

SUBCOMMITTEE B – AGENDA

**Via Teams**  
November 13, 2025  
1:30 p.m.

**PART I – NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM CHANGES**

**JAMES MADISON COLLEGE**

1. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **James Madison College [Social Relations and Policy]**. The Teacher Education Council (TEC) will consider this request at its November 6, 2025 meeting.

- a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in James Madison College** make the following changes:

- (1) Under the heading **Social Relations and Policy** make the following change:

- (a) In item 1. b. delete the following course:

|     |     |   |   |
|-----|-----|---|---|
| PLS | 201 | Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis | 4 |
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Add the following courses:

|     |     |   |   |
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| MC  | 294 | Qualitative Research Methods                  | 4 |
| PLS | 201 | Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis | 3 |

Add the following note:

MC 294 may not be used to fulfill both requirement b. and c.

- (b) In item 1. c. delete the following course:

|    |     |                                       |   |
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| MC | 395 | Cultural Dimensions of Public Affairs | 4 |
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Add the following courses:

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| MC | 294 | Qualitative Research Methods                             | 4 |
| MC | 333 | Performance, Politics and Nation                         | 4 |
| MC | 342 | Social Economics of the World:<br>Class, Race and Gender | 4 |

Add the following note:

MC 294 may not be used to fulfill both requirement b. and c.

Remove MC 395 from the existing note.

Effective Spring 2026.

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

1. Request to change the requirements for the **Minor in Contemporary Global Studies** in the College of Social Science.

- a. Under the heading **Minor in Contemporary Global Studies** make the following changes:

- (1) In item 1., delete the following course:

|     |     |  |   |
|-----|-----|--|---|
| SSC | 299 | Integration of Social Science Perspectives | 3 |
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Add the following course:

IDS 299 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry 3

(2) In item 5., delete the following course:

SSC 495 Interdisciplinary Research Methods 3

Add the following course:

IDS 495 Interdisciplinary Research Methods 3

Effective Spring 2026.

2. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Global and International Studies in Social Science** in the College of Social Science.

a. Under the heading **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Global and International Studies in Social Science** make the following changes:

(1) In item b., delete the following courses:

SSC 299 Integration of Social Science Perspectives 3

SSC 495 Interdisciplinary Research Methods 3

SSC 499 Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (W) 3

Add the following courses:

IDS 299 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry 3

IDS 495 Interdisciplinary Research Methods 3

IDS 499 Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (W) 3

(2) In item c., under the **Asian Studies** concentration, delete the following course:

DS 481 Indian Film and Media Production 8 to 12

(3) In item c., under the **European and Russian Studies** concentration, delete the following course:

JRN 486 British and Irish Mass Media Education Abroad 6

(4) In item c., under the **Global Health** concentration, delete the following course:

UP 400 Special Topics in Urban Planning 2 to 4

Add the following course:

UP 473 Healthy Cities 2 to 4

(5) In item c., under the **International Development** concentration, delete the following courses:

CSS 101 Introduction to Crop Science 3

CSS 120 Issues in Food and Agriculture 3

CSS 431 International Agriculture Systems 3

Add the following courses:

CROP 101 Introduction to Crop Science 3

CROP 120 Issues in Food and Agriculture 3

CROP 431 International Agriculture Systems 3

Effective Fall 2026.

3. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science** degree in **Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science** in the College of Social Science.

*The concentrations in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science will be noted on the student's academic record when the requirements for the degree have been completed.*

- a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science** make the following changes:

(1) In item 3., change the requirement to 'Three of the following courses with no more than one from each discipline', and remove the 'or' between GEO 151 and GEO 204.

(2) In item 4., delete the following courses:

|     |     |   |   |
|-----|-----|---|---|
| SSC | 299 | Integration of Social Science Perspectives                  | 3 |
| SSC | 495 | Interdisciplinary Research Methods                          | 3 |
| SSC | 499 | Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (W) | 3 |

Add the following courses:

|     |     |   |   |
|-----|-----|---|---|
| IDS | 299 | Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry | 3 |
| IDS | 495 | Interdisciplinary Research Methods        | 3 |
| IDS | 499 | Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies     | 3 |

(3) In item 5., change the label of 'Cognate' to 'Concentration' and all references of 'cognate' to 'concentration'.

(4) In the **Integrative Studies Concentration** change the credit requirement from '15' to '12'.

Effective Spring 2026.

4. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Anthropology** in the Department of Anthropology. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will consider this request on November 17, 2025.

- a. Under the heading **Admission** replace the entire entry with the following:

Students applying for admission to the master's degree program in anthropology must be currently enrolled in the Ph.D. degree program in Anthropology.

Effective Spring 2026.

## **PART II - NEW COURSES AND CHANGES**

### **COLLEGE OF LAW**

- LAW 535Z      Unfair Competition and Intellectual Property: Law and Practice  
On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. R: Open to Law students in the College of Law. Not open to students with credit in LAW 535U.
- NEW              This course will explore the origin, theory, and elements of trade secret, restrictive covenant, and unfair competition law, with a special emphasis on how these cases are litigated, and the proper drafting of enforceable restrictions.  
Effective Spring Semester 2026
- LAW 538B      AI and Business Law  
On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. P: LAW 500M R: Open to students in the College of Law.
- NEW              This course explores how artificial intelligence is transforming business law, focusing on regulatory challenges, compliance strategies, governance implications, and the evolving role of lawyers in technology-driven business environments.  
Effective Spring Semester 2026
- LAW 545T      Talsky Center Practicum  
On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. R: Open to Law students in the College of Law.
- NEW              This course allows students to engage in human rights research and advocacy while learning nontraditional legal analysis and writing skills surrounding issues affecting children's rights globally and at the national and decentralized (local) levels.  
Effective Spring Semester 2026
- LAW 603C      Real Estate Transactions  
On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. P: LAW 500G R: Open to students in the College of Law.
- NEW              This course provides an exploration of real estate transactions. Students will learn and develop the skills needed to guide clients through real estate transactions through lectures and simulations.  
Effective Spring Semester 2026

### **COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

- PSY 415      Neuroscience of Human and Animal Emotions (W)  
Fall of every year. Spring of every year. 3(3-0) P: (PSY 209 or NEU 300 or NEU 301) and (PSY 295 or STT 231) and PSY 395 and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Department of Psychology.
- NEW              Advanced course in biological psychology/behavioral neuroscience with an emphasis on the brain and other factors regulating emotions.  
Effective Fall Semester 2026