



***Political Science***  
***International Affairs***  
***Public Policy & Administration***

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# Our Faculty



- **32 full-time faculty members**
  - ✓ Active research agendas w/ funding from APSA, U.S. Dept. of Education, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Fulbright, National Science Foundation, etc.
    - Undergraduate research opportunities
- **Students can build relationships with the full-time faculty**
  - ✓ Few classes taught by part-time faculty members
  - ✓ No classes taught by teaching assistants
  - ✓ Small class sizes beyond intro level
    - Upper-level classes' average size is 30

# Skill Development and Engaged Learning

## ➤ **Marketable Skills**

- Critical Thinking
- Research
- Communication
- Expertise in local, national, and international problems

## ➤ **Additional Undergraduate Research Opportunities**

- ✓ POSC 498 – Research in Political Science
- ✓ POSC 499 – Senior Honors Project

## ➤ **Applied Projects Within classes and Beyond the Classroom**

- ✓ Policy briefs and policymaking simulations
- ✓ Projects working with government & nonprofit agencies (e.g. BBBS, Hacking 4 Defense/Diplomacy)
- ✓ Varied off-campus teams: Moot Court, Model UN, Model African Union, Model European Union











# Career Exploration and Training

## ➤ **Academic internships (4 credit hours)**

- ✓ Work 240 hours & conduct research related to internship
- ✓ Internships within government, political parties, interest groups, nonprofit organizations, & policy-related offices in private firms

## ➤ **Washington Semester**

- ✓ Students take 2 courses plus a 6-credit internship
- ✓ Fall – U.S. national government & nonprofit focus
- ✓ Spring – Global affairs focus

