

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

JMC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CCP - Comparative Cultures and Politics IR - International Relations

PTCD - Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy SRP - Social Relations and Policy

P=Prerequisite R=Recommended

MC 100: FRESHMAN SUCCESS SEMINAR

Fall of every year. 1 credit. A student may earn a maximum of 1 credit in all enrollments for this course. 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.

MC 111: IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY: AN APPROACH TO WRITING

Fall of every year. 4 credits. R: Open only to students in James Madison College. Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts. Influences of family, education, religion, gender, race, class and/or sexuality on identity and community. Critical reading and analytical writing and public speaking.

MC/FW 181: INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

Fall of every year. 3 credits. 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.

MC 201(D): INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS I

Fall of every year. 4 credits. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or approval of college. Interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

MC 202(D): INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS II

Spring of every year. 4 credits. P: MC 201. Continued interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

MC 220: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS I: WORLD POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

(IR)

Fall of every year. 4 credits. 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.

MC 221: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS II: THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

(IR)

Spring of every year. 4 credits. 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.

MC 230: CULTURES AND POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

(CCP)

Fall of every year. 4 credits. 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.

MC 231: CULTURES AND POLITICS IN TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

(CCP)

Spring of every year. 4 credits. Interdisciplinary study of cross-cultural interactions and transnational politics in the context of globalization. Competing approaches to inter-cultural interaction. Case studies of cultural conflict, assimilation, and hybridization. Legacies of imperialism and colonialism. Narratives and representation of transnational interactions.

MC 270: CLASSICAL REPUBLICANISM

(PTCD)

Fall of every year. 4 credits. 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.

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MC 271: CONSTITUTIONALISM AND DEMOCRACY

(PTCD)

Spring of every year. 4 credits. P: MC 270. Origins and development of liberal constitutionalism and its democratization. Theory and practice of the modern state, especially the American variant.

MC 272: POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL ISSUES

(PTCD)

4 credits. R: Not open to freshmen. Selected issues in political theory or specific political problems. Topics vary. Students may earn a maximum of eight credits from this course.

MC 280: SOCIAL THEORY AND SOCIAL RELATIONS

(SRP)

Fall of every year. 4 credits. R: Open 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.

MC 281: IMMIGRANTS, MINORITIES, AND AMERICAN PLURALISM

(SRP)

Spring of every year. 4 credits. R: Open 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.

MC 290: SPECIAL TOPICS

(CCP, IR, SRP, PTCD)

4 credits. R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors in 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. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 294: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Fall of every year. 4 Credits. P: MC 111 and MC 201 and MC 201 and MC 202 or approval of college. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College. Introduces students to qualitative methods of social science inquiry.

MC 295: RESEARCH DESIGN AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN PUBLIC POLICY

4 Credits. 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.

MC 299: INDEPENDENT STUDY

1-4 Credits. R: Open to all undergraduates. Approval of college. Individual reading and research under faculty direction. Students may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 300: COLLABORATIVE STUDY

1-2 Credits. R: Approval of college. Group reading, research or simulations under faculty direction. Students may earn a maximum of 4 credits from enrollments for this course.

MC 318: CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

(IR)

4 Credits. P: MC 220 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. Theory, process and patterns of Chinese foreign policy. Underlying forces that shape Chinese foreign policy. Assumptions and bureaucratic processes of China's foreign policymaking.

MC 319: ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 320: PROBLEMS AND PARADOXES IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. P: MC 221 or MC 231 or MC 281 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. Analyze the historical, political, economic, and social dimension of global development as both a paradigm and project. Contextualize nation-and-state building efforts in the post-colonial world.

MC 321: THE COLD WAR: CULTURE, POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

(CCP, IR)

4 Credits. 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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MC 322: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

4 Credits. 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. (IR)

MC 324A: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

4 Credits. P: MC 220 or PLS 160 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 221 recommended. Sources of conflict and cooperation in the Middle East through case studies such as the Arab-Israeli conflict. Intrastate, regional and global factors. (IR)

MC 324B: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA-

4 Credits. P: MC 220 or PLS 160 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 221 recommended. 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. (IR)

MC 324C: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

4 Credits. P: MC 220 or PLS 160 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 221 recommended. 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. (IR)

MC 324D: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION AND CONFLICT IN ASIA

4 Credits. P: MC 220 or PLS 160 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 221 recommended. 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. (IR)

MC 324E: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN EUROPE

Summer of every year – Brussels, Belgium. 4 Credits. P: MC 220 or PLS 160 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 221 recommended. Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Europe. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

MC 325: STATE AND SOCIETY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 326: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

(IR, PTCD)

4 Credits. P: MC 221 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. U.S. foreign policy decision-making and processes. Domestic and international determinants of foreign policy. Evolution of U.S. foreign policy.

