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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.
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: (MC 111) R: Open only to students in James Madison College.

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
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
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, structural, post structuralist, and interpretive theories of culture. Analysis of the relationship of political regimes, cultural diversity, identity, and representation, and case studies.

231 Cultures and Politics in Transnational Perspective
Spring. 4(3-0)

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) 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 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. Spring, 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 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.

319 Asian American History
Spring. 4(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by James Madison College. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Survey of Asian American history from mid-nineteenth century to present. Analysis of shared and different experiences of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Hmong, and East Indian peoples who have come to the United States.

320 Politics, Society and Economy in the Third World
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 231 or MC 281) 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.
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.

358 Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Political Science. Administered by Political Science.
Political history, communist ideology, state institutions, and political processes in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

361 Political Economy and Comparative Public Policymaking
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 241 or MC 231) and completion of Tier I writing requirement
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: (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.

371 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.

373A Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court
Fall. 4(3-0) R/B: (MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College.
Theory of constitutional democracy through examination of selected Supreme Court cases. History of the Supreme Court and principles of constitutionalism.

373C Constitutionalism: Congress
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.

377 Culture, Politics and Post-Colonialism
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 271 or MC 231 or MC 281) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement
International politics and power. Relations of colonialism and post-colonialism. Contemporary repercussions. History, literature, culture, and political theory.

381 American Politics and Equality
Spring. 4(3-0) P: 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.

382 Social Movements
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: 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.
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383 African American Politics

384 Metropolitan Society
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 280 or MC 281) or completion of Tier I writing requirement and ((EC 201 or concurrently) or (EC 251H or concurrently)) and (MC 280 or MC 281)
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.

385 Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or MC 281 or MC 230) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: or approval of college.
Advancing theories, cross national comparisons, and case studies of race and ethnic relations. Intergroup competition, conflict, dominance, accommodation, assimilation, and creolization. Prejudice, stereotypes, racism, ideologies, and political and economic processes.

386 Women and Power in Comparative Perspective
Fall. 4(3-0) P: 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.

387 Jews and Anti-Semitism
Spring. 4(3-0) P: 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.

388 Sexual Politics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
Fall. 4(3-0) P: 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.

389 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
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 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.
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.

430 Applied International Development
Fall of odd years. 4 credits. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Not open to freshmen.
Comprehensive, interdisciplinary and applied approach to international development policy and practice. Examination of key thematic areas as well as case studies.

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.

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.

490H Honors Independent Study
Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: MC 295 RB: MC 364 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College.
Research on a public policy issue organized to develop a policy proposal collectively designed by all students in the class.

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

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.

499H Honors Independent Study
Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 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.
492 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: 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.

493 Senior Seminar in Comparative Cultures and Politics
Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to seniors or approval of college.
Advanced study of selected issues in the study of comparative cultures and politics.

494 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: (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.

495H 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.

497 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: (MC 371) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. SA: MC 495

498 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: (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.