## ➤ **Career workshops led by alumni**

- ✓ Each semester on campus
- ✓ Early June in Washington, DC









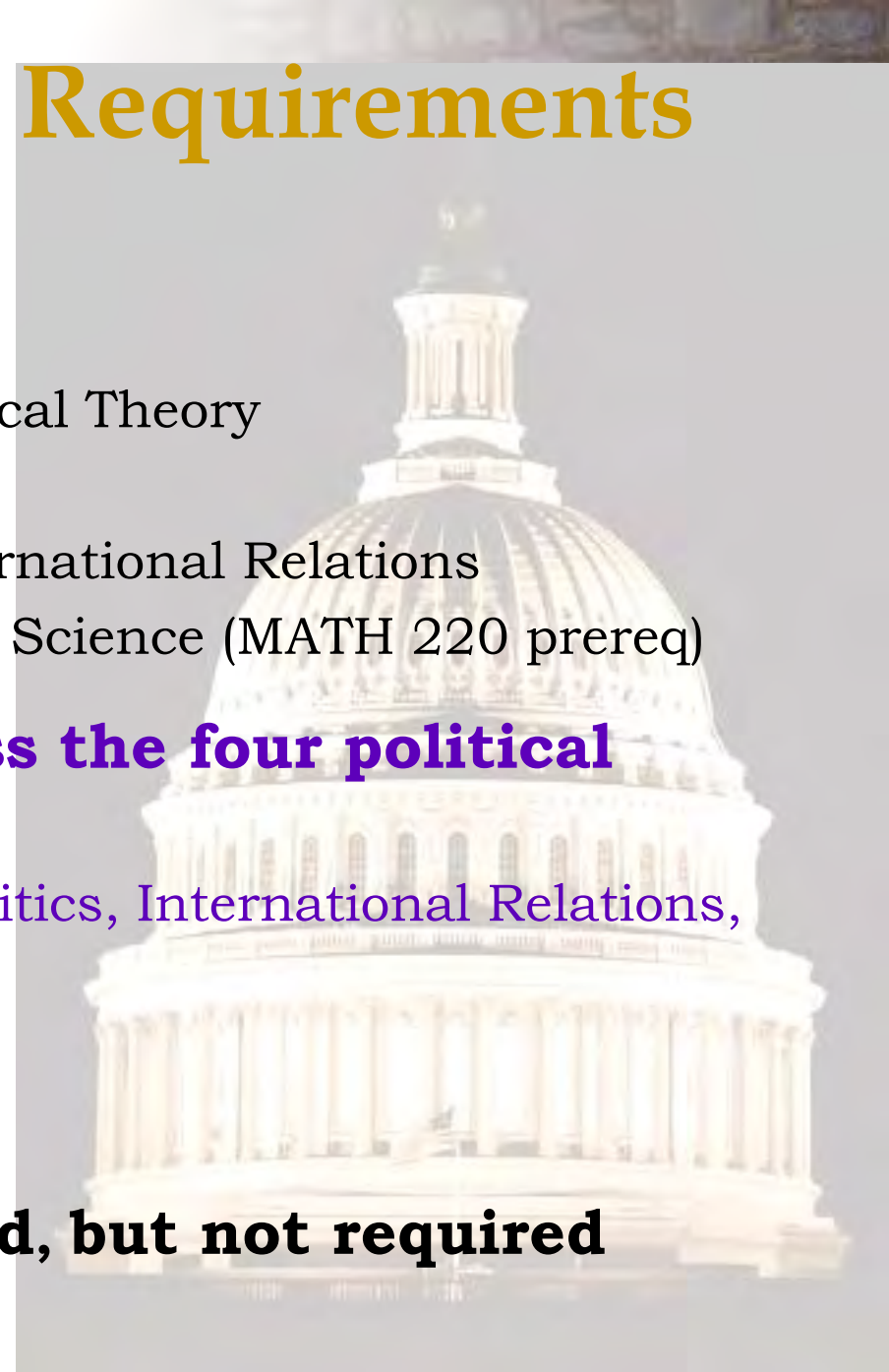


# Political Science major

- **B.A. degree (39 credits)**
- **Study of domestic and world politics as well as political philosophy**
- **For students interested in**
  - ✓ politics & elections
  - ✓ international relations & diplomacy
  - ✓ national security & public policy
  - ✓ the politics of other countries
  - ✓ political philosophy

# Political Science Requirements

- **39 credit hour major**
- **Core:**
  - ✓ Introduction to Western Political Theory
  - ✓ U.S. Government
  - ✓ Comparative Politics and International Relations
  - ✓ Research Methods in Political Science (MATH 220 prereq)
- **Depth requirements across the four political science subfields**
  - ✓ U.S. Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory
- **Two additional electives**
- **Senior capstone seminar**
- **Internship – recommended, but not required**





# International Affairs

- **B.A. Degree with enhanced foreign language skills (50 credits)**
- **Interdisciplinary: political science, history, economics, culture, and foreign language**
- **For students interested in international politics & foreign policy, international economic relations, and the characteristics of government & society in other countries**
- **4 concentrations are available:**
  - ✓ **Foreign Policy & Global Governance**
  - ✓ **Global Human Development**
  - ✓ **International Conflict & Security**
  - ✓ **Comparative Study (of a geographic region)**



# International Affairs

- **50 credit hours required to complete major**
- **Core (32 credit hours)**
  - ✓ POSC 230 (International Relations)
  - ✓ POSC 240 (Comparative Politics)
  - ✓ ECON 200 (Macroeconomics)
  - ✓ ECON 201 (Microeconomics)
  - ✓ ECON 270 (International Economics)
  - ✓ HIST 330 or POSC 370 (diplomacy & foreign policy)
  - ✓ INTA 295 Research Methods (MATH 220 prereq)  
Foreign language (two 300-level courses)
  - ✓ INTA 489 Senior Capstone Seminar



# International Affairs

## Concentrations (18 credit hours)

### ■ International Relations Concentrations (6 classes)

**Three thematic concentrations:** *Foreign Policy & Global Governance, Global Human Development, International Conflict & Security*

- ✓ One course on political dynamics
- ✓ One course on historical patterns
- ✓ One course on regional/cross-regional sociopolitical dynamics
- ✓ Three additional courses relevant to the concentration