MC 328: RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY

(IR)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 220 and PLS 160 and PLS 358 recommended. Evolution of Russian and Soviet foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

MC 329: EUROPEAN SECURITY: CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

(IR)

Summer of every year – Brussels, Belgium. 4 Credits. 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.

MC 331: ENCOUNTERS WITH POST-COMMUNISM

(CCP, IR)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 332: LITERATURE AND POLITICS IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

(CCP, IR, PTCD)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College. Comparative examination of literary representations of politics and political themes involving different national literatures, literary genres and/or other narrative forms.

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MC 333: PERFORMANCE, POLITICS, AND NATION

(CCP, SRP)

4 credits. P: MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 280 or MC 281 or approval of college and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College 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.

MC 334: RIGHTS, ADVOCACY, AND ACTIVISM

(CCP, SRP)

4 credits. P: MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 280 or MC 281 or approval of college and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College. Global perspectives on human rights, non-governmental organization (NGO) advocacy, and grassroots activism as mechanisms of change. Case studies on racial and cultural discrimination, gender-based violence, sexuality and rights, environmental and climate justice, refugees and immigration, and other topics.

MC 335: ISRAELI POLITICS, CULTURES AND SOCIETY

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen. Analysis of Israeli politics and society. Relationship between society and social and ethnic cleavages, culture and politics, political institutions and parties, and democracy and the Jewish nature of the state. Israel's foreign policy and its influence of foreign policy on shifting nationalism and political contestations.

MC 337: GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 338: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND GLOBAL CHANGE

(CCP, SRP)

4 credits. P: MC 230 or MC 231 or MC 280 or MC 281 or approval of college. Social inequalities and unequal distribution of environmental risks, burdens, and benefits. Cultural politics and power relations informing how such inequalities and their symptoms are normalized, justified, and resisted.

MC 341: POLITICS AND MARKETS

(PTCD)

4 credits. P: EC 201 or EC251H. 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 economics.

MC 342: SOCIAL ECONOMICS OF THE WORKPLACE: CLASS, RACE, AND GENDER

(SRP)

4 Credits. P: EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently or completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to students in James Madison College or approval of college. Labor market analysis of wages and employment. Class, gender, and race in the workplace. Productivity, income distribution, and living standards. Systems of work organization. Impact of globalization and new technology. The changing role of unions

MC 348: EDUCATIONAL POLICY

(SRP)

4 Credits. 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, education standards, teacher professional development, and school choice.

MC 349: ECONOMICS OF LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

(PTCD)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 350: EVOLUTION AND SOCIETY

(CCP, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Basic knowledge of biology and U.S. history recommended. 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.

MC 351: SCIENCE AND SOCIAL POLICY

(PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Role that scientific research on group difference 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.

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PLS/MC 358: POLITICS OF THE U.S.S.R. AND ITS SUCCESSOR STATES

(IR)

3 Credits. Political history, communist ideology, state institutions, and political processes in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

MC 361: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICYMAKING

(CCP, IR)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 362: PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

(IR)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 363: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

(IR)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 364: QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR POLICY ANALYSIS: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. 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 or concurrently and completion of Tier I writing requirement. 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.

MC 366: FILM, HISTORY AND NATION

(CCP)

4 Credits. 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. 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.

MC 367: GLOBAL CITIES AND URBANISM

(CCP, SRP)

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.

MC 368: THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND ITS LEGACIES

(PTCD, SRP)

4 credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to undergraduate 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.

MC 369: GLOBAL ISSUES IN CITIZENSHIP (W)

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College or approval of college. History and political theory of citizenship, including citizenship laws and policies; classical liberal and republic perspectives; gender and race; national, postnational, and transnational citizenship.

MC 370: RADICAL CHALLENGES TO LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

(PTCD)

4 Credits. P: MC 271 or completion of Tier I writing requirement. Criticism 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.

MC 371: BEYOND LIBERAL DEMOCRACY? NEW DIRECTIONS IN POLITICAL THEORY

(PTCD)

4 Credits. 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 the crisis of rationalism.

MC 372: COMPARATIVE BLACK POLITICAL THOUGHT

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

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MC 373A: CONSTITUTIONALISM: THE SUPREME COURT

(PTCD)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 271 recommended. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. Theory of constitutional democracy through examination of selected Supreme Court cases. History of the Supreme Court and principles of constitutionalism.

MC 373B: CONSTITUTIONALISM: THE PRESIDENCY

(PTCD)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 271 recommended. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. The Presidency in American constitutional democracy. Origins and development of the executive, constitutional issues, presidential practice.

