

**PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MAJOR  
ADVISING AND PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
SPRING 2011**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PPA MAJORS:**

- Please remember that Public Policy and Administration is a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program. The B.S. degree requires two math classes, one for General Education and the other for the degree requirement. It also requires an additional scientific literacy course beyond the courses taken toward Cluster 3 of the GenEd curriculum.
- Beginning in fall 2007, the PPA program is divided into two concentrations: **Public Management** (very similar to the previous version of the major) and **Public Policy**. Students in older catalogs may opt for one of the new concentrations. However, if you do so, you must follow the 2007-2008 catalog, which requires the completion of an additional course.
- Beginning in fall 2010, the **Public Policy concentration removed the requirement that students take POSC 358 Public Policymaking**. Students in this concentration with catalogs prior to the 2010-2011 version will be asked to take a second institutional elective if they have not already completed POSC 358. *Please check with your advisor if you have questions.*
- If you are planning on participating in the Washington Semester, you should save your internship for that semester. The Washington Semester Coordinator approves those internships.
- All other internships must be approved by the internship coordinator, Dr. Gary Kirk (e-mail: [kirkgr@jmu.edu](mailto:kirkgr@jmu.edu)). For qualifications, requirements and forms related to internship-for-credit see [www.jmu.edu/polisci/internships.html](http://www.jmu.edu/polisci/internships.html).
- Some PPA courses are currently offered twice a year (GPOSC 225, POSC 295, and PPA 200, 265, 381, 415, & 420). Others are offered once a year or every other year. Also, for various reasons, courses are sometimes not offered in their regular rotation. You should plan your schedule carefully in consultation with your advisor to make sure needed courses will be offered.
- **Students in the Public Policy concentration should take PPA 200** (Intro to Public Policy) **prior to taking PPA 359** (Policy Analysis). PPA 200 is offered each semester while **PPA 359 is only offered in the fall**. In turn, public policy concentration students should plan to take the PPA 492 capstone seminar as spring-semester seniors; **PPA 492 is only offered in the spring: sign up in Miller 2120 to request an override the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- **GEOG courses are available to non-GEOG majors only after pre-registration is over**. Accordingly, if you would like to take a GEOG course toward your PPA major, please e-mail the GEOG instructor during pre-registration saying that and that you will check on eCAMPUS after pre-registration because you would like to take the course as part of your PPA major.
- PPA 420 will be taught in the spring semester as the intensive writing course for majors in the 2006-07 catalog as well as those in the current Public Management concentration.
- Students in the Public Policy concentration may take the POSC 391 Topics in Public Policy course on Morality Policy as a substantive policy elective. Students this spring can also take PPA 460 (Regionalism and Urban Policy) and PPA 462 (Social Welfare). **PPA 460 has replaced POSC 360 (Urban Politics)**.
- In the Public Policy concentration, three courses will count as institutional courses in the spring: POSC 302, POSC 380, and POSC 386.
- *Effective beginning in the SPRING 2011 semester, COB 241 will no longer be offered to students outside of the BBA program. In its place, students are asked to take ACTG 244 – Accounting Non-business Majors.* Two sections will be offered this spring. Students who already took COB 241 will still be permitted to count the course toward the Public Mgmt. track.
- Juniors who expect to participate in the MPA Fifth Year Program should discuss the application process with Dr. Gary Kirk ([kirkgr@jmu.edu](mailto:kirkgr@jmu.edu)). Sophomores who are interested in the MPA Fifth Year Program should complete a schedule analysis and application with Dr. Kirk. For more information on the fifth-year MPA, see <http://www.jmu.edu/polisci/masterpublicadmin.html>.
- Students interested in writing an honors thesis must contact Dr. Jon Keller ([kelle2jm@jmu.edu](mailto:kelle2jm@jmu.edu)) as they begin the process. All students pursuing an honors thesis in the Political Science department must register for the honors colloquium (POSC 499A, B or C, depending on which phase of the thesis project you are in). Enrollment in these courses requires permission from the instructor. In addition to Honors Program requirements, we require junior standing and a **3.25 GPA in the major** to register. You must register for this course **before** the beginning of the semester. The honors colloquium is never offered as a block course.

## **MAJOR ADVISING:**

Please contact your major advisor if you have specific questions regarding fall registration or future schedule planning. If you do not know who your major advisor is, you can find out in the POSC department office, Miller 2120.

You may pick up a current major checksheet from outside the department office (Miller 2120) or print one from the POSC website.

Students needing study abroad or other forms of transfer credit approval should contact the department chair, Dr. Charles Blake (His e-mail address is: *blakecb@jmu.edu*).

## **SPRING 2011 PPA MAJOR COURSE OFFERINGS**

See your course catalog for descriptions of these courses.

### **PPA Core courses**

PPA 200	Introduction to Public Policy
PPA 265	Public Administration
GECON 200	Introduction to Macroeconomics [14 sections]
GPOSC 225	U.S. Government [3 sections]
POSC 295	Research Methods [2 sections]

### **Public management concentration courses**

PPA 381	Public Budgeting
PPA 415	Legal Environment of Public Administration
MGT 365	Human Resource Management
PPA 420	Public Management

#### *Institutional Electives*

POSC 302	State and Local Government
POSC 380	U.S. Presidency
POSC 385	U.S. Judiciary

#### *Process, Issue, & Application Electives*

ACTG 244	Accounting: Non-business Majors [2 sections]	{This replaces COB 241 in the PPA program.}
GEOG 215	Geospatial Tools I: Cartography & GIS	
GEOG 344	Economic Geography & Development Issues	
NPS 300	Introduction to Nonprofit Studies	
NPS 320	Nonprofit Management	

**[NOTE:** NPS courses can only be requested via override; sign up in HHS room 2127]

PPA 460	Regionalism and Urban Policy [replaces POSC 360 – Urban Politics]
PPA 462	Social Welfare Policy
POSC 391	Topics in Public Policy: Morality Policy
SCOM 350	Organizational Communication

### **Public policy concentration courses**

PPA 492	Public Policy Senior Seminar: Applied State Policy Research
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**[\*\*Request an override for PPA 492 in the POSC department office between MON 10/25/10 & FRI 10/29/10.]**

#### *Institutional Electives*

POSC 302	State and Local Government
POSC 380	U.S. Presidency
POSC 385	U.S. Judiciary

#### *Policy Electives*

PPA 460	Regionalism and Urban Policy [replaces POSC 360 – Urban Politics]
PPA 462	Social Welfare Policy
POSC 391	Topics in Public Policy: Morality Policy
ISAT 411	Energy Economics and Policy
ISAT 421	Environmental Policy and Regulation