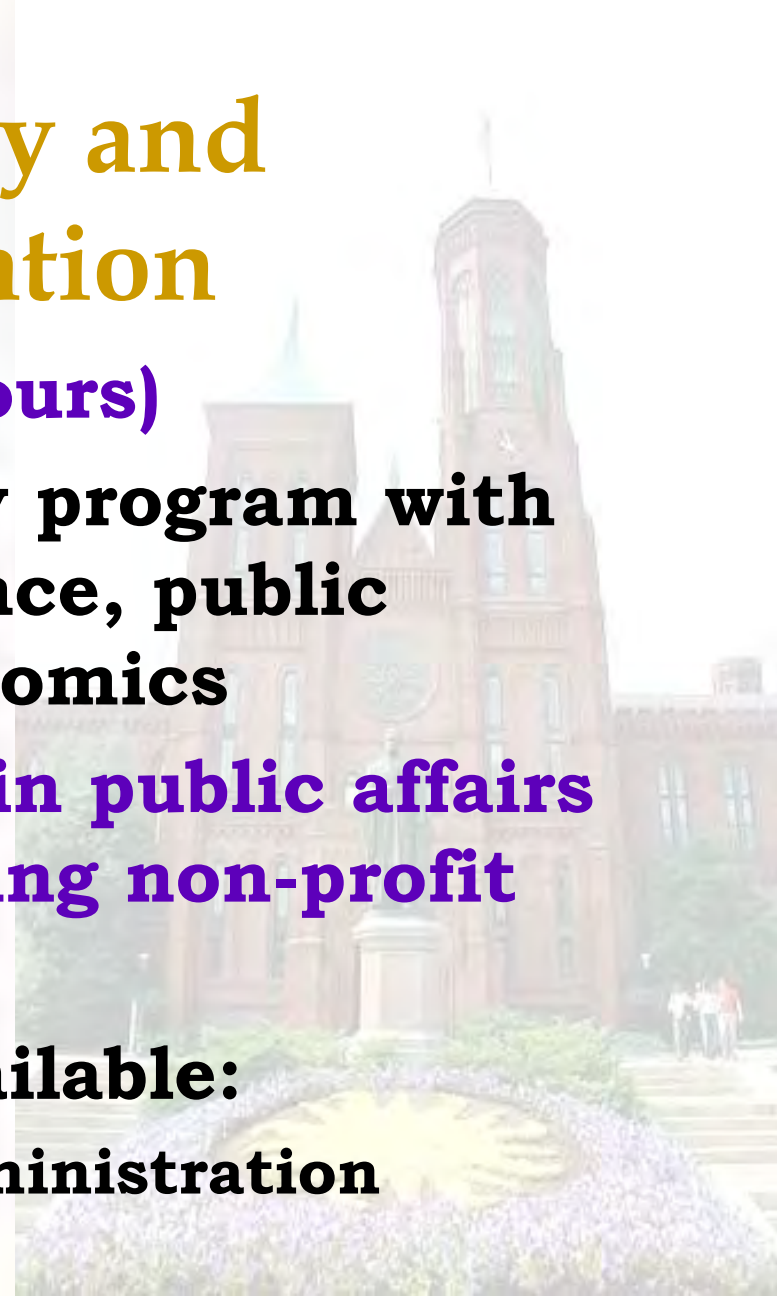
### ■ Comparative Study (6 classes)

**Five area concentrations:** *Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, & Middle East*

- ✓ Four courses on that geographic area
- ✓ Two international relations courses

# Public Policy and Administration

- **B.S. Degree (39 credit hours)**
- **Applied interdisciplinary program with courses in political science, public administration and economics**
- **For students interested in public affairs and public policy including non-profit organizations**
- **2 concentrations are available:**
  - ✓ **Public Management & Administration**
  - ✓ **Public Policy**

