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. POSC 230 does not count as the non track foundation course. Enrolling in any JUST foundation course (210, 212, 221, 223) 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 pre-requisite for JUST 399.

Override Policy:
The department uses the automated wait list system instead of giving overrides. If a course is closed, place your name on the wait list. 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 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.

Blended Courses:
JUST 200: Introduction to Justice Studies
JUST 200 may NOT be taken during the same semester as any other JUST-designated course EXCEPT for the General Education course JUST 225, Justice in American Society which does NOT carry credit in the major. JUST 200 is taught in a blended format with occasional meetings for discussion, review, and taking exams.

JUST 223 Social Justice Interventions & Policies
JUST 341 Gender and Justice
JUST 375 Genocide in the 20th Century

Online Courses
JUST 100: Pro Seminar
This course should ideally be taken junior year, though it is open for juniors and seniors. We focus on developing skills in pursuing internships, career opportunities, graduate education, and civic engagement, including resume-writing, networking, and exploring opportunities.

Community Engagement Courses
JUST 385 Disability and Justice
Depth and hours requirements for the community engagement experiences will vary by course; contact the instructor for more specific details.

Other Courses
JUST 401: Internships
Internship inquiries for the Fall, 2019 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.

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 in Fall, 2019. Admission to the course is by permission only. Those interested in taking the class should contact the department office.

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.
JUST 301: Special Topics in Justice Studies

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 exist on taking a specific section.

JUST 301, section 1: Indigenous People (Tracks B & C)
This course will cover a wide array of topics relevant to the world’s indigenous peoples (including but not limited to US Native Americans, Canada’s First Nations, Bolivia’s Aymara, and New Zealand’s Maori). We will identify gaps in the enjoyment of justice for indigenous peoples as well as review methods indigenous groups have taken to overcome justice inequalities.

JUST 301, section 2: Global Migration (Tracks B & C)
This course surveys global migration flows and the formation of diasporas over time and space. Students will analyze interdisciplinary academic literature on migration and diaspora while studying flows of people across various historical and geographical contexts, from prehistoric to contemporary and from global to local. Topics include the peopling of continents, settler colonialism, the African diaspora, the Jewish diaspora, transnational communities and identities, and contemporary migration policies at various national and international levels.

JUST 301, section 3: Prison Scholars (Tracks A & C)
The course will be based on popular models where half the course is composed of JMU Justice Studies students and half the class is composed of individuals incarcerated at Augusta Correctional Center (ACC), and the course will meet once a week at the prison. The topic for the progression is Demystifying Crime and Criminal Justice. The class will be heavily discussion-based and will require weekly reflection papers, as well as a final reflection paper. Participation in the course requires a substantial commitment and a high degree of maturity. Given these restrictions and the limited number of seats available, enrollment in the course will require an application process and the instructor will select students based on their application. Please email/see Dr. Meade for an application or for more questions (meadebd@jmu.edu).

JUST 301, section 4: Law and Society (Tracks A, B, and C)
This course examines how the law shapes society and society shapes the law. It examines the social, political, cultural and historical aspects of the law, rather than studying the law through legal doctrines, statutes or judicial opinions (though at times these aspects of the law will be raised). Student will learn how the law influences and is influenced by social change, social reproduction and inequality (including race, class, gender, and sexuality).

JUST 301, section 5: National Security Law & Policy (Tracks A & B)
This course provides an introductory overview of the U.S. constitutional, U.S. domestic, and international law that governs U.S. national security policies and decisions involving issues such as the law of international conflict management, democracy building, Executive and Congressional war powers and authorities to use military force, international and domestic terrorism, intelligence and counterintelligence, homeland security and emergency preparedness, human rights, immigration, cyberspace, environmental law, freedom of expression, and access to classified information. Course requirements: two papers, 10-12 pages each, designed to enhance writing skills for preparing senior government executives to make effective policy decisions.

JUST 400 Senior Seminars

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

Section 1: Corruption (Beers)
This seminar will examine the problem of corruption from many angles. We will consider different ways of defining and measuring corruption, as well as the root causes and societal consequences of corrupt practices and systems. The course will examine case studies from a variety of settings, including public sector corruption; organized crime; systemic corruption in international business, law enforcement, and religious institutions; low-level “petty” corruption; and legalized corruption (e.g. campaign finance, offshore tax shelters, etc.). We will also examine tools for preventing and combatting corruption, from anti-bribery and anti-money laundering conventions, to specialized anti-corruption courts, to grassroots monitoring and independent whistleblowers. Students will write a 25-page policy analysis paper on a related topic of their choice.

Section 2: Lynching and Racial Violence in the U.S. (DeFazio)
This senior seminar explores racialized terrorism in the United States, from post-Reconstruction lynching to contemporary hate crimes. Attention will be devoted to analyze lynching in the US South. In addition to conducting research assignments, in their final research students will analyze trends, patterns and causes of racial violence in the United States.