

Descriptions—James Madison College
of
Courses

**JAMES MADISON
COLLEGE** **MC**

James Madison College

**111. Identity and Community: An
Approach to Writing I**

Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to students in James Madison College.

Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts. Influences of family, education, work, religion, gender, race, class and/or sexuality on identity and community. Focuses on critical reading and analytical writing.

**112. Identity and Community: An
Approach to Writing II**

Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) P: (MC 111) or approval of college. R: Open only to students in James Madison College.

Identity and community in American and cross-cultural contexts in selected historical eras. Reconstructing images of self and society in time of stress or transition. Emphasis on history, narrative, literature, film, art, politics. Principles of research, documentation, persuasive writing and speaking.

**201. Introduction to the Study of
Public Affairs I (D)**

Fall. 4(4-0) R: Open only to students in James Madison College

Interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

**202. Introduction to the Study of
Public Affairs II (I)**

Spring. 4(4-0) P: (MC 201) or approval of college. Continued interdisciplinary exploration of enduring issues and conflicts in American and international public affairs. Historical, social science, and comparative approaches.

**220. International Relations I: World
Politics and International
Security**

Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Not open to students with credit in PLS 363.

Evolution of the contemporary international system. Theories, explanations, and comparisons of actions and interactions of state and non-state actors. Causes of war and peace.

**221. International Relations II: The
Politics of International Economic
Relations**

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220) or approval of college. Not open to students with credit in PLS 361.

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.

240. Foundations of Political Economy
Fall. 4(3-0) P: (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

Analytical exposition of main schools of thought in political economy. Evolution of political economic ideas and institutions. Development, performance, and social imbeddedness of the business firm and market.

241. Politics and Markets

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and (MC 240 or MC 271 or concurrently) or approval of college. R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

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 economies.

270. Classical Republicanism

Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

Theory and practice of popular government in classical Greece and Rome. Rebirth of such forms in the cities and monarchies of Medieval and Renaissance Europe.

271. Constitutionalism and Democracy

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 270) or approval of college. Origins and development of liberal constitutionalism and its democratization. Theory and practice of the modern state, especially the American variant.

**272. Political Theory and Political
Issues**

Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Not open to freshmen.

Selected issues in political theory or specific political problems. Topics vary.

**280. Social Theory and Social
Relations**

Fall. 4(3-0) R: Open only 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.

**281. Immigrants, Minorities, and
American Pluralism**

Spring. 4(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. R: Open only 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.

290. Special Topics

Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to sophomores or juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Selected topics in public affairs. Varied issues in international relations, political economy, political theory and constitutional democracy, and social relations.

299. Independent Study

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to freshmen or sophomores in James Madison College. Approval of college.

Individual reading and research under faculty direction.

300. Collaborative Study

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of college.

Group reading, research or simulations under faculty direction.

**320. Politics, Society and Economy in
the Third World**

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Politics of social and economic change. Policies and strategies of development and of state and nation building in Third World countries. Impact of international political, security and economic structures on the process of state and nation building in the Third World.

**322. International Law and
Organization**

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. Not open to students with credit in PLS 364.

Impact of international law and institutions on social, political, and economic change in the international system. Military conflict and conflict resolution, economic prosperity and redistribution, human rights, and ecology.

323. Japanese Foreign Policy

Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: PLS 353)

Evolution of Japanese foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

**324A. Regional Politics, Cooperation,
and Conflict in the Middle East**

Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. or approval of college. RB: (MC 221)

Sources of conflict and cooperation in the Middle East through case studies such as the Arab-Israeli conflict. Intrastate, regional, and global factors.

**324B. Regional Politics, Cooperation,
and Conflict in Sub-Saharan
Africa**

Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. RB: (MC 221)

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.

324C. Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean

Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. RB: (MC 221)

Domestic and international politics of Latin American or Caribbean countries. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

324D. Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Asia

Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. RB: (MC 221)

Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Asia. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

324E. Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe

Summer. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. RB: (MC 221)

Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Europe. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.

325. State and Society in Comparative Perspective

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college.

Comparison of political systems and social-economic structures in capitalist and state-socialist societies. Political history, institutions, culture, and current policy issues.

326. U.S. Foreign Policy

Fall, Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college.

U.S. foreign policy decision-making structures and processes. Domestic and international determinants of foreign policy. Evolution of U.S. foreign policy.
SA: MC 323A

327. The Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 326) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. Not open to students with credit in PLS 362.

Concepts, processes and domestic and external determinants of foreign policy decision-making in several foreign countries. Comparative public policy, including security and foreign economic policies.
SA: MC 321

328. Russian Foreign Policy

Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and (PLS 358)

Evolution of Russian and Soviet foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.

329. European Security: Challenges and Strategies

Summer. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (PLS 356)

Evolution of challenges facing Europe in post-cold war period. Critical examination of alternative policies and structures proposed in response to these challenges.

340. Economic Growth

Fall, Spring. 4(3-0) P: (EC 202 or EC 252H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or approval of college.

Theory and history of capitalist development. Alternative models of economic growth, addressing sectoral change, technology, income distribution, international trade and competitiveness. Social and political determinants of economic growth.

342. Employment, Production, and Income Distribution

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or approval of college.

Labor market analysis of wages and employment. Productivity, income distribution, and living standards. Systems of work organization. Impact of globalization and new technology. The changing role of unions.

