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The Minor in Humanitarian Affairs



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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 Studies¹

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.