



## POSC Department Major Requirement Guidelines for JMU Washington Semester Courses

### MAJOR: Political Science

1. **POSC 351W** (Topics in American Politics) may count as an American Government elective or as one of the two additional miscellaneous electives. *Offered only in the fall.*
2. **POSC 301W** or **INTA 301W** (The Washington Experience) may count as one of the two additional miscellaneous electives.
3. **POSC 495W** (Washington Semester Internship) may count as one of the two additional miscellaneous electives.

### MAJOR: International Affairs

1. **POSC 361W** (Topics in International Relations) may count in the box where POSC 361 shows up on a student's INTA major requirements. That is, it counts as an "International Relations" course for INTA-IR majors, and as an "International and Cross-Area" course for INTA-comparative study majors. *Offered only in the spring.*
2. **INTA 301W** (The Washington Experience / Global Affairs) may count either as an International Relations course, a Cross-Area course, or an Area course, but you must tell the instructor in advance where you want it to count and then tailor the coursework accordingly (e.g., if you want it to count as an Asia area course, you need to apply the content of the course in the context of Asia through your paper(s), etc.). NOTE: INTA 301W always counts in the Political Science "box" -- this is important because INTA majors must take courses from different fields of study, so if you've already taken several POSC courses in a certain category (e.g., International Relations courses) INTA 301 won't help you further fulfill the requirements in this category. *Offered only in the spring.*
3. **POSC 495W** (Washington Semester internship) could conceivably count either as an International Relations, Cross-Area, or Area course, depending on your internship duties. You would need to provide details about your internship duties to the INTA coordinator in order to find out if (and if so, where) POSC 495W could count toward your INTA major.

### MAJOR: Public Policy and Administration

#### Public Management Concentration

1. **POSC 301W** (The Washington Experience) may count toward the "Institutional Courses" requirement. *Offered only in the fall.*
2. **PPA 496W** (Washington Semester Internship in Public Management) may count toward the capstone internship requirement if you intern with a government agency, non-profit organization, or the office of an elected official or committee (e.g., House or Senate). *Subject to approval by the PPA coordinator.*

#### Public Policy Concentration

1. **POSC 301W** (The Washington Experience) may count as one of the two institutional courses. *Offered only in the fall.*
2. **PPA 496W** (Washington Semester Internship in Public Management) may count as a substantive policy elective if the internship entails exposure to and/or experience with public policy. *Subject to approval by the PPA coordinator.*