MC 373C: CONSTITUTIONALISM: CONGRESS

(PTCD)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. MC 271 recommended. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. Congress in American constitutional democracy. Origins and development of the legislative branch, constitutional issues, and legislative practice in Congress.

MC 375: CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICAN POLITICS

(PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in 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.

MC 376: MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

(CCP, IR, PTCD)

4 Credits. Completion of Tier I writing requirement recommended. R: Open to undergraduate students in James Madison College or approval of college. Major intellectual transformations in the Muslim world from the 19th century to the present. Important internal and external influences.

MC 377: CULTURE, POLITICS AND POST-COLONIALISM

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 378: LAW AND SOCIAL GROUPS

(PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors and seniors in 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.

MC 380: SOCIAL POLICY

(SRP)

4 Credits. P: MC 280 or MC 281 or completion of Tier I writing requirement and EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently and EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently. Completion of one semester methodology course recommended. 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.

MC 381: AMERICAN POLITICS AND EQUALITY

(PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in the James Madison College or approval of college. Controversies over equality in American thought, politics, constitutional practice, and public policy. Case studies.

MC 382: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

(CCP, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in 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 efforts.

MC 383: AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS

(PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen. Contemporary African American politics. National and local politics, alternative political strategies and public policies. Advancement of African-American community.

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MC 384: METROPOLITAN SOCIETY

(SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 385: COMPARATIVE RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

(CCP, IR, SRP)

4 Credits. P: MC 220 or MC 281 or MC 230 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.

MC 386: WOMEN AND POWER IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Application of feminist theory to questions of gender and power in different economic and political systems and geographic areas.

MC 387: JEWS AND ANTI-SEMITISM

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in 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.

MC 388: SEXUAL POLITICS: HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES

(SRP)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to students in 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.

MC 390: ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in 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. Students may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 391: SELECTED TOPICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

3-4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Contemporary issues in public affairs. Students may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 399: ADVANCED INDEPENDENT STUDY

1-4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of college. Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction. Students may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 400: FIELD EXPERIENCE

Fall of every year, Spring of every year, Summer of every year. Variable Credits. R: Open 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.

MC 401: FIELD EXPERIENCE: ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Fall of every year, Spring of every year, Summer of every year. 3 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Analysis and interpretation of field experience, sponsoring organization, or related policy issues under faculty direction.

MC 430: APPLIED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(CCP, IR)

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.

MC 441: ISLAM AND WORLD POLITICS

(CCP, IR)

4 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. 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.

MC 445: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION POLICY AND PRACTICE

(IR, SRP)

3 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: 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.

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MC 446: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY (W)

(IR)

3 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to students in James Madison College or in the STEPP 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.

MC 450: INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

(IR)

3 Credits. R: FW 181. Overview of concepts, actors, norms, laws, and institutions related to international environmental policy. Case studies on current global environmental issues.

MC 459: STEPP CAPSTONE

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 3 Credits. P: FW 181 or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. Selected topics in science, technology, environment and public policy minor (STEPP). Analysis of key issues and problems. Case studies.

MC 469: APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH SEMINAR

3 Credits. P: MC 295. R: Open to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. MC 364 recommended. Research on a public policy issue organized to develop a policy proposal collectively designed by all students in the class. Students may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC/FW 481: GLOBAL ISSUES IN FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

(IR)

3 Credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students. EC 201 or EC 202 or EC 251H or EC 252H recommended. Global issues and their impacts on implications for the management of fisheries and wildlife resources.

MC 482: GENDER AND VIOLENT CONFLICT

(CCP, IR, PTCD, SRP)

4 Credits. 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.

MC 483: SIMULATING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

4 Credits. R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of college. Theories of conflict and cooperation in international politics, diplomatic tools to navigate those issues, simulations to apply theory to real-world scenarios such as climate change, humanitarian intervention or border disputes.

MC 490H: HONORS INDEPENDENT STUDY

4 Credits. R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of college. Topic related to student's field. Students may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 492: SENIOR SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (W)

(IR)

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 5 Credits. 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. Students may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 493: SENIOR SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE CULTURES AND POLITICS (W)

(CCP)

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 5 Credits. 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. Students may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 495H: SENIOR HONORS THESIS

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 4 Credits. R: Open to seniors in James Madison College. Approval of college. Academic year-long thesis; topic related to student's field. Students will earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 497: SENIOR SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY (W)

(PTCD)

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 5 Credits. P: MC 371 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to seniors

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in James Madison College or approval of college. Selected problems in political theory and constitutional democracy. Relationship between theory and politics. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies. Students may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course.

MC 498: SENIOR SEMINAR IN SOCIAL RELATIONS (W)

(SRP)

Fall of every year, Spring of every year. 5 Credits. P: MC 380 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. American social relations and policy. Theoretical issues. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies. Students may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course.

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