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The Minor in Humanitarian Affairs



JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY

Humanitarian Affairs

The interdisciplinary **Humanitarian Affairs** minor provides students with a global perspective on major issues facing the human community today. Students will investigate the impacts of natural disasters, disease, poverty, conflict, human rights violations, and governmental policies on human communities around the world. They will also explore solutions to humanitarian crises and some of the organizations that address those crises. Finally, students will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare them for careers in government or non-profit organizations that address humanitarian issues.

The minor in Humanitarian Affairs is open to all undergraduates at JMU. It requires successful completion of 18 hours of study, including the course **HUMN 201, Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs**. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to do an international internship through taking the course **GEOG 491: International Studies**. The international experience must be one that will enhance the student's knowledge of humanitarian issues and be approved by the Humanitarian Affairs Minor coordinator. This experience can be completed abroad or with an international organization in the United States.



Core Requirements

HUMN 201. Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs.

Credit Hours

3

Choose five of the following, with no more than two from any single discipline:

15

GEOG 215. Geospatial Tools I - Cartography and GIS.

GEOG 322. Agricultural Systems and Global Food Production.

GEOG 300. Population Geography.

GEOG 345. Global Perspective on Poverty.

GEOG 350. Topics: The Geography of Human Genetics and Infectious Disease.

GEOG 366. Introduction to Geographic Information Science.

GEOG 375. Political Geography.

GEOG 491. International Studies.¹

JUST 235. Justice in the Global Community.

JUST 341. Gender and Justice.

JUST 375. Genocide in the 20th Century.

JUST/POSC 392. Peace Studies.

NUTR 380. Global Nutrition.

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.

SOWK 288. Social Welfare.

SOWK/SOCI 348. Introduction to Developing Societies.

SOWK 375. Grant Writing for Agencies.

WRTC 322. Making a Difference: Service Learning Writing.



Total Credit Hours

18

¹When used for credit in the Humanitarian Affairs minor, the international experience must be approved and supervised by the Humanitarian Affairs coordinator or designated faculty.

