**Information for all ISS minors** registering for spring 2017 classes

Note that all general education courses have been renamed to take away the G. Courses formerly GHIST or GPOSC or GGEOG are now HIST or POSC or GEOG.

If you are interested in doing study abroad, talk to one of us about classes that may count toward the minor.

**Cohort**

We again have a cohort aimed at sophomores and juniors --- this will involve taking several ISS classes together with a class on teaching social studies (which includes extensive discussion and some class observations). This lets you not only meet other students in the program, but get a chance to see what teaching is really like, and to talk about teaching, interdisciplinary learning, and the links between what you learn and how you teach.

We will hold seats for sophomores in all of these classes, so even if they say they are full while juniors or seniors are registering, check again when it is time to register. If there is a problem, email Dr. Sandman at sandmaad@jmu.edu.

The classes are: POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers (MWF 12:20)

 HIST 350 section 1: Virginia History (TTH 2:00)

 ISS 330 section 2: Maps, Money, and World Trade (TTH 3:30)

 MSSE 490 section 1: Intro to Social Studies Education (W 9:05-11:55)

NOTE: We will ensure that you can get between these classes on time, if necessary by adjusting start and end times)

**Fall history classes for those majoring in political science:**

1. Hist 350: This class is being offered in two sections. If you are doing the cohort, sign up for section 1. Otherwise you can sign up for either section. Some seats in section one will be saved for sophomores.
2. You will need a regional elective. Offered in the spring are HIST 263 (Africa) and HIST 270 (Modern Middle East). You can also take certain sections of Hum252 (formerly GHUM)--- sections 1 or 2 (on Latin America with Dr. Van Norman), or sections 3 or 4 (on Global South Asia with Dr. Hanifi). Do NOT take other sections of HUM 252; if you aren’t sure what counts, ask Dr. Hulsey or Dr. Sandman.
3. You will need a trans-regional elective. HIST 405 (Travel and Exploration) will count towards this requirement. If you wish to take HIST 405, you will need to contact Dr. Sandman (the professor) for an override--- just mention that you are a political science/ISS student and it will be granted. If you are a graduating senior and can’t take 405, come talk to Dr. Sandman about possible alternatives.
4. Remember that you will need to take POSC/HIST 457 in the semester when you take MSSE 470 and 471. It will continue to be offered both fall and spring. Try NOT to take it in the semester when you take POSC 492.

**Spring 2017 political science classes for those majoring in history:**

1) **POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers**. This should be the first upper-level Political Science course you take. POSC 335 is open to IdLS & ISS students only.

2) **POSC 302** (section 2) – **State & Local Government** will be open only to IdLS & ISS students. This course has the most direct application of any POSC course to your future in the classroom. **Note that you must take section 2 even though it meets in the evening; you will not be able to register for section 1.**

Remember that everyone needs to take both POSC 335 and POSC 302. In addition, you take one more political science class.

4)     There are two POSC classes being offered that can fulfill the requirement: **POSC 386: US Judiciary** and **POSC 362: Political Behavior.**  **For POSC 386: US Judiciary, you can directly enroll in the class without an override.**  If POSC 386 won't work, then follow the procedure below to request an override into POSC 362 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

a)       Email Dr. Jon Keller (kelle2jw@jmu.edu) and clearly tell him the following:  full name, JAC card number, that you are a History Major with an ISS Minor, that you have completed Comparative Politics for Teachers, status [senior, junior, etc., and if you are graduating in May], and that you would like to enroll in an upper level political science class for your ISS minor. Additionally, be sure to specify if you have classes required for graduation that conflict with both classes.

b)   Dr. Keller has held back seats in for ISS Minors, but he is trying to balance the needs of several programs.  He may not be able to allow you into the class of your choice. If he can, his secretary, Ms. Mary Ann Abbott, will email you back with a permission number that will allow you into the course. Requests will be processed on a rolling basis, so please email as soon as you know you would like to enroll.