JMU Department of Political Science

Political Science

International Affairs

Public Policy and Administration

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Why study in our department?

* A diverse & dynamic faculty focused on undergraduate education
* A mix of programs and courses that cover the breadth & depth of governmental dynamics at home & abroad
* Long-running experiential programs
* An active (& growing) alumni network interested in supporting JMU students before and after graduation
Our Department

* 30 full-time faculty members
  ✓ All with Ph.D.s from top programs in their fields
  ✓ Active research agendas w/ funding from APSA, Fulbright, NSF, etc.
    ✓ Undergraduate research opportunities

* Few classes taught by part-time faculty members
  ✓ 3 to 5 per semester
  ✓ All specialists in the course material

* No classes taught by teaching assistants

* Small class sizes beyond intro level
  ✓ Upper-level classes 30, senior capstones 15
Degree Requirements

* BA degree
  (Political Science & International Affairs)
  Additional philosophy course
  Foreign language at intermediate level
  (through 232)

* BS degree
  (Public Policy and Administration)
  Additional math
  Additional science
Political Science major

* BA degree
* Study of domestic and world politics as well as political philosophy
* For students interested in politics & elections, international relations & diplomacy, public policy, national security, political philosophy, and the politics of other countries
Political Science Requirements

* 33 credit hour major

* Core:
  ✓ Introduction to Western Political Theory
  ✓ U.S. Government
  ✓ Global Politics, Comparative Politics or International Relations
  ✓ Research Methods in Political Science (Passing MATH 220 is a prerequisite)

* Depth requirements across three of the four political science subfields
  ✓ U.S. Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory

* Two additional electives

* Senior capstone seminar

* Internship – recommended, but not required
International Affairs

* BA Degree with enhanced foreign language skills
* Interdisciplinary: political science, history, economics, culture, and foreign language
* For students interested in international politics & policy, international economic relations, and the characteristics of government & society in other countries
International Affairs

* 50 credit hours required to complete major

* Core (32 credit-hours)

- POSC 230 (International Relations)
- POSC 240 (Comparative Politics)
- GECON 200 (Macroeconomics)
- ECON 201 (Microeconomics)
- ECON 270 (International Economics)
- HIST 330 or POSC 370 (diplomacy & foreign policy)
- INTA 295 Research Methods (passing MATH 220 is a prerequisite)
- Foreign language (two 300-level courses)
- INTA 489 Senior Capstone Seminar
International Affairs

* Concentrations (18 credit hours)

* International Relations (6 classes)
  ✓ Four courses in the conduct of foreign relations
  ✓ One area course
  ✓ One cross-cultural course

* Comparative Study (6 classes)
  Five area concentrations:
    -- Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, & Middle East
  ✓ Four courses on that geographic area
  ✓ Two international relations courses
Public Policy and Administration

* BS Degree (39 credit hours)
* Applied interdisciplinary program with courses in political science, public administration and economics
* For students interested in public affairs and public policy including non-profit organizations
Public Policy and Administration

* Core:

- GPOSC 225 (U.S. Government)
- GECON 200 (Macroeconomics)
- PPA 265 (Public Administration)
- POSC 295 Research Methods
  (Passing MATH 220 is a prerequisite)
- PPA 200 (Public Policy)
Public Policy and Administration

* Public policy concentration:
  - PPA 359 Policy Analysis
  - Five additional courses
    - two on policymaking institutions
    - three on substantive policy areas
  - PPA 492 Public Policy Capstone Seminar
Public Policy and Administration

* Public management concentration:
  ✓ PPA 381 Budgetary Process
  ✓ PPA 415 Legal Environment of Public Administration
  ✓ MGT 365 Human Resource Management
  ✓ Two additional courses
    ✓ one on policymaking institutions
    ✓ one on process & issue skills
  ✓ PPA 496 Internship
  ✓ PPA 420 Public Management Capstone Seminar
Fifth Year Masters in Public Administration (M.P.A.)

* Want to graduate in five years with an M.P.A. degree?
* Apply in sophomore year
Minor Programs

* Political Communication
  ✓ 25 to 26 credit hours
  ✓ Interdisciplinary with courses in political science, communications, and media arts & design
  ✓ For students interested in campaigns & elections and public relations in the public sector

* Political Science
  ✓ 19 credit hours

* Public Policy & Administration
  ✓ 20 credit hours
Experiential Programs

* Internships (4 credit hours)
  ✓ Work 240 hours
  ✓ Government, political parties, interest groups, non-profits, policy related offices in private firms, some law

* Washington Semesters
  ✓ Features internships and course credit
  ✓ Fall – U.S. national government focus
  ✓ Spring – Global affairs focus

* Annual career workshops led by alumni
  ✓ Spring semester on campus
  ✓ Late May in Washington, DC
Study Abroad

* JMU Semesters in Florence, London and Salamanca, Spain
* Also many summer programs
* Study through other programs
* Many courses will count toward INTA major, several towards POSC
* The JMU semester programs usually include a POSC course
* JMU M.A. in Political Science in Italy
Recent Alumni in Graduate School

✓ MIT
✓ U of Arizona
✓ London School of Economics
✓ U of Chicago
✓ Leiden U (Netherlands)
✓ Queen Mary U (London)
✓ Ohio State
✓ GWU
✓ Cal - San Diego
✓ Pepperdine
✓ Maryland

✓ Cambridge (Gates Cambridge Fellow)
✓ Boston U.
✓ Johns Hopkins
✓ UVa law
✓ W&M law
✓ W&L law
✓ Harvard law
✓ Maryland law
✓ Georgetown law
✓ George Mason law
✓ Rutgers Law
Alumni at Work

* In government:
  ✓ White House staff, GAO, Federal Trade Commission, Homeland Security, Commerce Labor, Department of State, Transportation
  ✓ U.S. Military, DIA, CIA, NSA, Naval Intelligence
  ✓ Foreign Service, USAID, FBI, Secret Service, DEA
  ✓ Capitol Hill
  ✓ World Bank, Pan-American Health Org.
  ✓ state & local government

* Outside government:
  ✓ Interest Groups & Campaigns: U.S. Council for International Business, Women’s Campaign Fund, NRA, Democratic and Republican parties
  ✓ Consulting: Booz Allen & Hamilton, Chemonics, FGM, Northrop Grumman, Polling
  ✓ Journalism: CNN, newspaper reporters

JMU Politicos alumni networks in Richmond, in Washington, DC and beyond
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For More Information...

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* **Questions?**