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111  Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing I  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.

112  Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing II  Spring. 4(4-0) P: (MC 111) R: Open only to students in James Madison College. Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts in selected historical eras. Reconstructing 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. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Lyman Briggs. 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 (D)  Spring. 4(4-0) P: (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.

221  International Relations II: The Politics of International Economic Relations  Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220) RB: or approval of college. Not open to students with credit in PLS 361. Theories and policy issues in international political economy. Analysis of trade, money and finance, technology, transnational corporations, debt and environment. Globalization, hegemonic power, international regimes.

230  Cultures and Politics in Comparative Perspective  Fall. 4(3-0) Interdisciplinary and comparative approaches to analysis of culture and politics. Whole culture, structuralist, post structuralist, and interpretive theories of culture. Analysis of the relationship of political regimes, cultural diversity, identity, and representation, and case studies.


241  Politics and Markets  Spring. 4(3-0) P: (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: (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) R: 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 or approval of 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: (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.

295  Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in Public Policy  Fall. 4(3-0) RB: Completion of University Mathematics requirement. Not open to students with credit in PLS 201 or SOC 281. Design and execution of research in public policy analysis and evaluation. Critical evaluation of data and arguments. Data collection, hypothesis testing, survey of measures of association and evaluation.

299  Independent Study  Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 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. 4(3-0) R: 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: (MC 221 or approval of college) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. 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  Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or MC 231) and completion of Tier I writing requirement Cultural representations to explore the Cold War's balance of power politics and domestic consequences.
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322 International Security
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: MC 220
Analysis of selected classic and/or contemporary theories and issues in international security, which could include humanitarian intervention, human security, weapons of mass destruction, ethnic and religious conflict, environmental security, terrorism and changing ways of warfare.

323 Japanese Foreign Policy
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: (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: (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: (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: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: MC 221
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: (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.

325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 241 or MC 271 or MC 230) 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: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college. SA: MC 323A
U.S. foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and international determinants of foreign policy. Evolution of U.S. foreign policy.

327 The Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (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: 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: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: PLS 355
Evolution of challenges facing Europe in post-cold war period. Critical examination of alternative policies and structures proposed in response to these challenges.

331 Encounters With Post-Communism
Spring of odd years. 4(4-0) P: (MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 220) or approval of college. R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College or in the Comparative Cultures & Politics major.
Interdisciplinary approach to the study of the cultural politics of post-communism and of international relations with countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

340 Economic Growth
Fall, Spring. 4(3-0) P: (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.

347 Urban and Regional Development
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (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: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 444 Not open to students with credit in PLS 313.
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: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: MC 330A
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) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement 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.

352 Political Economy and Comparative Public Policymaking
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (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.

353 Public International Law
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 332
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.

354 Global Governance
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 332 Not open to students with credit in PLS 313.
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.

354 Policy Evaluation
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (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 295 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.
Islam and Development in Southeast Asia
Summer. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Film, History and Nation
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 230 or MC 231 or approval of college) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.
Relation of film and cinema to nationalism, nation building, and national identity construction. Relation of film to history and historical representation. Role of domestic and international feature films in the formation of local, national, and global identities.

Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (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: (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.

Comparative Black Political Thought
Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. R: Not open to freshmen.
Comparative examination of the political thought of blacks in the United States, Africa, and elsewhere in the African Diaspora.

Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court
Fall. 4(3-0) RB: (MC 271) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. SA: MC 373, MC 374
Theory of constitutional democracy through examination of selected Supreme Court cases. History of the Supreme Court and principles of constitutionalism.

Constitutionalism: The Presidency
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: (MC 271) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. SA: MC 373, MC 374
The Presidency in American constitutional democracy. Origins and development of the executive, constitutional issues, presidential practice.

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

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Religious Politics in U.S. Society: Left, Right, and Other
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: ((MC 280 or SOC 100 or SOC 488) or approval of college) and Completion of Tier I Writing requirement. R: 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.
390 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: 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.

391 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: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Contemporary issues in public affairs.

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

399 Advanced Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. R: Approval of college. Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction.

400 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.

401 Field Experience: Analysis and Interpretation
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. P: 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.

445 Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: (EC 201 or concurrently) or (EC 202 or concurrently) or (EC 251H or concurrently) or (EC 252H or concurrently) or approval of department) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Interest in Conservation Biology Social, economic, and policy considerations. Approaches to conserve biodiversity.

448 Ecology, Law and Economics
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Natural Science. Administered by Natural Science. P: 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.

450 International Environmental Law and Policy
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by James Madison College. P: 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.

459 Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Capstone (N)
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Lyman Briggs. Administered by James Madison College.


469 Applied Public Policy Research Seminar
Spring. 3 to 5 credits. P: MC 295 RB: MC 364 R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College.

Research on a public policy issue organized to develop a policy proposal collectively designed by all students.

482 Gender and Violent Conflict
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or MC 270 or MC 280 or ANP 220 or WS 201 or SOC 216 or MC 231) or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement 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.

490H 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.