

1. WHEN SHOULD I APPLY TO THE JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR? We advise that you apply for the justice studies major either in your freshman year or during the first semester of your sophomore year. We strongly advise against applying for the major once you have entered your junior year because it will be very difficult to get the courses you need to graduate on time.

2. MAY I APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE TRACK IN THE JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR? Yes. You need to submit separate applications for each track. If accepted into more than one track you will have to choose a track. We require that you pick a track so that as many students as possible may be admitted into the Justice Studies major.

3. MAY I CHANGE TRACKS IN THE JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR? Space permitting you may change the track you are in after becoming a Justice Studies major.

4. CAN I FINISH THE MAJOR IN ONE YEAR? No.

5. WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES IN THE MAJOR:

EFFECTIVE FOR STUDENTS DECLARING THE MAJOR IN THE SUMMER OF 2011 AND BEYOND

JUST 200 is a prerequisite for all JUST courses.

JUST 200 may NOT be taken during the same semester as any other JUST designated course.

You may enroll in a 200 level JUST foundation course(s) for the following semester while you are enrolled in JUST 200.

JUST 200 and a track foundation course are requirements for all 300 level courses.

All majors must complete 6 elective courses designation for their track. Only two of these electives may be non-JUST designated courses.

DOES NOT APPLY TO MAJORS WHO DECLARED BEFORE SUMMER 2011

8. MAY I DOUBLE MAJOR? Yes. Your degree requirement is determined by your first major. That is, if your first major is a BA degree and your second major is a BS degree you do not need to fulfill the requirements for a BS degree. Your first major is the major that will appear on your diploma. You may declare Justice Studies as either the first or second major.

9. MAY I PICK MY OWN ADVISOR? The department will assign you an advisor. You may request a specific faculty member. Your request will be granted if 1) the faculty member agrees to be your advisor and 2) the department head determines that the resources exist to make this change.

10. AM I PERMITTED TO TAKE COURSES OUTSIDE OF MY TRACK IN THE JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR? Yes, students may take courses from any track. However, in order to graduate the requirements of their track must be met.

11. MAY I MAJOR IN JUSTICE STUDIES AND MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE?

Yes. Students should remember that the two programs are different and that minimal double counting between them will be permitted.

12. MAY I TAKE COURSES IN THE JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR AT ANOTHER SCHOOL AND TRANSFER THE CREDITS TO JMU? Yes. Permission should be obtained in advance from the department head. In addition if the course is taught offered by another department at JMU (i.e. Math, Political Science, Social Work) the permission of that department must also be obtained. Forms are available at the Registrar's Office. Permission to accept credits from another school is made on a case-by-case basis and is not automatic. A maximum of two is allowed.