

# Civic and Community Engagement

## Justice Studies



values civic and community engagement. We encourage students to find ways to be involved with and contribute to their communities. As articulated on the University Studies Civic Engagement website, "Civic engagement is a developmental process moving one from awareness and curiosity to understanding and action. On this campus, it is fostered by learning activities that cultivate knowledge, skills, motivations, and mutually-beneficial collaborative actions with communities (campus, local, state, national, and global)." Justice Studies offers many opportunities for engagement, including:



### Courses:

#### JUST 401. Internship in Justice Studies. 4 credits.

This course allows students to receive academic credit for work experienced in an agency or organization related to the justice studies major. Students should consult the justice studies director for assistance in arranging approved internships. This course may be taken only once for credit. Prerequisites: JUST 200 and JUST 399. Successful completion of four additional justice studies courses.

#### JUST 403. Nelson Institute Seminar. 3 credits.

Students enrolled in this course will be assigned to consider a contemporary problem Justice Studies. Working individually and in teams, students will first study the problem, and then propose workable solutions. This course may be taken twice for credit. Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and permission of the instructor.

#### JUST 404. Practicum in Community-Based Research. 3 credits.

This course provides students with an intensive, collaborative community-based research experience working in partnership with a community organization or group. Students will integrate and apply principles and conceptions of justice and methods of scholarly inquiry to a community-identified problem. This course may be taken twice for credit. Prerequisites: JUST 200, JUST 399 and permission of the instructor.



## Internships

While the Justice Studies Major does not require students to complete an internship or service learning experience, we do feel that such opportunities provide students with valuable educational experiences that bring together academic and practical knowledge of a problem, issue, or organization. There are a number of internship opportunities for academic credit available to Justice Studies students.

Students wanting to complete an internship for credit must file an internship application with the department internship coordinator and register for the appropriate class before starting the internship. Please contact the department or departmental advisor with any questions about internships.

#### Basic Requirements:

- 240 Hours of work
- Completion of a daily log of activities
- A 3 page reflective career essay on how the internship has influenced your work thoughts about a career and/or graduate work.

For more information please see the Justice Studies website [www.jmu.edu/justicestudies](http://www.jmu.edu/justicestudies)

# Career Information and Resources

The Justice Studies major includes opportunities for field work and career-related internships as part of the curriculum.

For more in-depth information about careers in Justice Studies, please visit Career and Academic Planning in the Student Success Center; CAP offers students many valuable resources, including online resources, a resource library, resume workshops, practice interviews, career and internships fairs, one-on-one meetings with career advisors, and more.

Of particular interest might be the Career Guide for Majors: Justice Studies and Recruit-A-Duke. For more assistance exploring career options, please feel free to contact the Justice Studies academic advisor.

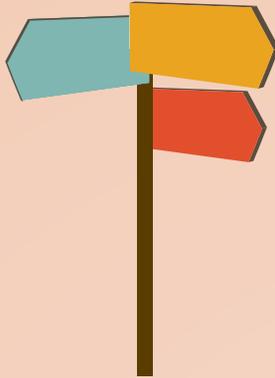
There are many career paths available to Justice Studies majors; the list below represents just a few examples of the possibilities:

- Human Services
- Law
- Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- Peace Corps
- Nonprofit groups (national and international)
- Government
- Domestic and International Security
- Intelligence Analysis
- Diplomatic Corps
- Public Policy and Politics
- Research and Graduate Study



# Graduate Study

Many students decide to go on to graduate-level work to help them achieve their academic, personal, and career goals. Students interested in graduate school should plan ahead, research possible schools carefully, and start working toward the admissions requirements early in their undergraduate careers. This typically includes taking challenging courses, maintaining a high GPA, performing well on entrance tests, and submitting a strong application. However, students should carefully research schools to determine the specific criteria for those particular institutions. There are resources listed on the Justice Studies website that offer some starting points for exploring graduate school, but students should also feel free to consult with Justice Studies faculty and advisors to learn more.



# Law School

For those interested in law school, JMU offers Pre-law as a pre-professional program, which gives students access to additional resources and a network of advisors.

**For more information, please contact:**  
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**or visit <http://www.jmu.edu/prelaw/>**



**For More Information about  
Professional Opportunities  
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## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNSHIPS & CAREERS

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GRADUATE STUDY



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