

James Madison University Advising Guide

BRCC Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree, College/University Transfer and JMU Advising Guide for a major in Political Science (see advising notes for secondary education licensure in social studies).

First Year

First Semester

Course #	Course Description	Credits
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS ____	History Elective (101, 102, 111, 112, 121 or 122, see notes)	3
ITE/CSC ____	120, 152 or CSC 110	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning	3
SDV 100	Student Development	1

Second Semester

Course #	Course Description	Credits
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS ____	History Elective (see above)	3
_____	Approved Elective	3
CST 100 or 110	Principles of Public Speaking or Intro. to Speech Communication	3
_____	Lab Science Elective	4

Second Year

Third Semester

Course #	Course Description	Credits
_____	Literature Elective	3
PLS 241	Introduction to International Relations	3
_____	Approved Elective	3
_____	Approved Elective	3
PLS 135	U.S. Government and Politics	3

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Description	Credits
PHI 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
_____	Social Science Elective	3
_____	Approved Elective	3
_____	Approved Elective	3
_____	Approved Elective	4

Total Credits Required for Associate in Arts and Sciences Degree/JMU Political Science requirements - 60

Advising Notes for Political Science

Political Science is a B.A. degree. The B.A. degree requirements are a philosophy class (PHI 100, not 220) and intermediate proficiency in a foreign language. Students who are proficient or fluent in another language may elect to wait and take JMU's foreign language placement exam once admitted. It is possible to test out of the language requirement.

Information for Students Interested in Teaching High School Social Studies

- PSY 230 and EDU 200 should be taken as a social science and approved elective. They are required for admission to the College of Education. Submit [this form](#) to enroll in EDU 200.
- Students may also take EDU 204 and 250 to satisfy education requirements. Submit [this form](#) to enroll in EDU 204. EDU 200 is a prerequisite for EDU 250.
- Political Science/Secondary Education students also complete the Social Studies minor for the endorsement in social studies. Students should choose HIS 121-122 as their history electives.
- Students can also take ECO 201 or 202 and GEO 210 or 220 as approved electives, which satisfy SS minor requirements.

Admission to the College of Education

Once admitted and enrolled at JMU, students must apply to teacher education and be accepted before they can take the required education courses. Students who meet the criteria for the [Guaranteed Admission Agreement](#) (GAA) with JMU, have completed the coursework outlined in the advising guide for the appropriate teacher licensure area, and who have met the Teacher Education Admission Requirements outlined below will receive conditional admission into JMU Teacher Education during their first semester at JMU. Conditional admission to teacher education programs requires completion of ENG 112 or equivalent (must transfer to JMU as WRTC 103), PSY 230, and EDU 200 with a grade of C or better, and satisfaction of the teacher education admission assessment requirements. See [Admission to Teacher Education](#) for more information. **Students cannot have any record of felony convictions or misdemeanors involving children or drugs.**

Other admission requirements include a cumulative JMU GPA of at least 2.5, satisfactory completion of training modules in universal precautions and child abuse prevention, and submission of two reference forms. These requirements should be completed by the end of a transfer student's first semester at JMU.

Students seeking teacher licensure in high school social studies must also complete the pre-professional secondary education program (5-year program) or double major in secondary education (4-year program). They must also demonstrate professional behavior and perform satisfactorily in practicums and key assessments in order to progress.

Graduate Program

Consult the graduate catalog for M.A.T. graduate requirements. Admission to and the satisfactory completion of the M.A.T. program are required in order to receive a recommendation through JMU for a teacher license at the secondary school level.

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