347. Urban and Regional Development

Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Spatial dimensions of economic growth and development. Socioeconomic structure of urban and metropolitan areas. Business location and economic development. Design and impact of public policies.
SA: MC 343, MC 344

370. Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college.

Criticisms of constitutionalism and liberal democracy. Theory and practice of 19th and early 20th century attempts to perfect or transcend bourgeois life through radical reform or revolution.

371. Beyond Liberal Democracy? New Directions in Political Theory

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 370) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. or approval of college.

The contemporary status of liberal democracy. Theory and practice of late 20th century attempts to perfect, transcend, or undermine liberal democracy in light of crisis of rationalism.

372. African American Political Thought

Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen.

Social and political theories of selected African American activists and scholars. Relationships of African, European, and American value systems.

373. Constitutionalism: The Supreme Court

Fall. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 271) R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Study of theory of constitutional democracy through examination of selected Supreme Court cases. History of the Supreme Court and principles of constitutionalism.

374. Constitutionalism: The Presidency and Congress

Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

The Presidency and Congress in American constitutional democracy. Origins and development of the executive in relation to Congress, constitutional issues, presidential practice.

375. Contemporary Developments in American Politics

Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only 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.

377. Culture, Politics and Post-Colonialism (I)

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 or MC 271) 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.

380. Social Policy

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 280 or MC 281) and (EC 201 or concurrently or EC 251H or concurrently) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. RB: Completion of one semester methodology course.

Application of social theory and methods to analysis of contemporary U.S. social policy. Competing explanations, current debates. Civil rights, education, employment, family, immigration, poverty, social welfare.

381. American Politics and Equality

Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Controversies over equality in American thought, politics, constitutional practice, and public policy. Case studies.

382. Social Movements

Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or Women's Studies Program or approval of college.

Theories and case studies of social movements in comparative perspective. Origins, development, membership, organizational dynamics, social control, political effects.

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383. African American Politics

Fall. 4(3-0) 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.

384. Metropolitan Society

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 240 or 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 or approval of college.

Restructuring of urban and metropolitan society and social relations in 20th century America. Contemporary patterns of social life, relations, and politics in post-industrial metropolis.

385. Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations

Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 220 or MC 281) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. or approval of college.

Advanced theories, cross national comparisons, and case studies of race and ethnic relations. Intergroup competition, conflict, dominance, accommodation, assimilation, creolization. Prejudice, stereotypes, racism, ideologies, political and economic processes.

386. Women and Power in Comparative Perspective

Fall. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or Women's Studies Program.

Application of feminist theory to questions of gender and power in different economic and political systems and geographic areas.

387. Jews and Anti-Semitism

Spring. 4(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or in the Specialization in Jewish Studies.

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.

390. Advanced Topics in Public Affairs

Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

Issues in international relations, political economy, political theory and constitutional democracy, and social relations.

399. Advanced Independent Study

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College. Approval of college.

Advanced individual reading and research under faculty direction.

400. Field Experience

Fall, Spring, Summer. 5 to 9 credits. R: Open only 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.

401. Field Experience: Analysis and Interpretation

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in James Madison College.

Analysis and interpretation of field experience, sponsoring organization, or related policy issues under faculty direction.

421. Advanced International Political Economy

Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 and EC 340) or (MC 340 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Application of political economy theory to North-North relations. The effects of politics in a multipolar international economy in North-South and South-South relations.

442. U.S. Industry and the World Economy

Fall. 4(3-0) P: (MC 221 and EC 340) or (MC 340 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Role of manufacturing in economy-wide growth. U.S. competitiveness, globalization of production, multinational corporations, foreign investment. Technological change and employment. Industrial technology, employment training, trade policies.

444. Policy Evaluation

Spring. 4(3-0) P: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and (EC 202 or concurrently or EC 252H or concurrently) and (STT 315 or concurrently or STT 421 or PLS 201 or SOC 281) and completion of Tier I writing requirement or approval of college. 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.

490H. Honors Independent Study

Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or to Honors College students. Approval of college.

Topic related to student's field.

SA: MC 499H

492. Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)

Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in the International Relations major. Approval of college.

Major issues and theories of international relations.

494. Senior Seminar in Political Economy (W)

Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (MC 340) and (STT 315 or concurrently or STT 421) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in the Political Economy major or approval of college.

Discussion of advanced readings and research design. Students complete a substantial independent research project which is the basis for a seminar presentation and research paper. Seminar topics vary.

495H. Senior Honors Thesis

Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College. Approval of college.

Academic year-long thesis; topic related to student's field.

497. Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (W)

Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (MC 371) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only 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.

SA: MC 495

498. Senior Seminar in Social Relations (W)

Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (MC 380) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college.

American social relations and policy. Theoretical issues. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies.

JAPANESE

JPN

Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages College of Arts and Letters

101. Elementary Japanese I

Fall. 5(5-0)

Beginning-level speaking, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and grammar. Introduction to Hiragana and Katakana writing systems and some Kanji. Aspects of culture. Emphasis on accurate communication.

102. Elementary Japanese II

Spring. 5(5-0) P: JPN 101 or approval of department.

Further work on beginning-level speaking, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and grammar. Continued emphasis on accurate communication. Additional Kanji and aspects of culture.