Department of Justice Studies

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Mission Statement
Justice studies is committed to offering an interdisciplinary, intellectually challenging and vocationally relevant course of study for persons interested in academic or applied careers in justice studies at the community, national or global level.

Goals
To carry out this mission, justice studies seeks to:
- Help students develop a comprehensive understanding of justice studies.
- Examine and explain justice and injustice and their impact on individuals, communities, institutions and/or nations.
- Understand human behavior and interactive systems with a focus on negotiation and conflict resolution in justice contexts.
- Sharpen students’ ability to think and reason critically, to practice sound methodological skills and to communicate effectively.
- Prepare students to utilize and produce scholarship in the field of justice studies.

Career Opportunities
- Peace Corps
- Non-government organizations
- Law enforcement
- Corrections
- Law
- Nonprofit groups (national and international)
- Human services
- Domestic and international security
- Intelligence analysis
- Diplomatic Corps
- Research and graduate study

The justice studies major includes opportunities for field work and career-related internships as part of the curriculum.

Transfer Credit
A maximum of three courses may be transferred into the justice studies major from other institutions. No transfer credit will be given for any course offered in the major at the 300 or 400 level.

Degree and Major Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies

Degree Requirements

Required Courses
- General Education 41
- Philosophy course 1 3
- Foreign language courses (intermediate level required) 1-14
- Major requirements (core courses and selected tracks) 41
- Electives 18-38

Total Credit Hours 120

1 Any GPHIL or PHIL course except GPHIL 120 or PHIL 150. Consult the list of courses satisfying Bachelor of Arts degree requirements at http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/BA_and_BS_Degree_Courses.shtml.

Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

Degree Requirements

Required Courses
- General Education courses 41
- Quantitative requirement (in addition to General Education) 3
- Scientific literacy requirement (in addition to General Education) 3-4
- Major requirements (core courses and selected track) 41
- Electives 28-35

Total Credit Hours 120

Justice Studies Major Requirements

Core Courses
- JUST 100. Proseminar 1
- JUST 200. Introduction to Justice Studies 3
- JUST 300. Perspectives on Comparative Justice Systems 3
- JUST 399. Justice Research Methods 4
- JUST 400. Senior Seminar in Justice Studies 3
- Choose one of the following (which is not required for your track): 3
- JUST 210. Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice
- JUST 212. Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice
- JUST 221. Social Justice Theories
- JUST 223. Social Justice Interventions and Policies
- JUST 235. Justice in the Global Community

Total Credit Hours 17

Students must select one of the following tracks:
- Track A. Crime and Criminology
- Track B. Global Justice and Policy
- Track C. Social Justice

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Track A. Crime and Criminology

This track focuses on the nature, causes and solutions for crime, primarily but not exclusively in the United States.

All students in Track A must take JUST 210, Crime and Criminal Justice, and JUST 212, Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four of the six electives must have a JUST identifier.

Courses Credit Hours
Select six additional courses from the following: 18
JUST 301. Special Topics in Justice Studies (when topic is appropriate) 1
JUST/PSYC 314. Police Psychology
JUST 315. Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System
JUST/PSYC 316. Developmental Psychology and Crime
JUST 317. Victimization of Children
JUST 318. Sex Offenders
JUST 319. Psychopathology and Crime
JUST 320. Organized Crime
JUST 322. Understanding Violence
JUST 323. Comparative Criminal Justice
JUST 324. Death Penalty
JUST/SOCI 326. Victimization
JUST 327. Criminal Law
JUST 329. Perspectives on Law
JUST/SOCI/SOWK 330. Corrections
JUST 334. Media and Justice
JUST 341. Gender and Justice
JUST 343. Interpersonal Dynamics and Justice
JUST 344. Marginalized Populations
JUST 345. Restorative Justice
JUST 347. Drugs, Politics and Society
JUST 357. Environmental Justice
JUST 401. Internship in Justice Studies 1
JUST 402. Advanced Research in Justice Studies 1
JUST 403. Nelson Institute Seminar 1
JUST 404. Community Based Research 1
PHIL 325. Crime, Punishment and Justice
POSC 326. Civil Rights
POSC 345. Seminar in International Terrorism
PSYC 312. Forensic Psychology 2
Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser’s and department chair’s consent.

1 These courses may be taken for elective credit in Track A when the topic is appropriate. Students should seek approval from their adviser or the academic unit head.
2 Only one course from this option may be counted towards the major.

Track B. Global Justice and Policy

This track explores issues of justice in global context. Most prominent among them are questions of security, equity and equality. Courses in this track address the individual, group and state dimensions of these and related issues in a diverse set of policy areas including democratization, cultural identity, developmental, environmental protection, conflict resolution and human rights.