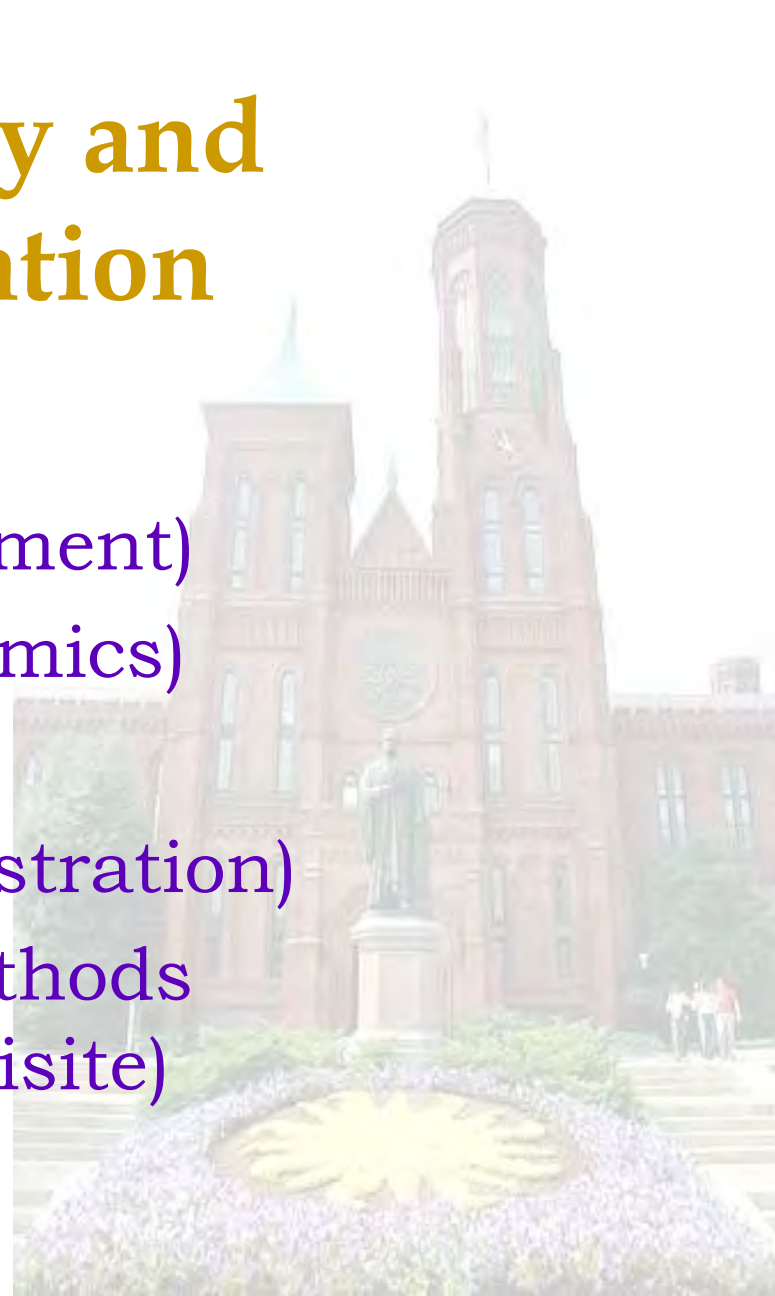




# Public Policy and Administration

## ■ **Core:**

- ✓ POSC 225 (U.S. Government)
- ✓ ECON 200 (Macroeconomics)
- ✓ PPA 200 (Public Policy)
- ✓ PPA 265 (Public Administration)
- ✓ POSC 295 Research Methods  
(MATH 220 is a prerequisite)



# Public Policy and Administration

## ■ **Public Policy Concentration:**

- ✓ PPA 359 Policy Analysis
- ✓ Five additional courses
  - ✓ two on policymaking institutions
  - ✓ three on substantive policy areas
- ✓ PPA 492 Public Policy Capstone Seminar





# Public Policy and Administration

## ■ **Public Management Concentration:**

- ✓ PPA 381 Budgetary Process
- ✓ PPA 415 Legal Environment of Public Administration
- ✓ MGT 365 Human Resource Management
- ✓ ACTG 244. Accounting for Non-Business Majors
- ✓ One additional “Process, Issue, & Application” course
- ✓ PPA 496 Internship
- ✓ PPA 420 Public Management Capstone Seminar



# Five-year Masters in Public Administration (M.P.A.)

- **Want to graduate in five years with an M.P.A. degree?**
  - ✓ Apply to five-year program in sophomore year & begin taking preparatory courses
  - ✓ Apply to graduate program as a junior
  - ✓ Begin taking graduate courses as a senior
  - ✓ Complete the graduate program 12 months after your senior year



- **Masters in Political Science in European Union Policy Studies**
  - ✓ Based in Florence, Italy
  - ✓ 10-month program
  - ✓ Graduate with a B.A. and an M.A. in 5 years



# Minor Programs

- **Political Communication**

- ✓ 25 to 26 credit hours
- ✓ Interdisciplinary with courses in political science, communications, and media arts & design
- ✓ For students interested in campaigns & elections and public relations in the public sector

