**Social Studies Teaching Programs**

**Registration Information for Fall 2020 classes**

Please bear with us as as we make advising accessible to everyone off-campus. Your adviser should be in touch with you to set up an advising appointment. As always, Dr. Sandman is available too, by email and zoom or web-ex--- email for an appointment ([sandmaad@jmu.edu](mailto:sandmaad@jmu.edu)).

Brief information for upper level history classes is available at <https://www.jmu.edu/history/Advising/Advising-Resources.shtml>. Click on “Fall 2020 courses”

We hope that classes will resume on campus in the Fall in person. If you were planning to study abroad next year or if you had planned study abroad this summer, make sure you have worked out a contingency plan.

**For those graduating in Spring/Summer 2021**

In place of HIST 457 this Fall, we are offering POSC 457. For this semester ONLY, POSC 457 will count as the capstone AND will count as a 400-level history class. (This will require a directive; Dr. Sandman or your adviser can file the directive, but only after you register for the class.) This is still a co-requisite of MSSE 470 and MSSE 471. In the spring, HIST 457 will be offered as usual.

In Spring 2021 we plan on offering two new classes aimed at (but not limited to) graduating seniors in the program (1) a history topics class (300-level) on contentious issues (taught by Dr. Dillard) and (2) a POSC elective (replacing POSC 302) on civic engagement. If you are interested, leave room in your schedule; they will NOT conflict with HIST 457/MSSE 470/MSSE 471/LED 440, but you will need to take some or all of them in the Fall if you want to take both to avoid having 6 classes. Note that LED 440 can now be taken separately rather than as part of the block of courses.

**Cohort option for Sophomores and Juniors**

In Spring 2021 we will again have a cohort aimed at sophomores and juniors. Take several ISS classes together with a class on teaching social studies (including extensive discussion and some class observations). Not only will you meet other students in the program, but you will 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. (If you think you might be interested, wait on HIST 303/350, ISS 330, POSC 335, and/or MSSC 101 until spring.)

**ADDITIONAL NOTE:** The university is creating a 4-year licensure program. It is currently running alongside the five-year program, but the catalogs have not yet caught up. Those graduating prior to Spring 2023 are in the five-year program. Those graduating Spring 2023 or after may choose between the two programs. Details are on the history department website, or contact Dr. Sandman or Dr. Hulsey.

**Fall 2020 history classes for those majoring in political science:**

1. Take either HIST 350 or HIST 303; **HIST 303: Early America** is offered this fall and meets the requirement. HIST 350: Virginia history will be offered in the Spring.
2. Take your required regional elective. In the Fall choices include: HIST 263 (Africa) and HIST 269 (Pre-modern Middle East). Or -- HUM 252 sections 1 and 2 (on Latin American Cultures with Dr. McCleary) or sections 3 and 4 (on Global South Asia with Dr. Hanifi). Do NOT take other sections of HUM 250 or 252; if you aren’t sure what counts, ask Dr. Hulsey or Dr. Sandman.
3. You also need a trans-regional elective. HIST 307 (The Transatlantic Slave Trade) and HIST 405 (Travel and Exploration) both meet this requirement. Others may count with permission; if you are unsure ask Dr. Sandman or Dr. Hulsey.
4. Remember that you will need to take POSC/HIST 457 in the same semester 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. POSC majors who need to take POSC 457 should email Dr. Hulsey ([hulseyjw@jmu.edu](mailto:hulseyjw@jmu.edu)) to make arrangements.

**Fall 2020 political science classes for those majoring in history:**

1) **POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers**. This is ordinarily the first upper level POSC class you take.

2) **FOR PEOPLE IN THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM ONLY** **POSC 302** (section 2) – **State & Local Government** will be open only to IdLS & ISS students. Note that you must take section 2 (the Wednesday evening one); you will not be able to register for section 1. **POSC 302 is NOT required in the four-year program.**

In spring 2021 we will offer a class on civic engagement aimed at future teachers. This will count in place of POSC 302 for those in the 5-year program. We encourage those with room in their spring schedule to hold off on POSC 302 and take the civic engagement class instead.

3)       In addition, everyone in the program needs one more political science class--- the political science elective. (The third POSC class for people in the five year program; the second for people in the four year program.) **ISS minors will not be able to directly register for any other political science classes until they have taken POSC 335.**

4)       There are three POSC classes being offered that can fulfill the elective requirement: **POSC 364: Political Parties in America, POSC 369: Elections and Voting Behavior, and POSC 385: The U.S. Congress.**  If you have taken 335, you should be able to directly register into POSC 364, 369, or 385. If you run into problems, or think you qualify for an exception, email Dr. Hulsey and Dr. Sandman explaining the problem.