

Justice Studies Fall 2022 Registration Memo

Overrides:

- The department works off the waitlist; **we do not give overrides**; please do not email instructors to ask for 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**; prioritize required courses (that is, make them the first ones 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 are prerequisites for all 300 level JUST courses.
 - Students should take at least one other 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.

Important Notes on Justice Studies Curriculum Changes:

- All Justice Studies majors must follow **the requirements for the catalog year when they declared the Justice Studies major**; those requirements will be reflected on your **Academic Requirements page** and the [Undergraduate Catalog](#). Your **Academic Requirements page** will show you what your catalog year is (for ex, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, etc.).

- **There were some significant revisions to the 2021-2022 catalog, so it is especially important that you access the correct information for your catalog year, reflected on your Academic Requirements page!**

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](#)
- The [Madison Advising Peers](#) (MAPs) are a great resource, especially with Gen Ed, degree, or university elective requirements, or other general advising questions

JUST 400: Senior Seminar

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

- **JUST 400, Section 1: Dr. Scheurman**

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 400, Section 2: Dr. Meade**

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. The final paper will consist of a literature review, a methods proposal, and policy analysis and should be 20-25 pages in length.

JUST 401: Internships

- Internships are recommended, but not required, and are by permission 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](#) on the Justice Studies website
- Internship inquiries can be directed to the department or to Daisy Breneman
- Because of the ongoing uncertainties around the pandemic, opportunities may be limited

Research in the Community

- Justice Studies offers some opportunities for research in the community, under the guidance of faculty, by special permission only.
- Those interested should have significant experience in the major, including JUST 399, and should contact [the department office](#).
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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.