# **Justice Studies Spring 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](mailto: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 should take at least one 300-level course before taking JUST 399; MATH 220 is a 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 and the Undergraduate Catalog. **There were significant revisions to the 2021-2022 catalog, so it’s especially important that you access the correct catalog year! Students are not allowed to change their 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 Academic Requirements on MyMadison and the catalog
* You may also contact the Justice Studies Advising Coordinator, [Daisy Breneman](mailto:brenemdl@jmu.edu)
* 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 in Justice Studies deals with a different topic**. Students cannot repeat the same/similar topic**, including if the course number has changed, but otherwise there is no limit on the number of JUST 301s students can take.
* This semester, the JUST 301s being offered are as follows:
* Section 1: Individual, Society, & Justice **(General or Track A & C):**
  + This course examines various pressing social problems including, but not limited to, lethal policing, hate crimes, racial profiling, and prejudice to illustrate how social psychology affects our understanding of justice. Students will examine how others - ranging from small friendship groups to entire societies - affect an individual and how the individual affects others by learning about various social psychological concepts, such as attributions of blame, stereotypes, attitudes, conformity, and altruism. Throughout the course, students will identify the implications individual perceptions and interactions with others have for justice, crime, criminal justice, and social justice. Classes will include both lectures and discussions, with an occasional movie or guest speaker.
* Section 2: Black Feminist Abolitionist Praxis (**General or** **Track A, B & C)**
  + This course focuses on various social justice issues that impact our everyday lives on both the person and institutional level. It will explore Black feminist theory in order to introduce topics such as violence, racial justice, immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights, and disability justice. By applying Black feminist theory, students will engage with how intersectionality and womanism provide road maps for abolishing systems of inequality. As the feminist adage states, “the person is political”. Students will learn how to interrogate and dismantle hegemonic ideologies that do not align with liberation for all people, and will read writings that center the experiences of marginalized communities. Lastly, this course asks students to reimagine how our social, economic, and political systems can be transformed to reflect justice within our society.
* THEA 303 Community-Engaged & Activist Theatre (**General or Track B &C**)
  + The art and ethics of community-based professional practice and public advocacy are at the core of the course. This course offers the opportunity for JMU students to contribute to the local refugee resettlement community in a partnership with five Harrisonburg non-profits while also developing vital skills for their professional futures, as well as developing empathy and critical insights on global issues, improving inclusive practice across fields, and utilizing performing arts to educate and inspire our community to support our local refugee and newcomer population. Students will also engage with material on topics such as trauma-informed practice, cross-cultural engagement, global citizenship, ethics of non-profit/university partnerships, and immigration justice from readings as well as guest professor speakers from across JMU departments. ***No theatre experience is necessary!*** In fact, it is all the more meaningful to go out of your comfort zone along with the community members to take creative risks together. Please email Professor Rachel Rhoades with interest or questions: [rhoadere@jmu.edu](mailto:rhoadere@jmu.edu)

## **JUST 400: Senior Seminar**

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

* **JUST 400, Section 1:** Doing Justice

The Senior Seminar capstone course in the Justice Studies major serves as a culminating academic experience. In this section of the course, students will learn how to develop an issue of justice into a social action campaign to change or create a policy, program, or practice. My hope is that you will develop a deeper understanding of public issues, power, democracy, community change, and justice by integrating research, praxis and theory.  There is one required book for the course: *CHANGE! A Student Guide to Social Action* (Routledge, 2018).

* **JUST 400, Section 2:** Lynching and Racial Violence in the United States  
    
  Description: This senior seminar explores racialized terrorism in the United States, from post-Reconstruction lynching to contemporary hate crimes. Particular attention will be devoted to analyze lynching in Virginia. In addition to conducting weekly research assignments, in their final research paper students will analyze trends, patterns and causes of racial violence in the United States.
* **JUST 400, Section 3**

This section of the course will have a broad focus, examining multiple aspects of justice. Work in the class will be centered around the production of the course paper. Students can choose their own topic for this paper, and to serve as their area of concentration in the class.

## ****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
* 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.