

JUSTICE STUDIES SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION NOTES

In constructing your Spring 2021 schedule two things are very important to keep in mind:

- First, look closely at how a course you are interested in will be offered as a variety of formats now exist at JMU.
- Second, check back frequently to make sure nothing has changed.

We will send out emails when and if changes are made in JUST and CRJU courses but in these uncertain times it is hard to anticipate what the final JMU spring schedule will look like.

Override policy

The justice studies department uses the automated wait list system instead of giving overrides.

If a course is closed you should place your name on the wait list for that course/section.

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 just 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.

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. Enrolling in any JUST foundation course (210, 212, 221, 223, 235, 237) 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.



COURSE NOTES

JUST 301:

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 may exist on taking a specific section.

JUST 301: section 1 Corruption (Tracks A, B and C) This course will examine the problem of corruption from many angles. We will consider various definitions and forms of corruption, as well as the root causes and societal consequences of corrupt practices and systems. The course will explore a number of contemporary case studies, from bribery and tax evasion, to predatory business practices, to institutionalized abuse of vulnerable populations. We will also examine how people experience and respond to corruption.

JUST 301: section 2 Policing of Protest (Tracks A, B and C) Policing of Protest. This course investigates the contentious interactions between protesters and political authorities, in particular the policing of protest in democratic societies. The course is divided into three sections: in the first one, general issues of dissent and repression in democratic societies are investigated; in the second section we concentrate on the reality of protest policing in the United States. In the third and final section of the course, we compare transnational patterns and trends in protest policing.

JUST 301: Section 3: Prison Writing (Track A) This course will examine the prison-writing genre in all its forms. Readings will include texts about and from prison ranging from fiction and poetry to nonfiction. Students will have an opportunity to practice a wide range of writing, including advocacy writing, narrative, and investigative writing. They will hear from speakers knowledgeable about prisons. They will conclude by putting together a digital anthology of works they believe best represent this genre. It is cross listed with WRTC: 426, section 1

JUST 386: Sexual Orientation and Policy

Counts for Tracks A, B, C

JUST 400 sections: Senior Seminar

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

JUST 400, Section 1 (Robinson)

This section of the senior seminar has a very broad theme: Solutions to Injustice (Oppression, Human Rights Violations, and/or Other Forms of Unfairness). Students may examine justice issues in all three tracks.

JUST 400, Section 2: (Spivey)

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.

JUST 401: Internships

Internship inquiries for the Spring 2021 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. Because of the covid-19 health crisis it is quite likely that internship opportunities will be quite limited. You should not plan on being able to get one.

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. Admission to the course is by permission only. Those interested in taking the class should contact the department office. Because of the covid-19 health crisis it is quite likely that Nelson Institute Seminar opportunities will be quite limited. Please contact us if you are interested and we can explore possibilities.

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.

