**Information for all ISS minors** registering for Fall 2016 classes

Note that all general education courses have been renamed to take away the G. Courses formerly GHIST or GPOSC or GGEOG are now HIST or POSC or GEOG.

If you are interested in doing study abroad, talk to one of us about classes that may count toward the minor.

HIST 303: Early America will fulfill the Virginia History requirement (ie it counts as HIST 350).

**Fall history classes for those majoring in political science:**

1. Hist 350: Virginia history is not offered this semester. HIST 303 (Early America) will fulfill this requirement.
2. You will need a regional elective. Offered in the fall are HIST 263 (Africa), HIST 269 (Premodern Middle East) and HIST 274 (Modern East Asia). You can also take certain sections of Hum252 (formerly GHUM)--- sections 1 and 2 (on Latin America with Dr. McCleary), or sections 3 and 4 (on Global South Asia with Dr. Hanifi). Do NOT take other sections of HUM 252; if you aren’t sure what counts, ask Dr. Hulsey or Dr. Sandman.
3. You will need a trans-regional elective. HIST 307 (The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade) and HIST 453 (Patterns of Global History) will count towards this requirement. If you wish to take HIST 453, you will need to contact Dr. Seth (the professor) for an override.
4. Remember that you will need to take POSC/HIST 457 in the semester when you take MSSE 470 and 471. It will continue to be offered both fall and spring. Try NOT to take it in the semester when you take POSC 492.

**Spring 2016 political science classes for those majoring in history:**

1) **POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers**. This should be the first upper-level Political Science course you take. POSC 335 is open to IdLS & ISS students only.

2) **POSC 302** (section 2) – **State & Local Government** will be open only to IdLS & ISS students. This course has the most direct application of any POSC course to your future in the classroom. Note that you must take section 2; you will not be able to register for section 1.

3)       Remember that everyone needs to take both POSC 335 and POSC 302. In addition, you take one more political science class. **ISS minors will not be able to directly register for any other political science classes.**

4)       There are two POSC classes being offered that can fulfill the requirement: **POSC 385: US Congress** and **POSC** **369: Political Parties and Elections.**  To register for either, you **must** do the following AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

a)       Email Dr. Charles Blake (blakech@jmu.edu) and clearly tell him the following:  full name, JAC card number, that you are a History Major with an ISS Minor, that you have completed Comparative Politics for Teachers, status [senior, junior, etc., and if you are graduating in December], and that you would like to enroll in an upper level political science class for your ISS minor. Additionally, be sure to specify if you have classes required for graduation that conflict with one or both classes.

b)   Dr. Blake has held back seats in POSC 369 and 385 courses for ISS Minors, but he is trying to balance the needs of several programs.  He may not be able to allow you into the class of your choice. If he can, his secretary, Ms. Mary Ann Abbott, will email you back with a permission number that will allow you into the course. Requests will be processed on a rolling basis, so please email as soon as you know you would like to enroll.

**Cohort**

Next spring, we will again have a cohort aimed at sophomores and juniors --- this will involve taking several ISS classes together with a class on teaching social studies (which includes extensive discussion and some class observations). This lets you not only meet other students in the program, but get a chance to see what teaching is really like, and to talk about teaching, interdisciplinary learning, and the links between what you learn and how you teach.

The classes are: POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers

 HIST 350: Virginia History

 ISS 330: Maps, Money, and World Trade

If the idea of a cohort sounds appealing, you might want to hold off on taking one or more of these classes.