- **Political Science**

- ✓ 19 credit hours

- **Public Policy & Administration**

- ✓ 20 credit hours



# Careers in Education

- \* *What if I am interested in teaching political science and/or government to primary, elementary, middle school, high school, or special education students?*
  - ✓ Contact Dr. John Hulsey  
([hulseyjw@jmu.edu](mailto:hulseyjw@jmu.edu))



# Study Abroad

- JMU Semesters in Florence, London and Salamanca
  - *The JMU semester programs usually include a POSC course*
- Many summer programs
  - *A few each year are led by departmental faculty*
- Can also study through other programs
- Many courses will count toward INTA major, several towards POSC or PPA
- CGE Website: [www.jmu.edu/global](http://www.jmu.edu/global)





# Pre-law programming at JMU

## \* ***Is there a pre-law major or minor at JMU?***

- ✓ No, but JMU offers pre-law advising and resources:  
[www.jmu.edu/prelaw](http://www.jmu.edu/prelaw)
- ✓ While pre-law is not a major nor a minor at JMU, students can indicate an interest in pre-law by submitting a form in the registrar's office. The pre-law interest will be reflected on the student's transcript and the student will be notified of pre-law events.

## \* ***Are there advisors on campus with a specialty in pre-law programs?***

- ✓ Yes, there are several listed on the pre-law website.
- ✓ The head of the Pre-Law Advising program is Dr. Melinda Adams ([adams2mj@jmu.edu](mailto:adams2mj@jmu.edu))
- ✓ There are 3 other POSC faculty members working with the program – Dr. Howard Lubert ([luberthl@jmu.edu](mailto:luberthl@jmu.edu)), Dr. Jessica Adolino ([adolinj@jmu.edu](mailto:adolinj@jmu.edu)) & Dr. Bob Roberts ([robertrn@jmu.edu](mailto:robertrn@jmu.edu)).

# Recent Alumni in Graduate School

- ✓ MIT
- ✓ U. of Arizona
- ✓ London School of Economics
- ✓ U. of Chicago
- ✓ Leiden U. (Netherlands)
- ✓ Queen Mary U. (London)
- ✓ St. Andrews U. (Scotland)
- ✓ Ohio State
- ✓ Penn State
- ✓ George Washington
- ✓ Cal - San Diego
- ✓ Pepperdine
- ✓ Maryland
- ✓ National Defense U.
- ✓ UNC-Chapel Hill
- ✓ Cambridge (Gates  
Cambridge Fellow)
- ✓ Boston U.
- ✓ Johns Hopkins
- ✓ UVa law
- ✓ Richmond law
- ✓ William & Mary law
- ✓ W&L law
- ✓ Harvard law
- ✓ Maryland law
- ✓ Georgetown law
- ✓ George Mason law
- ✓ Rutgers law
- ✓ Vanderbilt law
- ✓ Villanova law



# Some Examples of our Alumni at Work

## \* In government:

- ✓ **Executive Branch:** White House staff, Commerce, Homeland Security, Justice, Labor, Transportation
- ✓ **Legislative Branch:** Committee staff, legislative aides, communication directors, Government Accountability Office
- ✓ **Defense & Intelligence:** U.S. Military, DIA, CIA, NSA
- ✓ **Foreign Affairs:** Foreign Service, DoS specialists, Diplomatic Security, USAID
- ✓ **International Organizations:** Pan-American Health Org., United Nations, World Bank
- ✓ **State & Local Government:** Governor's staff; state agencies; county, city & town managers; economic development directors

## \* Outside government:

- ✓ **Interest Groups:** American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, U.S. Council for International Business, Information Technology Industry Council, Motion Picture Association of America, National Rifle Association, Sierra Club
- ✓ **Political Campaigning:** Democratic and Republican parties at the state and national levels
- ✓ **Consulting:** The Advisory Board, Booz Allen & Hamilton, Chemonics, FGM, McGuire Woods, Northrop Grumman, Williams Mullen
- ✓ **Government Affairs:** Advocacy Group, Amerigroup, Comcast, Microsoft
- ✓ **NGOs:** Catholic Relief Services, Doctors without Borders, Halo Trust, International Hospital for Children, Int'l Youth Foundation

**JMU Politicos alumni networks in Richmond,  
in Washington, DC and beyond**



# For More Information...

- **Political Science Department website:**  
**[www.jmu.edu/polisci](http://www.jmu.edu/polisci)**
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- **Questions?**

