College.

Relationship between fundamental law and the activity of social groups in the American context. Selected Supreme Court, Appellate and State Supreme Court cases examined for their impact on the free exercise and equal protection of social groups.

Social Policy
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 280 or MC 281) and (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: Completion of one semester methodology course.


American Politics and Equality
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Controversies over equality in American thought, politics, constitutional practice, and public policy. Case studies.

Social Movements
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or Women's Studies Program or approval of college.

Theories and case studies of social movements in comparative perspective. Origins, development, membership, organizational dynamics, social control, political effects.

African American Politics
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen.


Metropolitan Society
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 240 or MC 280 or MC 281) and (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.

Restructuring of urban and metropolitan society and social relations in 20th century America. Contemporary patterns of social life, relations, and politics in post-industrial metropolis.

Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or MC 281) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college.

Advanced theories, cross-national comparisons, and case studies of race and ethnic relations. Intergroup competition, conflict, dominance, accommodation, assimilation, and pluralization. Prejudice, stereotypes, racism, ideologies, political and economic processes.

Women and Power in Comparative Perspective
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or Women's Studies Program.

Application of feminist theory to questions of gender and power in different economic and political systems and geographic areas.

Jews and Anti-Semitism
Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or in the Specialization in Jewish Studies.

Comparative history and sociology of modern Jewish experiences. Anti-Semitism and intergroup relations; the Holocaust and responses to the Holocaust; assimilation and pluralism in the U.S.

Sexual Politics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
Fall, 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or Women's Studies or approval of college.

Sexuality and gender in nineteenth and twentieth century history and politics. Social change, social movements, and sex roles.

Religious Politics in U.S. Society: Left, Right, and Other
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 280 or SOC 100 or SOC 488) or approval of college and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Role of religion in politics and society, especially the role religion plays in political mobilization, and the nature of political diversity within U.S. religious traditions.

Advanced Topics in Public Affairs
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Issues in international relations, political economy, political theory and constitutional democracy, and social relations.

Selected Topics in Public Affairs
Spring of even years. 3 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Contemporary issues in public affairs.

Cultural Dimensions of Public Affairs
Fall, Spring, 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 112 and MC 202) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of College.

Multiple interrelations between culture and public affairs in American and/or cross-cultural contexts. Uses literature, film, criticism, and history to illuminate issues of conflict, power, and social structure in a variety of historical and geographical contexts.

Advanced Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

Approval of college. Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction.

Field Experience
Fall, Spring, Summer. 5 to 9 credits. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

Practical internship experience with a public, private, or non-profit organization engaged in making, influencing, implementing, or analyzing policy relevant to college program.
Field Experience: Analysis and Interpretation
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. P.M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Analysis and interpretation of field experience, sponsoring organization, or related policy issues under faculty direction.

Advanced International Political Economy
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P.M: (MC 221 and EC 340) or (MC 340 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement
Application of political economy theory to North-North relations. The effects of politics in a multipolar international economy in North-South and South-South relations.

Islam and World Politics
Spring. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Political Science. Administered by James Madison College. P.M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 420
Manifestations of political Islam within key Muslim countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Pakistan. Use of political Islam by states and groups as an instrument to advance their international goals.

U.S. Industry and the World Economy
Fall. 4(3-0) P.M: (MC 221 and EC 340) or (MC 340 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement.

Ecology, Law and Economics
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Natural Science. Administered by Natural Science. P.M: EC 201
Review and integrate principles of ecology, fundamentals of law, and principles of economics into a conceptual model that describes interrelations among the natural system, the economy, and the state. Analyze and assess the legal-economic natural resource and environmental policies in the context of the integrated model. Relate the ecology-law-economics model to emerging paradigms of sustainable development, ecological economics, industrial ecology, and the Natural Step.

International Environmental Policy
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by James Madison College. P.M: EC 201 or EC 202 RB: FW 181 and EC 340
Overview of concepts, actors, norms, laws, and institutions related to international environmental policy. Case studies on current global environmental issues.

Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P.M: (ZOL 355 or FW 205) and (EC 201 or EC 202) R: Open only to juniors or seniors or graduate students.
Global issues and their impacts on implications for the management of fisheries and wildlife resources.

Gender and Violent Conflict
Spring. 4(3-0) P.M: MC 220 or MC 270 or MC 280 or ANP 220 or WS 201 or SOC 216 or approval of college. RB: MC 386 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Gender consequences of a range of violent conflicts and their resolution. Theoretical contours and policy implications of gendered conflict within and between states. Contemporary case studies.

Honors Independent Study
Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or to Honors College students. Approval of college. SA: MC 499H
Topic related to student's field.

Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)
Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P.M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in the International Relations major. Approval of college.
Major issues and theories of international relations.

Senior Seminar in Political Economy (W)
Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P.M: (MC 340) and (STT 315 or concurrently) or STT 421 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Approval of college.
Discussion of advanced readings and research design. Students complete a substantial independent research project which is the basis for a seminar presentation and research paper. Seminar topics vary.

Senior Honors Thesis
Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College. Approval of college.
Academic year-long thesis; topic related to student's field.

Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (W)
Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P.M: (MC 371) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. SA: MC 497

Senior Seminar in Social Relations (W)
Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P.M: (MC 380) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.
American social relations and policy. Theoretical issues. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies. Special projects arranged by an individual student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.