**Information for all ISS minors** registering for fall 2019

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 If you see online information with the G-prefix classes, it is probably out of date.

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

**NOTE on new classes:**

* **HIST 201 (Europe to 1815) is being offered for the first time in a far too long.** Those interested in European History should grab this while it’s available.
* **HIST 341 section 2: Plagues, Saints, and Empires: the world before 1500** is being offered as an experimental topics class, following feedback from our alumni council that we needed more classes that helped prepare you to teach World 1. If there is sufficient interest, this will become part of the regular rotation of classes. For history majors, this is a 300-level world class. For political science majors, it counts as a trans-regional elective for the ISS minor.

**Cohort option for Sophomores and Juniors**

In Spring 2020 we will 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. If you think you might be interested, you might want to wait on HIST 303/350, ISS 330, POSC 335, and/or MSSC 101 until spring.

**Fall 2019 history classes for those majoring in political science:**

1. You need to take either HIST 350 or HIST 303; **HIST 350: Virginia History** is offered this fall and meets the requirement. HIST 303: Early America will be offered in the spring.
2. You will need a regional elective. Offered in the fall is HIST 201 (Europe to 1815) and HIST 263 (Africa). You can also take certain sections of HUM 252 --- HUM 252 sections 4 and 5 (on Latin American Cultures with Dr. McCleary) or sections 7 and 8 (on Global South Asia with Dr. Hanifi). Do NOT take other sections of HUM 250 or 252; if you aren’t sure what counts, ask Dr. Hulsey or Dr. Sandman.
3. You will need a trans-regional elective. HIST 341 section 1: Bandits, Pirates, and Rebels or section 2: Plagues, Saints, and Empires: The World Before 1500 will count. Others may possible count with permission; if you are unsure ask Dr. Sandman or Dr. Hulsey.
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. POSC majors who need to take POSC 457 should email Dr. Hulsey ([hulseyjw@jmu.edu](mailto:hulseyjw@jmu.edu)) to make arrangements.

**Fall 2019 political science classes for those majoring in history:**

1) **POSC 335: Comparative Politics for Teachers**. This is ordinarily the first upper level POSC class you take.

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 (the Wednesday evening one); you will not be able to register for section 1.

3)       Remember that everyone needs to take both POSC 335 and POSC 302. In addition, you take one more political science class. **ISS minors will not be able to directly register for any other political science classes until they have taken BOTH 335 and 302.**

4)       There are three POSC classes being offered that can fulfill the elective requirement: **POSC 364:Political Parties in America, POSC 369: Elections and Voting Behavior, and POSC 385: The U.S. Congress.**  If you have taken both 335 and 302, you should be able to directly register into POSC 364, 369, or 385. If you run into problems, or think you qualify for an exception, email Dr. Hulsey and Dr. Sandman explaining the problem.

**ADDITIONAL NOTE:** As many of you know, the university is in the process of creating a 4-year licensure program to replace the current 5-year program. If you are a junior or a senior, this will not affect you at all. If you are a freshman or a sophomore, you are grandfathered into the old program, but there is a possibility that you might be able to switch into the new one. We will let everyone know more as we know more. If you have questions, ask Dr. Sandman or Dr. Hulsey, though we may well not yet have answers.