JAMES MADISON COLLEGE

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100 Freshmen Success Seminar
Fall. 1(1-0) R: Open to freshmen in the James Madison College or in the James Madison-No Major.
Exploration of academic, social, personal and career decisions that students face in college, with a primary focus on the first year and the James Madison College experience.

111 Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing I
Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College or approval of 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 to students in the James Madison College.

181 Introduction to Science, Technology, the Environment and Public Policy
Fall, 4(4-0) R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College.
Interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs, Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

201 Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs I
Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College. Approval of 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)
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 to sophomores or juniors or seniors in the 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
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, poststructuralist, 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)

270 Classical Republicanism
Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors in the 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
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 to sophomores or juniors or seniors in the 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) R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors in the 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 to sophomores or juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college.
Selected topics in public affairs including issues in international relations, political theory and constitutional democracy, social relations and policy, and comparative cultures and politics.

293 Methods for Strategic Analysis in Public Policy
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, 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 to undergraduate students. 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.

318 Chinese Foreign Policy
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to students in the James Madison College.
Cultural representations to explore the Cold War’s intrastate, regional, and global factors.

Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or MC 231) and completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. Analysis of selected classic and/or contemporary literatures, literary genres and/or other narrative forms involving different national literatures, literary genres, and/or other narrative forms. Themes and structures proposed in response to these challenges.

Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Asia
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) or 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.

Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe
Summer. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) or 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.

State and Society in Comparative Perspective
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) or MC 271 or MC 230 or MC 281 and completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. Comparative examination of political systems and social-economic structures in capitalist and state-socialist societies. Political history, institutions, culture, and current policy issues.

U.S. Foreign Policy
Fall. Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 323A. U.S. foreign policy decision-making structures and processes. Domestic and international determinants of foreign policy. Evolution of U.S. foreign policy.

Russian Foreign Policy
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: (MC 220 and PLS 160) and PLS 358 SA: MC 363B. Evolution of Russian and Soviet foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

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

Encounters With Post-Communism
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 220) or approval of college. and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College. 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.

Literature and Politics in a Comparative Perspective
Fall. Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College. Comparative examination of literary representations of politics and political themes involving different national literatures, literary genres and/or other narrative forms.
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) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement 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 Policy Making
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 231) and completion of Tier I Writing Requirement Use of political economy approaches to explain public policy 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 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: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement 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: (IEC 201 or concurrently) or (IEC 252H or concurrently) and ((IEC 202 or concurrently) or (IEC 252H or concurrently) and ((SOC 281 or concurrently) or (MC 295 concurrently) or (PLS 201 or concurrently)) 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.

366 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. Relativism of film and cinema to nationalization, 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.

367 Global Cities and Urbanism
Spring of even years. 4 credits. P: (MC 280 and MC 281) or (MC 230 and MC 231) R: Not open to freshmen. An interdisciplinary approach to the dynamic global system of cities and the local ways of urban life embedded in global structures. Cities as crucibles of power, production, and development at the neighborhood, city and regional levels.

368 The Civil Rights Movement and its Legacies
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to students in the James Madison College. History of the U.S. civil rights movement. Race, class and gender dimensions. National and local perspectives. Aims, strategies, and achievements. Relevance to contemporary social movements.

369 Global Issues in Citizenship
Fall. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College or approval of college. History and political theory of citizenship, including citizenship laws and policies; classical, liberal and republican perspectives; gender and race; national, postnational, and transnational citizenship.

370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 271) or completion of Tier I Writing requirement 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.

371 Beyond Liberal Democracy? New Directions in Political Theory
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 370) and completion of Tier I Writing requirement 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.

372 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

373A Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court
Fall. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: MC 271 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.

373B Constitutionalism: The Presidency
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: MC 271 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.

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

375 Contemporary Developments in American Politics
Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the 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.

376 Modern Political Thought in the Muslim World
Fall. 4(3-0) RB: Completion of Tier I Writing requirement R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College or approval of college. Major intellectual transformations in the Muslim world from 19th century to the present. Important internal and external influences.

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.

378 Law and Social Groups
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the 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.

380 Social Policy
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 280 or MC 281) or completion of Tier I writing requirement) and ((IEC 201 or concurrently) or (IEC 251H or concurrently)) and (IEC 202 or concurrently) or (IEC 252H or concurrently)) RB: Completion of one semester methodology course. Application of social theory and methods to analysis of contemporary U.S. social policy. Competing explanations, current debates. Civil rights, education, employment, family, immigration, poverty, social welfare.

382 Social Movements
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. Theories and case studies of social movements in comparative perspective. Origins, development, membership, organizational dynamics, social control, political effects.

383 African American Politics

384 Metropolitan Society
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (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 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) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Approval of college. Advanced 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 to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College. 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 to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College. 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 to students in the James Madison College 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 to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. Issues in international relations, political theory and constitutional democracy, social relations and policy, and comparative cultures and politics.

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 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. Contemporary issues in public affairs.

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

393 Advanced Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 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 R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of college. Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction.

394 Field Experience
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 9 credits. P: Approval of college. Traditional internship experience with a public, private, or non-profit organization engaged in making, influencing, implementing, or analyzing policy relevant to college program.

395 Field Experience: Analysis and Interpretation
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3 credits. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College. Analysis and interpretation of field experience, sponsoring organization, or related policy issues under faculty direction.

396 Research in Public Affairs
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 to students in the James Madison College or approval of college. Faculty supervised undergraduate research in public and international affairs.

397 Advanced Collaborative Study in Public Affairs
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 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 R: Open to students in the James Madison College or approval of college. Faculty supervised undergraduate research in public and international affairs.

398 Public Affairs in Practice
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 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 R: Open to freshmen. Faculty or practitioner in residence course that enables students to learn from experienced professionals in the field of public and international affairs.

399 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.

400 Islam and World Politics
Spring of even years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Political Science. Administered by James Madison College. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement SA: MC 420 Students in the James Madison College. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: Complete methods requirement for major; R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College. Approval of college. Faculty supervised undergraduate research in public and international affairs.

401 Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: 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.

402 Social, economic, and policy considerations. Approaches to conserve biodiversity.
446  International Energy Policy (W)
Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to students in the James Madison College or in the Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Minor.
Analysis of theories and dilemmas within international energy policy, which could include energy security and geopolitics, energy governance institutions, energy poverty, sustainable energy and battery storage, global oil markets, 'fracking', and international dam building.

450  International Environmental Law and Policy
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by James Madison College. RB: FW 181
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
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Lyman Briggs. Administered by James Madison College. P: (FW 181 or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement

469  Applied Public Policy Research Seminar
Spring. 3 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 of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by James Madison College. P: (EC 201 or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: EC 201 or EC 202 or EC 251H or EC 252H 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 R: Open to juniors or seniors.
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 to juniors or seniors. 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 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 (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 to seniors or approval of college.
Advanced study of selected issues in the study of comparative cultures and politics.

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 to seniors in the 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 to seniors in the 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 to seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college.
American social relations and policy. Theoretical issues. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies.