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CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Michigan State University and James Madison College are on the semester calendar. The James Madison College overall curriculum is made up of University requirements, JMC requirements, and major requirements. Most students complete about 30 credits per year. About half of these credits are taken in Madison classes taught by Madison faculty. The remainder of the course work comes from a variety of other colleges and departments on campus.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Writing and Integrative Studies
   Like other students at MSU, a part of the first and second year is spent fulfilling the University's Integrative Studies requirements. These requirements represent four areas: a) Writing; b) Natural Science; c) Arts and Humanities; and d) Social Science and Tier I writing requirements. The Integrative Studies requirements in General Science and in the Arts & Humanities are met by completing approved courses with a (D) for domestic and one denoted with an (I) for International. One of the science courses must have a concurrent lab. MSU has a wide selection of courses that will meet these requirements. In addition to these four areas, students must complete a Tier II writing requirement. Madison students fulfill the Tier II writing requirement in the normal process of completing their majors (i.e., students will not need to take any additional classes to meet this requirement).

2. Math Requirement
   Successful completion of this requirement can be accomplished in one of two ways:

   A. A placement examination score of 19 or higher in a proctored setting at NSO, which demonstrates competency equivalent to the following: two years of high school algebra; one year of high school geometry; and one year of probability, trigonometry, or calculus.

   B. Completion at MSU or transfer equivalent of one of the following options:
   - Two of the following: MTH 101, MTH 102 and MTH 103 (or MTH 103 waiver)
   - MTH 103 (or MTH 103 waiver) AND one of the following: MTH 124, MTH 132, MTH 152H, STT 200 or STT 201

JAMES MADISON COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

The First Year Program
The first year at Madison features our Identity and Community and Introduction to Public Affairs courses. These courses fulfill the University's Tier I writing and integrative social science requirements.

MC 100: The First Year Experience
MC 100 introduces students to the academic culture and resources of JMC and helps them build a foundation for success at the beginning of their college journey. The course material combines academic research about important issues in college life with practical strategies and resources for a successful college experience.

MC 111: Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing introduces students to issues of identity and community in American and/or international contexts. Among the questions individual sections of MC 111 might address are: What factors shape identity? How does one define community and what rights and responsibilities accompany membership in various communities? How do notions of identity and community differ across cultures? How have writers from a variety of communities articulated their identities in literature? How do imaginative literatures, histories, and other cultural texts (like film) represent individual collective, civic, and national identities?

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Writing assignments in MC 111 typically include: personal essays, narratives, or analytical autobiographies; analytical or interpretive essays requiring close textual analysis; synthesis essays in which several texts are analyzed in relation to each other; and/or critiques of primary and secondary texts. The emphasis is
on (1) developing an effective writing process by drafting, revising, critiquing, and editing essays as part of a community of writers; (2) honing the reading, writing, critical thinking and discussion skills necessary to participate meaningfully in an intellectual community.

MC 201-202: Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs
The first year of Madison also features our introductory course in the social sciences (MC 201-202: Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs), the College's equivalent of the University's Integrative Studies in Social Science requirement. The goals of the course are (1) to introduce students to the social sciences and to several enduring themes and issues in public affairs in the context of a broad liberal arts education, and (2) to provide a foundation for upper division study in the College. By "foundation," we mean substantive knowledge, analytical thinking, research and writing skills, and experience with multidisciplinary study.

MC 201-202 is a two-semester sequence focusing on the social sciences. During the first semester (MC 201), students explore key features of the United States policy and society in historical and comparative perspective. The course introduces students to some of the political, economic, and social dimensions of American civilization, and how they shape our approach to public affairs. More specifically, the course considers the enduring tensions in the United States being a liberal democratic political community, a mixed capitalist economy, and a diverse society. Readings include a range of perspectives from history, economics, political science, political theory and sociology. Written assignments may include analytical or comparative essays, short research papers, and critical reviews. Students are encouraged to link their explorations of identity and community in MC 111 with discussion of the American community and public life in MC 201.

MC 201 includes occasional films, videos, panel discussions, special co-curricular events, and faculty or student debates. MC 201 meets weekly for group lectures or common experiences and then again for small discussions. The seminars provide opportunities for students to discuss the readings and lectures, ask questions, and engage in conversations. Expectations are high for broad student participation.

During the second semester (MC 202), students focus on selected issues in American and international public affairs, particularly as these are reflected in contemporary public debates. For example, one major theme in MC 202 has been nationalism and identity, which can include questions such as: Why are there growing national and ethnic conflicts in a changing post-war world? What are the relationships among membership, identity, nationalism, and ethnic and national conflicts? In MC 202, students' writing assignments may include preparing analytical essays, position papers and memoranda, and sustained research papers. Oral tasks may include presentations, debates, and simulations. Students are encouraged to expand their research skills, sharpen their judgment, and speak their views publicly.

Minimum MC Credit Requirements: 47 credits
Students must complete a minimum of 47 credits in Madison (MC) courses. However, students transferring to Madison from another MSU major or from another college or university must complete a minimum of 41 credits.

The Economics Requirement: 6/7 credits
All Madison students take microeconomics and macroeconomics (EC 201 or 251H and EC 202 or 252H) to provide background knowledge for their upper-division Madison courses. The economics requirement is an essential part of a liberal arts education that focuses on public affairs.

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The Language Requirement: up to 20 credits

To broaden the cultural, humanities, and analytical competencies of students and prepare them to become global citizens, James Madison College requires that all students attain second year university level competency in a second language. Students may do this by taking courses in a second language for two years at MSU or at another university. Students may be able to waive some or all of the university level second language course depending on their scores on the MSU placement or Advanced Placement test.

Please note that first semester-level Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and African languages may be taken Credit/No Credit. Students must decide in the first week of classes whether they will take a course Credit/No Credit and must go to the Registrar's Office to request the Credit/No Credit status. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic and career advisors to discuss language options prior to making a selection.

The Field Experience

A Madison education focuses on the application of knowledge and analysis to public issues, concerns and events, as well as on theoretical approaches to social science. As a result, Madison students learn to think critically and analytically about public affairs, to evaluate policy options, and to understand decision-making. Madison believes that a liberal education is incomplete without a chance to test and apply these abilities in professional settings.

During either the junior or senior year, at least one semester is spent in an internship instead of in the classroom. The College believes that it is important that our students spend at least three months interning in an organization and a position that interests them and gives them a chance to apply what they have learned in the classroom to the professional world. Many of our graduates have developed excellent job contacts through the organizations in which they interned.

Field experience is a requirement for all Madison students. It consists of two courses: MC 400 (3 - 9 credits, pass/no pass) and MC 401 (3 credits, pass/no pass). During the sophomore and junior years, students should explore the college's robust Field Experience Database for potential internship opportunities. The database includes listings with a variety of state and federal agencies, local governments, legislative offices, public interest and advocacy groups, legal aid societies and law firms, courts, social service agencies, businesses, newspapers, labor unions, and voluntary organizations. Students complete internships throughout the US and abroad. The internships we approve aim to place Madison students in a decision-making role or close enough to it so that they may comment on it intelligently. This means that the work they do must be substantial and serious. With the Field Experience Coordinator's guidance and approval, students may seek an internship not listed on the database. Students must meet with the Field Experience Coordinator prior to beginning internship applications, preferably two full semester prior to the semester of the internship.

Students may, with advisor and Field Experience Coordinator approval, petition to substitute one of the following options for MC 400 and/or MC 401: qualifying education abroad experience; senior honors thesis; prior professional work experience relevant to the Madison program; dual major practicum (e.g.: Teacher Education, Criminal Justice, Journalism, etc.); ROTC. Journalism majors must meet with the Assistant Dean. Students considering substitutions for the Field Experience or part-time experiences should remember that they need to complete a minimum of 47 MC credits, or 41 credits if they are a transfer student (either internal or external).

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Major Requirements_

Each of our five majors is built around a core of Madison classes that extend from the sophomore through senior years. This is supplemented by another group of related courses that will be mostly drawn from other majors in Madison or from other MSU departments. This mix of Madison and non-Madison classes is the centerpiece of the educational experience.

Madison's majors are designed to accommodate dual majors. Students can graduate in the normal amount of time even if they choose to pursue two of Madison's majors. It is best if this decision is made early in the sophomore year, but choosing this option even later is still manageable. Students are strongly recommended to consult their advisor or the Assistant Dean as they make this decision.

It is not unusual for students to be uncertain as to the major they wish to study. Students should keep in mind that the choice is not etched in stone; it is possible to change the major declaration or to take more time to decide without falling behind. Choosing a major is a process. Through the first year, students will want to get to know Madison faculty and fellow students; talk with their advisor; read carefully the sections on the majors in this handbook; attend the "Meet the Majors" meetings held by each major. Each of our majors offers a liberal arts education and solid preparation for a wide range of opportunities after graduation.

Electives

Electives are courses that are chosen by the students to satisfy additional interests that they may have. Courses may be drawn from almost anywhere in the University. Students often use some of these electives to begin a second global language, take additional coursework in Madison, take courses in other MSU departments, or work on one of the many minors offered at MSU.

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YEAR BY YEAR

FIRST YEAR

In their first year, students will take their Madison requirements: MC 111, MC 201, and MC 202. First-year James Madison College students will take a one-credit course called MC 100. MC 100 provides an 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. The other classes students take during the first year are drawn from outside Madison. Students with interest in pursuing additional majors outside of the College should also discuss the possible course implications with their advisor.

Toward the end of their first year in Madison, students are asked to indicate the major they plan to pursue. These are the five majors:

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION
POLITICAL THEORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY
POLITICS, RIGHTS & CULTURE
SOCIAL RELATIONS AND POLICY

Before deciding, students will have the opportunity to attend “Meet the Majors” meetings to learn about each major, its requirements, its faculty, and possible careers.

SECOND YEAR

During the sophomore year, Madison classes will build upon the analytical, writing, and verbal skills that students started to develop during their first year. These classes will also expose students to the major theoretical approaches and policy issues and concerns of their major. Most students complete the college economics requirement as well as finish their University integrative studies in this year.

THIRD YEAR AND BEYOND

During the junior and senior years, students pursue advanced (300-400 level) coursework in their James Madison College major and fulfill the related area or disciplinary course requirements of their major. Students also complete the FIELD EXPERIENCE requirement. Finally, they can also look forward to taking a SENIOR SEMINAR in their major. Our Senior Seminars are intended to be capstone experiences – opportunities for students to pull together and reflect upon what they have learned in their Madison classes and to employ the skills they have mastered. These seminars are also research seminars, in which students will participate in creating and sharing knowledge. The seminars are small (about 15-20 students) and are focused on advanced topics of interest to faculty and students in the major.

Above is a recommended four year graduation plan. Students who wish to develop an alternative plan (3 year graduation) should consult with an advisor.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

MADISON HONORS PROGRAM

Any Madison student may elect to enter the College Honors Program after selecting their major. In order to be designated as having successfully completed the Honors Program, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Successful completion of three Honors Options in courses required in the "core" of the student's major (i.e., in courses in the major with the designation MC, either required or electives). Successful completion = meeting all the specified requirements for the awarding of the honors option designation, including a grade of 3.5 or better in each of the courses.

- Successful completion of one independent study (MC 399, 3-4 credits or MC 490H, 4 credits) in the student's major during the junior year. Successful completion = 3.5 or better in the course.

- Successful completion of a senior honors thesis (MC 495H, full year, 4 credits for each semester) and a successful public defense of that thesis. Successful completion = a 3.5 or better in each senior thesis course, or overall when the grade given in the first semester is deferred.

MSU HONORS COLLEGE

The MSU Honors College provides special programs of study for unusually talented undergraduates in all majors at MSU. The Honors College admits first-year students by invitation on the basis of nationally standardized test scores and outstanding high school achievement. Members of the Honors College are expected from the outset to pursue broader and more rigorous programs of study than other first-year students. Students not admitted into the Honors College for their first year may be invited to apply if they meet certain criteria including a specific grade point average after their first semester. Students with questions should see their advisor or an Honors College advisor. For a detailed account of Honors College benefits and requirements, students can consult MSU's Academic Programs Catalog or visit honorscollege.msu.edu.

HONORS OPTIONS

For many courses not offered with "Honors" sections, students may earn Honors credit by completing Honors-caliber study with special guidance from the professor. This is common in Madison, with many students working closely with faculty, and meeting in small, regular sessions for their Honors option Madison courses. Students must earn at least a 3.5 in the course to earn an Honors designation.

3+3 LEGAL EDUCATION ADMISSION PROGRAM (LEAP)

The Legal Education Admission Program allows select James Madison College students to complete their Bachelor of Arts degree and Law Degree in six years. This program requires careful planning in conjunction with the Assistant Dean in James Madison College. To be considered for admission, students must meet with the Assistant Dean at the end of their first year, complete a minimum of 91 MSU credits, take the LSAT at the end of the second year, and apply for admission to the MSU College of Law by February 15th of their third year.

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MINORS ASSOCIATED WITH JAMES MADISON COLLEGE

1. Minor in African American and African Studies
2. Minor in African Studies
3. Minor in Applied Development in International Agriculture and Natural Resources
4. Minor in Asian Pacific American Studies
5. Minor in Asian Studies
6. Minor in Business
7. Minor in Global Studies in Social Science
8. Minor in International Development
9. Minor in Jewish Studies
10. Minor in Languages
11. Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
12. Minor in Peace and Justice Studies
13. Minor in Public Relations
14. Minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies
15. Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

JMC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PRC - Politics, Rights & Culture **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 (PRC)
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 (PRC)
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.

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 **(PRC, 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 politics, rights & culture. 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 paradym and project. Contextualize nation-and-state building efforts in the post-colonial world.

MC 321: THE COLD WAR: CULTURE, POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY **(PRC, 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.

MC 322: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY **(IR)**
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.

MC 324A: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST **(IR)**
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.

MC 324B: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA- **(IR)**
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.

MC 324C: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION, AND CONFLICT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN **(IR)**
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.

MC 324D: REGIONAL POLITICS, COOPERATION AND CONFLICT IN ASIA **(IR)**
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.

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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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.

MC 333: PERFORMANCE, POLITICS, AND NATION **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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.

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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC)**
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 **(PRC, 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) **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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.

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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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.

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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 politics, rights & culture. 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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 **(PRC, 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) **(PRC)**
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 politics, rights & culture. 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 ever year. 5 Credits. P: MC 371 and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open to seniors 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.

