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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. Oral reading and analytical writing and public speaking.

181 Introduction to Science, Technology, the Environment and Public Policy

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, 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)

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 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) R: 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.

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.
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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.

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.

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

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) or 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: (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.

324E 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.

325 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. 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 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.

328 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 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. 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(3-0) P: ((MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 220) or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: 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.

332 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.

333 Performance, Politics, and Nation
Spring. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 220 or approval of college. Analysis of theories of and approaches to political performances and constructions of cultural nationalism, which includes social construction theory, the sociology of performance, ethnography, ethnomusicology and folklore, and critical approaches to nationalism, from classic studies to issues in gender, race, and post-colonialism.

334 Rights, Advocacy, and Activism
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P: MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 280 or MC 281 or approval of college. R: Open to undergraduate students in the James Madison College. Global perspectives on human rights, non-governmental organization (NGO) advocacy, and grass-roots activism as mechanisms of change. Case studies on racial and cultural discrimination, gender-based violence, sexuality and rights, environment and climate justice, refugees and immigration, and other topics.

337 Global Public Health
Fall. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. Comprehensive, interdisciplinary and policy-oriented approach to global public health. Examination of infectious disease, as well as case studies.

341 Politics and Markets
Spring. 4(3-0) P: EC 201 or EC 251H SA: MC 241. Comparative study of economic organization via firms, markets, and governments. Political economy approaches to evaluation of the firm, market, and government organization. Normative principles for evaluating firm, market, and government organization.

348 Educational Policy
Spring. 4(3-0) P: (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: 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) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. R: 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 Policymaking
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 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. 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 students in the James Madison College or approval of college.
Contemporary issues in public affairs.

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 culture, 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: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of college.
Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction.

Field Experience
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 9 credits. R: Open to juniors or seniors in the 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: 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.

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. R: 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.

Advanced Collaborative Study 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. A student may earn a maximum of 0 credits N/A RB: Methods requirement completed for major. R: Open to students in the James Madison College. Approval of college; application required.
Faculty supervised undergraduate research in public and international affairs.

Public Affairs in Practice
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Methods requirement completed for major. R: Open to students in the James Madison College. Approval of college.
Faculty or practitioner in residence course that enables students to learn from experienced professionals in the field of public and international affairs.

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. Key issues in global centers as well as case studies.

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
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.

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 RB: (EC 201 or concurrently) or (EC 202 or concurrently) or (EC 251H or concurrently) or (EC 252H or concurrently) and an interest in Conservation Biology Social, economic, and policy considerations. Approaches to conserve biodiversity.

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.

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.

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

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.

Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: 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.