

JAMES MADISON COLLEGE **MC**

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- 111 Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing I**
Fall. 4(4-0) 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. Critical reading and analytical writing and public speaking.
- 112 Identity and Community: An Approach to Writing II**
Spring. 4(4-0) P:M: (MC 111) 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. History, narrative, literature, film, art, politics. Principles of research, documentation, persuasive writing, and public speaking.
- 181 Introduction to Science, Technology, the Environment and Public Policy**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife.
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.
- 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:M: (MC 201) RB: 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.
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.
- 21 International Relations II: The Politics of International Economic Relations**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220) RB: 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.

- 241 Politics and Markets**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H)
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:M: (MC 270) RB: 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. Administered by James Madison College. 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.
- 293 Methods for Strategic Analysis in Public Affairs**
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MTH 110 or MTH 116 or MTH 112 or MTH 114 or MTH 124 or MTH 132 or STT 200) or designated score on Mathematics Placement test
Basic methods of strategic analysis and game theory. Applications and case studies in international relations, politics, political economy, and social relations.

- 295 Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in Public Policy**
Fall, Spring. 4(3-0) RB: Completion of University Mathematics requirement. Not open to students with credit in PLS 201 or SOC 281.
Design and execution of research in public policy analysis and evaluation. Critical evaluation of data and arguments. Data collection, hypothesis testing, survey of measures of association and evaluation.
- 299 Independent Study**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open 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:M: (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.
- 321 The Cold War: Culture, Politics and Foreign Policy**
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: MC 220
Cultural representations to explore the Cold War's balance of power politics and domestic consequences.
- 323 Japanese Foreign Policy**
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (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:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. 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:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. 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.

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- 324C Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean**
Fall of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Domestic and international politics of Latin American or Caribbean countries. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.
- 324D Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Asia**
Fall of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Asia. Conflict and cooperation among states of the region. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.
- 324E Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in Europe**
Summer. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 221) or approval of college.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in Europe. Government policies to promote security, democracy, and growth.
- 324F Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in North America**
Summer of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or PLS 160) or completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: MC 221 R: Approval of College.
Sources and consequences of conflict and cooperation in North America. Government policies to promote security, democracy and growth.
- 325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221 or MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 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:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college. SA: MC 323A
U.S. foreign policy decision-making structures and processes. Domestic and international determinants of foreign policy. Evolution of U.S. foreign policy.
- 327 The Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 326) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: or approval of college. SA: MC 321 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.
- 328 Russian Foreign Policy**
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: (MC 220 or PLS 160) and PLS 358 SA: MC 323B
Evolution of Russian and Soviet foreign policy. Foreign policy decision-making structures and processes and domestic and international determinants of foreign policy.
- 329 European Security: Challenges and Strategies**
Summer. 4(3-0) P:M: (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:M: (EC 202 or EC 252H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 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 Social Economics of the Workplace: Class, Race, and Gender**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (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. R: Open only 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.
- 347 Urban and Regional Development**
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 343, MC 344
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.
- 348 Educational Policy**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement
Examination of alternative policies to improve K-12 educational outcomes, including school finance, educational standards, teacher professional development, and school choice.
- 349 Economics of Legal Relationships in Comparative Perspective**
Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (EC 201 or EC 251H) or completion of Tier I writing requirement
Survey and comparison of major schools of legal-economic thought, and their implications for policy. Economic impacts of law and legal institutions.
- 350 Evolution and Society**
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) RB: Basic knowledge of biology and US history.
The reciprocal relationship between evolutionary science and American culture. Social, political, and economic influences that shape biological scientists' descriptions of evolutionary change, and their claims about evolutionary influence on cultures.
- 351 Science and Social Policy**
Fall of even years. 4(3-0)
Role that scientific research on group differences plays in creating and maintaining social stereotypes and policy. Practical implications of scientific research, sources of bias among scientific investigators, and the role of scientists in creating and changing stereotypes and in attacking social prejudice.
- 361 Political Economy and Comparative Public Policymaking**
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: ((MC 221 or MC 241) or completion of Tier I writing requirement) and (EC 201 and EC 202)
Use of political economy approaches to explain public policies and policymaking processes in comparative perspective.
- 362 Public International Law**
Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 322
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.
- 363 Global Governance**
Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 221) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: MC 322 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.
- 364 Policy Evaluation**
Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (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) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 444 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.
- 365 Islam and Development in Southeast Asia**
Summer. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Islam in Southeast Asia. Impact of religion on political and economic development in Southeast Asia. Comparison of Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines.
- 368 Black Nationalisms: Africa and Its Diaspora**
Summer of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Multi-disciplinary study of the ways in which Africans in Africa and the Diaspora have searched for, imagined, and produced community and nation, and the different struggles for identity and self-determination. Examination of the ways in which race, ethnicity, gender, class and sexuality have shaped discourses of nationalisms.
- 370 Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy**
Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 241 or MC 271) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 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:M: (MC 370) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 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:M: 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:M: 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:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: and 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:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: and 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:M: (MC 221 or MC 271) or completion of Tier I writing requirement
 International politics and power. Relations of colonialism and post-colonialism. Contemporary repercussions. History, literature, culture and political theory.
- 378 Law and Social Groups**
 Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or 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.
- 380 Social Policy**
 Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (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. 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:M: 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:M: 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.
- 383 African American Politics**
 Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: 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:M: (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. RB: 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 metropolises.
- 385 Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations**
 Spring of even years. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 220 or MC 281)and completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 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:M: 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:M: 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.
- 388 Sexual Politics: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**
 Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to students in James Madison College or Women's Studies or approval of college.
 Sexuality and gender in nineteenth and twentieth century history and politics. Social change, social movements, and sex roles.
- 389 Religious Politics in U.S. Society: Left, Right, and Other**
 Spring of odd years. 4(3-0) P:M: ((MC 280 or SOC 100 or SOC 488)or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement
 Role of religion in politics and society, especially the role religion plays in political mobilization, and the nature of political diversity within U.S. religious traditions.
- 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:M: 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.
- 391 Selected Topics in Public Affairs**
 Spring of even years. 3 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
 Contemporary issues in public affairs.
- 395 Cultural Dimensions of Public Affairs**
 Fall, Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: (MC 112 and MC 202) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: or approval of College.
 Multiple interrelations between culture and public affairs in American and/or cross-cultural contexts. Uses literature, film, criticism, and history to illuminate issues of conflict, power, and social structure in a variety of historical and geographical contexts.
- 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:M: 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.