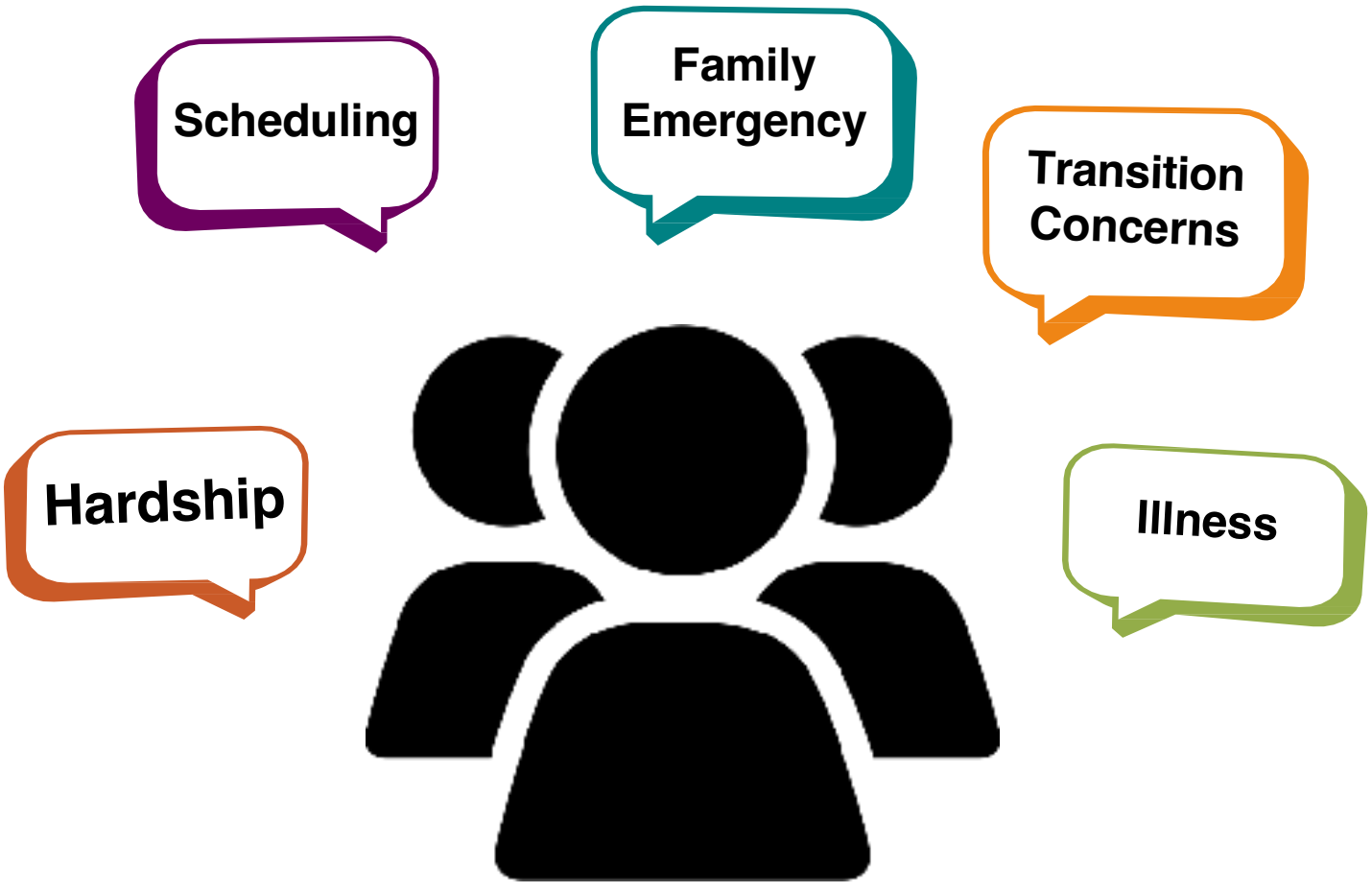
ACADEMIC RESOURCES & ADVISING

ACADEMIC ADVISING MISSION

To support JMC students in achieving their personal, educational and career goals by fostering collaborative relationships among students, faculty and advisors that promote growth and development. We are committed to providing accurate and timely information regarding MSU policies and resources that assist students in achieving their goals. Students are required to understand JMC and MSU policies, procedures and requirements. This collaborative process necessitates shared responsibility and helps foster student success and development.

WHO'S YOUR ADVISOR?

Find your academic advisor, connect with the field experience and career advisors, and access advising resources at jmc.msu.edu/students/academics/advising.



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EDUCATION ABROAD

James Madison College offers several summer and semester-long education abroad programs which allows students to fulfill degree requirements (including the Field Experience requirement) while gaining valuable experiences abroad. Many more MSU-sponsored programs are offered throughout the world during the summer and the academic year. Information on these programs is available from the Office of Education Abroad at MSU: educationabroad.isp.msu.edu.

Certain education abroad programs offer Madison Field Experience credit, and involve extended internships with local organizations and offices. On-site staff will secure internships, arrange housing, and provide orientation and emergency support. Full details and information about scholarships can be obtained from the Field Experience Office or by visiting jmc.msu.edu/academics/field-experience/education-abroad.

MSU has over 275 education abroad programs - here's a sample of what JMC sponsors:

FACULTY-DIRECTED SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Global Development in South Asia: Policy and Practice
- Jewish Studies Program at Hebrew University, Israel **(On Hold)**
- International Relations in Brussels, Belgium
- Comparative Republicanism in Rome and Florence, Italy
- Globalization of Consumerism and Community: Dubai in the United Arab Emirates **(On Hold)**
- Jews of Poland: 1917-1945 in Krakow, Poland

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- ADA University in Azerbaijan
- Institut d'Etudes Politiques in France
- Universidade Federal da Bahia in Brazil
- Arhus University in Denmark
- Lund University in Sweden
- Corvinus University in Hungary

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

- Internships in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Internships in Tokyo, Japan
- Internships in Cape Town, South Africa
- Internships in Seoul, South Korea
- Internships in London, England
- Internships in Sydney, Australia
- Internships in Barcelona, Spain
- Internships in Kansai Region, Japan
- Internships in Dublin, Ireland