Gerontology

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The cross disciplinary minor in gerontology is designed for any undergraduate major desiring a concentration of study in gerontology for personal understanding or career preparation.

Required Courses  Credit Hours
GERN/SOCI 280. Social Gerontology 3
GERN 305. Programs and Services for the Elderly 1 3
GERN 400. Skills and Techniques 1 3
GERN 495. Field Experience/Seminar 1 3
Major elective (a course supporting the student’s major or related field of study with 50 percent of the course content in gerontology) 3
Elective (must be a course in which the content is at least 50 percent in gerontology) 3

1 Course has one or more prerequisites.

Historical Archaeology

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The minor is designed for students interested in the sub-field of historical archaeology, a discipline that integrates the research interests and methods of archaeology and history. The minor is designed to complement existing majors in anthropology and history, and it may also be of interest to students in art history and public administration. While guided by the theoretical underpinnings of history and anthropology, the minor in historical archaeology is field- and research-oriented. Students enrolling in the program should anticipate courses that require significant effort outside of the classroom.

Two courses (six credits) may be double-counted between the minor and the student’s major.

Required Courses  Credit Hours
ANTH/HIST 331. Historical Archaeology 3
ANTH 494. Field Techniques in Archaeology 4
HIST/ARTH 396. Introduction to Public History 3
Capstone research course 1 3
ANTH/HIST 496. Research Thesis 3

Choose three of the following:

Of these, one course must be chosen from the history/archaeology options and one must be from the geology or geography options. 2
ANTH 410. Spatial Analysis for Anthropologists
ANTH 455. Archaeology: Methods of Analysis and Interpretation
HIST/ARTH 394. Introduction to Museum Work
HIST/ANTH/ARTH 492. Material Culture
HIST/ARTH 493. Historic Preservation
GEOG 340. Environmental Soil Science
GEOG 366. Introduction to Geographic Information
GEOG 442. Field Geophysics

1 The personalized capstone course can take place over one or two semesters and will require the student to work closely with a faculty adviser. The project will require the student to define a research topic, establish a theoretical and methodological base for the project, gather data, interpret the results and prepare an appropriate statement of findings.

2 Access to geology and geography courses is competitive and will require some computer experience.

Humanitarian Affairs

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The cross disciplinary humanitarian affairs minor provides students with a global perspective on the major humanitarian crises facing the human community today. Students will investigate the impacts of natural disasters, disease, hunger and famine, poverty, conflict, and national and international policies on the welfare of human communities around the world. They will also explore solutions to various humanitarian crises and evaluate the problems of practicing humanitarianism in the world today. Students will become acquainted with the organizations that address these crises and the challenges they face. Finally, students will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare them for careers in governmental and non-governmental organizations that address humanitarian issues.

The minor in humanitarian studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. Three of the required 18 credit hours must consist of HUMN 201. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to choose HUMN 490 as three of the other fifteen credits hours needed to complete the minor. The international experience must be one that will enhance the student’s knowledge of humanitarian issues and be approved by the humanitarian affairs minor coordinators. This experience can be completed abroad or with an international organization in the United States.

Core Requirements  Credit Hours
HUMN 201. Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs 3
Choose five of the following, with no more than two from any single discipline:
HUMN/GEOG 301. Introduction to Natural Disasters
HUMN 350. Topics in Humanitarian Assistance
HUMN/GEOG 360. GIS for Humanitarian Assistance
HUMN 490. Humanitarian Affairs Field Experience 1
ANTH/SOCI 313. Processes of Social and Cultural Change
ANTH 366. Anthropology of War
ANTH 373. Anthropological Perspectives on Environment and Development
BIO 354. Global Climate Change and Life: Ecological and Biological Impacts of Climate Variability
BIO 420. Medical Parasitology
ECON 270. International Economics
ENGR 360. Water in Africa, Technology, Education and Reciprocity
GEOG 215. Geospatial Tools I – Cartography and GIS
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape
GEOG 300. Population Geography
GEOG 322. Agricultural Systems and Global Food Production
GEOG 323. Geography of Human Genetics and Infectious Disease
GEOG 335. Geography of Africa
GEOG 339. Geography of the Caribbean
GEOG 345. Geography of Poverty
GEOG 375. Political Geography
ISAT 459. Awareness and Understanding of Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Weapons of Mass Destruction
JUST 235. Justice in the Global Community
JUST 341. Gender and Justice
JUST 345. Restorative Justice
JUST 357. Environmental Justice
JUST 375. Genocide in the 20th Century
JUST 377. Global Futures
JUST/POSC 392. Peace Studies
NPS 300. Introduction to Nonprofits
NUTR 380. Global Nutrition
POSC 200. Global Politics
POSC/JUST 331. Human Rights in Theory and Practice
POSC 340. Third World Development
POSC 347. Comparative Public Policy
POSC 348. The Politics of Cultural Pluralism
POSC 395. International Law
POSC 396. International Organizations
POSC 397. Politics of International Economic Relations
PSYC 460. Community Psychology in Developing Societies
SCOM 331. Communication and Conflict
SCOM 332. Mediation
SCOM/JUST 333. Negotiations
SCOM 334. Alternative Dispute Resolution
SDWK 288. Social Welfare
SDWK/SCI 348. Introduction to Developing Societies
SDWK 375. Grant Writing for Agencies
WRTC 314. Writing in the Public Sphere
WRTC 484. Writing for Nonprofits
WRTC 486. Writing in the Community

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The interdisciplinary social science minor offers a program of integrated study that exposes students to diverse methodologies, philosophies and controversies that define the social sciences. It is a required minor for secondary education students who wish to teach social studies. The ISS minor incorporates economics, geography, history and political science and is offered in two forms for secondary education students. Secondary education students will major in either history or political science and then complete the ISS minor that corresponds to the major. Through this minor and the completion of the B.A. degree in history or political science, students will gain the content knowledge necessary for success in secondary education in social studies. Students not selecting the secondary education licensure program may declare either form of the ISS minor.

Minor Requirements
History Major with ISS Minor
Requirements for the history major are on the Department of History page.

Degree Requirements Credit Hours
General Education 1 41

ISS for Political Science Majors Credit Hours
HIST 225. U.S. History (Must be completed for General Education credit) 4

1 May double count for general education credit.

Political Science Major with ISS Minor
Requirements for the political science major are on the Department of Political Science page.

Degree Requirements Credit Hours
General Education 1 41
Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) 2 0-14
Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses) 3
Major requirements 3 33
Minor requirements (listed below) 22
Electives 7-21

1 The General Education program contains a set of requirements each student must fulfill. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary.
2 The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student’s chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures’ placement test.
3 HIST 457 is a required capstone for the ISS minor and must be completed as part of the history major requirements.

SS Minor Requirements
To be licensed to teach secondary school social studies, the student must satisfactorily complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in either history or political science and complete the ISS minor that is paired with that major.

ISS for History Majors Credit Hours
HIST 225. U.S. History 4
POSC 225. U.S. Government 4
POSC 352. State and Local Government 3
POSC 335. Comparative Politics for Teachers 3
Choose one:
ECON 200. Macroeconomics 3
ECON 201. Microeconomics
Choose one:
GEOG 200. The Global Dimension 3
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape
Choose one:
GEOG 300 or 400 level
ISS 330. Maps, Money and World Trade
POSC 362. Political Behavior
POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections
POSC 380. The U.S. Presidency
POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
POSC 386. The U.S. Judiciary

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