All students in Track B must take POSC 230, International Relations and JUST 235, Justice in the Global Community.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four of the six elective courses must have a JUST identifier.

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Courses Credit Hours
Select six additional courses from the following: 18
JUST 301. Special Topics in Justice Studies 2
JUST 320. Organized Crime
JUST 322. Understanding Violence
JUST 323. Comparative Criminal Justice
JUST 324. Death Penalty
JUST/POSC 331. Human Rights
JUST 333. Negotiations
JUST 334. Media and Justice 2
JUST 341. Gender and Justice
JUST 345. Restorative Justice
JUST 346. Intervention, Reconciliation and Justice in World Affairs
JUST 350. Globalization and Justice
JUST 353. Justice and Development
JUST 354. Societal Conflicts
JUST 357. Environmental Justice
JUST/POSC 372. Ethics and International Politics
JUST/POSC 373. Rebuilding Post Conflict Societies
JUST 374. War and Justice
JUST 375. Genocide in the 20th Century
JUST 377. Global Futures
JUST/POSC 392. Peace Studies
JUST 401. Internship in Justice Studies 2
JUST 402. Advanced Research in Justice Studies 2
JUST 403. Nelson Institute Seminar 2
JUST 404. Community Based Research 2
PHIL 335. The Individual, the State and Justice
POSC 395. International Law
POSC 396. International Organizations
POSC 435. Seminar in International Terrorism
SCOM 332. Mediation
SCOM 342. Argument and Advocacy
SOCI 342. Muslim Movements in the Middle East
SOCI/ANTH/SOWK 349. Introduction to Developing Societies
SOCI 360. Social Movements
Any 300-level anthropology course that is centered on a world region (other than North America) 1
Any 300-level history course that is centered on a world region (other than North America) and that includes coverage of the 20th century 1
Any 300-level political science course that is regionally focused 1
Any 300-level religion course with a contemporary and international focus 1
Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser’s and department chair’s consent.

1 Only one course from this option may be counted towards the major.
2 These courses may be taken for elective credit in Track B when the topic is appropriate. Students should seek approval from their adviser or the department head.

Track C. Social Justice

This track is designed to investigate what is fair, equitable and just for society. Emphasizing the oppression and liberation of vulnerable, exploited and marginalized populations, this curriculum promotes sustainable and just solutions to social, political and economic problems.

Students in Track C must take JUST 221, Social Justice Theories, and JUST 223, Social Justice Interventions and Policies.

Students select six additional courses from the following. At least four of the six electives must have a JUST identifier.

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Courses
Choose from the following:
ANTH 340. The Invention of Race
HIST/SOCI 338. U.S. Urban Social History
JUST 301. Special Topics in Justice Studies
JUST 315. Mental Illness and Criminal Justice
JUST 322. Understanding Violence
JUST 324. Death Penalty
JUST 334. Media and Justice
JUST 341. Gender and Justice
JUST 343. Interpersonal Dynamics and Justice
JUST 344. Marginalized Populations
JUST 357. Environmental Justice
JUST 375. Genocide in the 20th Century
JUST/POSC 392. Peace Studies
JUST 401. Internship in Justice Studies
JUST 402. Advanced Research in Justice Studies
JUST 403. Nelson Institute Seminar
JUST 404. Community Based Research
POSC 326. Civil Rights
POSC 348. Politics of Cultural Pluralism
POSC 383. Women and Politics
PSYC 310. Psychology of Women and Gender
PSYC 320. Diversity Issues in Psychology
REL/ SOCI 322. Sociology of Religion
REL 450. Religion and Society
SOCI 336. Race and Ethnicity
SOCI 354. Social and Cultural Stratification
SOCI 367. Sociology of Sexuality
Note: Other courses may be substituted with adviser's and department chair's consent.

Recommended Schedule for Majors

First Year
JUST 200. Introduction to Justice Studies 3
MATH 220. Elementary Statistics (prerequisite for JUST 399) 3
Track core course 3

Second Year
Track foundation course 3
Outside track foundation course 3
Track electives 6

Third Year
JUST 100. Justice Studies Proseminar 1
JUST 300. Perspectives on Comparative Justice 3
JUST 399. Research Methods 4
Track electives 9

Fourth Year
JUST 400. Senior Seminar in Justice Studies 3
Track electives 3

1 Can be counted for General Education, Cluster 3.

Criminal Justice Minor
Minor Adviser: Peggy Plass
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The cross disciplinary minor in criminal justice is designed for students who are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, judicial administration or other areas related to the study or management of crime, either directly upon graduation or after further graduate training.

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