George Mason University
Graduate Course Approval/Inventory Form

Please complete this form and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council Meeting. Complete the Coordinator Form on page 2, if changes in this course will affect other units.

Please indicate:  __X__ NEW  ____ MODIFY  ____ DELETE

Local Unit:  Public & International Affairs/ADJ  Graduate Council Approval Date:

Course Abbreviation:  JLCP  Course Number:  999

Full Course Title:  Doctoral Dissertation Research

Abbreviated Course Title (24 characters max.):  Doctoral Diss Research

Credit hours:  1-12  Program of Record:  Justice, Law, & Crime Policy

Repeatable for Credit?  _X_ D=Yes, not within same term  Up to 21 hours
___ T=Yes, within the same term  Up to  ___ hours
___ N=Cannot be repeated for credit

Activity Code (please indicate):  ___ Lecture (LEC)  ___ Lab (LAB)  ___ Recitation (RCT)
___ Studio (STU)  ___ Internship (INT)  _X_ Independent Study (IND)  ____ Seminar (SEM)

Catalog Credit Format 1-12:0:0  Course Level:  GF(500-600)  ____ GA(700+)  __X__

Maximum Enrollment:  20  For NEW courses, first term to be offered:  Fall 2005

Prerequisites or corequisites:  Approval of the dissertation proposal

Catalog Description (35 words or less)  Please use catalog format and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses.:  JLCP 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-12:0:0). Prerequisites: Approval of the dissertation proposal. Doctoral dissertation research and writing under direction of the student’s dissertation committee. Repeatable. Minimum 12, maximum 21 credits for doctorate. Maximum of 24 credits of JLCP 998/999 applicable to doctoral degree requirements. Graded S/NC.

For MODIFIED or DELETED courses as appropriate:

Last term offered:  Previous Course Abbreviation:  Previous number:

Description of modification:

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

Submitted by:  ________________________________ email: smastrof@gmu.edu

Department/Program:  ________________________________ Date:  _________________

College Committee:  ________________________________ Date:  _________________

Graduate Council Representative:  ________________________________ Date:  _________________
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**Course Coordination Form**

**Approval from other units:**

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by this new, modified, or deleted course. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

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Graduate Council approval: ________________________________  Date: __________

Graduate Council representative: __________________________  Date: __________

Provost Office representative: _____________________________  Date: __________
JLCP 999
DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH

Course Description

This course provides credit for doctoral dissertation research and writing under the direction of the student’s dissertation committee. The student must accumulate a minimum of 12 credit hours and may accumulate a maximum of 21 credit hours of JLCP 999. No more than 24 credits of JLCP 998 and 999 may be applied to doctoral degree requirements. Graded S/NC. Details on University requirements regarding dissertation research may be found in the University Catalog and JLCP program requirements, which should be consulted early in the student’s matriculation in the JLCP program.

Course Prerequisites

Approval of the dissertation proposal.

Course Objectives and Learning Methods

The dissertation is a written piece of original thinking that demonstrates doctoral candidates’ mastery of the JLCP subject matter, methodologies, and conceptual foundations in their chosen fields of study. This is achieved through consideration of a problem on the boundaries of knowledge in the discipline. This course is designed for the student to engage in this research and writing process under the supervision of the dissertation advisor and other members of the dissertation committee.

Dissertation research must be planned with the dissertation advisor and approved by the dean of CAS. Once enrolled in JLCP 999, students must maintain continuous registration each semester until graduation, excluding summers. Students who defend in the summer must be registered for at least one credit of JLCP 999 in the summer.

Requirements

Specific requirements for establishing progress toward completion of the dissertation will be established by the dissertation advisor with the concurrence of the other members of the dissertation committee.

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