# **Justice Studies Fall 2023 Registration Memo**

## Overrides:

* The department works off the waitlist; we do not give overrides
* If a course is full, you can put your name on the waitlist; the waitlist is first-come, first-served, and does not mean, or guarantee, you’ll be enrolled in the course; you should enroll in another course so that you have alternatives
* JUST 399 or 400 are the exceptions; make these courses the FIRST courses you enroll in. If you are a senior and cannot enroll in the course, contact the department at justicestudies@jmu.edu as soon as possible (during your enrollment appointment); we cannot guarantee placement in specific sections
* CHECK MyMadison before your enrollment appointment to make sure you don’t have any holds on your record that might prevent you from registering; it’s very important that you enroll during your enrollment appointment (also listed on MyMadison); we cannot offer overrides to students who missed their enrollment appointment

## **Progression in the major:**

* It takes **at least 5 semesters** to complete the major, due to the prerequisite structure
	+ **JUST 200 is a prerequisite** for all JUST courses; students must successfully complete JUST 200 in order to take any other JUST course, no exceptions
	+ JUST 200 and at least one foundation course (JUST 210, JUST 212, JUST 235, JUST 237, JUST 221, or JUST 223) are requirements for all 300-level courses
	+ Students must take at least one 300-level course before taking JUST 399; MATH 220 is another prerequisite for JUST 399
	+ Successful completion of JUST 399 is a prerequisite for JUST 400
* Check your **Academic Requirements** page on MyMadison to determine which requirements you’ve met and which you still need to meet, as well as which courses will count as your track electives. At least 4 of the 6 required track electives must be JUST-designated. You should also refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for more information about major requirements

## **Important notes on Justice Studies Curriculum Changes:**

* All Justice Studies majors must follow **the catalog year when they declared the Justice Studies major**; those requirements will be reflected on the Academic Requirements page in MyMadison and in your year of the Undergraduate Catalog. **There were significant revisions to the 2021-2022 catalog, so it’s especially important that you access the correct catalog year!**

## **Advising Resources:**

* You may contact your assigned Justice Studies academic advisor if you have questions or need guidance about your Justice Studies major requirements after reviewing this memo, as well as your Academic Requirements on MyMadison and the catalog
* You may also contact the Justice Studies Advising Coordinator, Daisy Breneman
* The [Madison Advising Peers](https://www.jmu.edu/advising/acadplan/peers.shtml) (MAPs) are a great resource, especially with Gen Ed, degree, or university elective requirements, or other general advising questions

## **JUST 301 and Special Electives:**

* Each section of JUST 301: Advanced Special Topics deals with a different topic**. Students cannot repeat the same/similar topic for credit**, including if the course number has changed, but otherwise there’s no limit on the number of JUST 301s students can take.
* This semester, the JUST 301s being offered are as follows:
	+ Section 1: Domestic Violence (General or Track A and C)
		- This class provides an overview of research and scholarship related to domestic violence, with a focus on IPV (Intimate Partner Violence)
	+ Section 2: National Security Law and Policy (General or Tracks A and B)
		- This course is designed to introduce upper-level undergraduate students to the Constitutional underpinnings of and chronological development of the United States’ national security structures, processes, and operations.
	+ Section 3: Comic Book Justice (General or Tracks A and C)
		- This course on Comic Book Justice will examine themes of justice in [superhero] comic books, graphic novels, and film/television/video games. We will examine popular depictions of crime, vigilantism, and punishment in comic book media, as well as ways that gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, disability, etc. have been presented in superhero media**.**
	+ Section 4: Justice in PreK-12 US Schools (General or Tracks A and C)
		- This course is an examination of issues of justice in the American education system, including those related to delinquency and the juvenile justice system, and patterns of power, privilege, and hierarchy.

## **JUST 400: Senior Seminar**

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

* **JUST 400, Section 1: Dr. Case Watkins**

This section of the course will have a broad focus, examining multiple aspects of justice. Students will develop their own proposed area of study, and work in the class will be centered around completing a project related to that area. Class discussion and review of individual projects, along with presentation of work, are integral parts of the course.

* **JUST 400, Section 2: Dr. Heather Scheuerman**

This section of JUST 400: Senior Seminar on Prosecutorial Misconduct teaches students about the important role prosecutors play in the criminal justice system with a particular emphasis on the abuses in which prosecutors could engage due to their position in an adversarial system of justice. Focusing on the American context, this course provides a critical examination of the causes, types, and consequences of prosecutorial misconduct. Throughout the course, students will acquire advanced research skills by finding and retrieving information related to known cases of prosecutorial misconduct. The final project consists of a comprehensive literature review (20-25 pages) that includes a discussion of policy suggestions on a particular topic chosen by students relating to the study of prosecutorial misconduct and reflecting a Track A, B, or C focus.

## ****JUST 401: Internships****

* Internships are recommended, but not required, and are by application only
* Most students complete internships over the summer, as the requirements can be hard to meet during the regular semester
* 180 hours are required (for the 3-credit section), in addition to academic work related to the experience
* Students must apply and be accepted, and then, with permission, enroll in the internship course, JUST 401, for academic credit; requirements include junior or senior status, successful completion of JUST 399, and good academic standing
* Learn more on the [internship page](https://www.jmu.edu/justicestudies/internship.shtml) on the Justice Studies website
* Internship inquiries can be directed to the department or to Daisy Breneman

## **JUST 499: Honors**

* All Honors students who are doing an honors thesis in the department must enroll in JUST 499 A, B or C (depending on the stage of the project)
* Interested students should contact Dr. Peggy Plass for enrollment information and permission
* Students must meet the requirements [outlined on the website](https://www.jmu.edu/justicestudies/honors.shtml)