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401 Field Experience: Analysis and Interpretation

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. P:M: 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:M: (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.

441 Islam and World Politics

Spring of even years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Political Science. Administered by James Madison College. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 420

Manifestations of political Islam within key Muslim countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Pakistan. Use of political Islam by states and groups as an instrument to advance their international goals.

442 U.S. Industry and the World Economy

Fall. 4(3-0) P:M: (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.

448 Ecology, Law and Economics

Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Natural Science. Administered by Natural Science. P:M: EC 201

Review and integrate principles of ecology, fundamentals of law, and principles of economics into a conceptual model that describes interrelations among the natural system, the economy, and the state. Analyze and assess the legal-economic natural resource and environmental policies in the context of the integrated model. Relate the ecology-law-economics model to emerging paradigms of sustainable development, ecological economics, industrial ecology, and the Natural Step.

450 International Environmental Policy

Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by James Madison College. P:M: EC 201 or EC 202 RB: FW 181 and EC 340

Overview of concepts, actors, norms, laws, and institutions related to international environmental policy. Case studies on current global environmental issues.

481 Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife

Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P:M: (ZOL 355 or FW 205) and (EC 201 or EC 202) R: Open only to juniors or seniors or graduate students.

Global issues and their impacts on implications for the management of fisheries and wildlife resources.

482 Gender and Violent Conflict

Spring. 4(3-0) P:M: MC 220 or MC 270 or MC 280 or ANP 220 or WS 201 or SOC 216 or approval of college RB: MC 386 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.

Gender consequences of a range of violent conflicts and their resolution. Theoretical contours and policy implications of gendered conflict within and between states. Contemporary case studies.

490H Honors Independent Study

Fall, Spring. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or to Honors College students. Approval of college. SA: MC 499H

Topic related to student's field.

492 Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)

Fall, Spring. 5(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: 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:M: (MC 340) and (STT 315 or concurrently or STT 421) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: 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:M: (MC 371) and completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in James Madison College or approval of college. SA: MC 495

Selected problems in political theory and constitutional democracy. Relationship between theory and politics. Analysis of key thinkers. Case studies.

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:M: (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. Special projects arranged by an individual student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.