

# **JUSTICE STUDIES**

## **Fall 2021 Schedule Information**

**In constructing your Fall 2021 schedule please keep in mind the following:**

- **First, JMU is committed to returning to in-person instruction in the fall. Most but not all of JUST offerings are listed as in-person.**
- **Second, check back frequently to make sure nothing has changed. We will send out emails when and if changes are made in JUST and CRJU courses but in these uncertain times it is hard to anticipate what the final JMU fall schedule will look like.**

## **OVERRIDE POLICY**

**THE JUSTICE STUDIES DEPARTMENT USES THE AUTOMATED WAIT LIST SYSTEM INSTEAD OF GIVING OVERRIDES. IF A COURSE IS CLOSED YOU SHOULD PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE WAIT LIST FOR THAT COURSE/SECTION. STUDENTS ARE TAKEN OFF OF THE WAIT LIST AND PUT INTO THE CLASS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS. BEING ON THE WAIT LIST DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE CLASS. JUSTICE STUDIES WILL USE THIS FORMAT FOR ALL COURSES EXCEPT JUST 399 AND JUST 400. OVERRIDES FOR JUST 399 AND JUST 400 WILL BE GIVEN OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.**

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY HOLDS ON YOUR RECORDS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS REGISTERING YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.**

## MOVING THROUGH THE MAJOR

### YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO TAKE AT LEAST 4-5 SEMESTERS TO FINISH THE JUST MAJOR.

1. JUST 200 is a prerequisite for all JUST courses. You must have successfully completed JUST 200 in order to take any other JUST course. JUST 200 may **NOT** be taken during the same semester as any other JUST-designated course. There are no exceptions to this. You may enroll in a 200 level JUST foundation course(s) for the following semester while you are enrolled in JUST 200, but if you fail JUST 200, you may not take other JUST courses until you pass the course.
2. JUST 200 and a track foundation course are requirements for all 300 level courses. You must have completed JUST 200 and have completed or be enrolled in a track foundation course in order to register for JUST 300 level courses for the following semester, as long as you pass.
3. All majors must complete 6 elective courses designated for your track. Only **two** of these electives may be non-JUST-designated courses. Four of them must be JUST-designated courses. CRJU courses do not count for track elective credit unless permission is given by the department head.
4. JUST majors need to take both foundation courses in their track and one JUST designator foundation course from outside their track. Enrolling in any JUST foundation course (210, 212, 221, 223, 235, 237) makes you eligible to sign up for JUST 300 level courses the following semester.
5. JUST 399 must be taken and passed before you can take JUST 400. MATH 220 is a prerequisite for JUST 399.

## ADVISING RESOURCES

**A number of different advising resources exist for you to make use of if you have questions about progressing through the major or courses. You can consult your academic requirements page on MyMadison. You may contact your faculty advisor with questions. You may contact [Daisy Breneman](#) who is the department academic advisor. You might also contact Sarah Akers who is a justice**

**studies major and a Madison Advising Peer; MAPs are offering online sessions: <https://www.jmu.edu/advising/acadplan/peers.shtml>**

## **COURSE NOTES**

### **JUST 301:**

**Each section of JUST 301 deals with a different topic. See below for information regarding what track the different sections count toward.**

**There is no limit to the number of JUST 301's that may be taken but students cannot repeat the same/similar topic for credit. Please note that in a few cases special restrictions may exist on taking a specific section.**

#### **JUST 301: section 1: Youth Justice (Tracks A and C)**

The course pursues two goals: (1) to introduce students to the structure and functions of agencies and institutions, which comprise the juvenile justice system (JJS) in America, and situate the JJS within the web of other youth-serving systems, most importantly – the child welfare system; (2) to explore the characteristics of “justice-involved youth” – young people who come into “contact” with any form of legal authority, even if no formal action is taken – while paying special attention to dual-status youth.

#### **JUST 301: Section 2: Legal Research & Information Literacy (Tracks A, B, & C)**

This course will provide a thorough insight into how to study law. Students will acquire fundamental legal skills such as statutory interpretation, how to read a case and identify and differentiate *ratio decidendi* and *obiter dicta*, understand the codification of law in a common law jurisdiction, and learn how to accurately research legal topics utilizing and citing primary and secondary legal sources. The course will focus on domestic (US) legal research, involving both state and federal jurisdictions, in addition to investigating international examples and legal instruments such as the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and International Law and Justice under the auspices of the United Nations. The course will approach legal research from a doctrinal “black letter law” perspective and also in terms of the Sociology of Law and Jurisprudence.

Assessment will require and encourage students to undertake a detailed investigation of a legal topic they find interesting, identified during the semester. For further information, please contact

the course instructor, Mr. Howard S. Carrier, Assistant Professor JMU Libraries:  
[carriehs@jmu.edu](mailto:carriehs@jmu.edu)

### **JUST 301: section 3: Global Migration (Tracks A,B, & C)**

This course surveys human migration in relation to questions of justice. Students will analyze interdisciplinary literature on human migration, settlement, and diasporas while studying flows of people across various historical, geographic and political contexts, and from global to local perspectives.

### **JUST 400 sections: Senior Seminar**

*Graduating seniors must make JUST 400 the first course they select in constructing a schedule.*

#### **JUST 400, Section 1 (Scheuerman)**

JUST 400: Senior Seminar in Miscarriages of Justice introduces students to the study of miscarriages of justice by highlighting the various causes of wrongful convictions and solutions for their occurrence. Focusing on the American context, this course involves a critical examination of how the operation of the criminal justice system affects the occurrence of miscarriages of justice. The final project consists of a comprehensive 20-25 page literature review, that includes a discussion of policy suggestions, on a particular topic chosen by students relating to the study of miscarriages of justice and reflecting a Track A, B, or C focus.

#### **JUST 400, Section 2: (Spivey)**

This section of the senior seminar is open topic. This means that students are expected to enter the course with a proposed area of study and will spend the semester developing a thesis related to justice. Students may examine justice issues in all three tracks.

### **JUST 401: Internships**

Internship inquiries for the Fall 2021 semester should be directed to Dr. Hastedt. Requirements are listed on our web site. Please note that 240 hours of work are required. This can be quite difficult to accomplish in an academic semester. Most students do internships over the summer. An internship is not required for the Justice Studies major. Students must be enrolled in the internship course the semester it is being carried out in order to earn academic credit. Because of the covid-19 health crisis it is quite likely that internship opportunities will be quite limited. You should not plan on being able to get one.

### **JUST 403: Nelson Institute Seminar**

The Nelson Institute Seminar is a research consultancy class, designed to give participants practical experience in doing applied social research with the aim of benefiting a local agency, organization, or issue. We will be sending out a separate email regarding community opportunities. Admission to the course is by permission only. Those interested in taking the class should contact [the department office](#). Because of the covid-19 health crisis it is quite likely that Nelson Institute Seminar opportunities will be quite limited. Please contact us if you are interested and we can explore possibilities.

### **JUST 499: Honors**

All students who are doing an honors thesis in the department regardless of what stage in the process they are in or who their advisor is must enroll in JUST 499 A,B or C. The course will meet periodically. Interested students should contact Dr. Hastedt for enrollment information and permission.