

Junior Fellows, POS/CPO/INR/POT/PAD 4911

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### **Course Objective**

The Department offers two opportunities for students to become more engaged with faculty — as Research Fellows and as Teaching Fellows.

### **Course Credit**

Students will register for a 2-3 credit special topics undergraduate course depending on the weekly hours required, as determined by the supervising professor/graduate student. Supervisors are responsible for identifying the weekly research requirements of their project ahead of time and ensuring Junior Fellows do not go over their hourly requirements. No undergraduate will be paired with a project requiring more weekly hours than they are available. If a project requires a front-loading or back-logging of research/teaching hours, approval must be acquired from the Program Director and coordinated with the Junior Fellow to ensure their schedule fits the projects requirements. It is the equal responsibility of the Junior Fellow and Supervisor to keep track of the research hours conducted. A maximum of six credits for Junior Fellows may be counted toward the political science major.

2 credit course will carry 6 weekly hours

3 credit course will carry 9 weekly hours

\* hours include research, weekly meetings with supervisor, and seminar series.

### **Grades**

Course grades are primarily determined by one-on-one research with your assigned faculty/advanced graduate mentor (you are to schedule weekly meetings in coordination with your faculty mentor). Here's a general guideline as to the number of hours you should be working with your mentor, and how grades for the JF will be determined:

- Work 3 hours of research per credit hour (e.g, 3 credit hours = 9 hours weekly) **(60% evaluated/graded by mentor)**
- Attendance at 4 mandatory JF meetings **(3% each, 12% total)**
- Write 1 critical reflection (500-600 words) on a research presentation, due November 1 **(8% total, graded by Dr. Smith)**
- Present research at symposium **(20% total, feedback by discussant and graded by Dr. Smith)**

You are required to attend a scholarly research presentation at some point during the semester and write a short (400 word) critical assessment. The following are all good options to hear original research:

- [Bob Graham Center](#)
- [Hamilton Center](#)
- [Center for European Studies](#)
- [Center for Latin American Studies](#)
- [Center for African Studies](#)
- [Political Science Department](#)

On **Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 - noon**, you are required to present your research at our JF undergraduate research symposium. Graduate students, undergraduates, and faculty will be invited to attend. You will present for approximately 10-12 minutes (panels of 4) followed by discussion and audience Q&A.

## **Course Schedule**

### **Date Activity**

8/27 Orientation, 5:10pm, 216 Anderson Hall

9/17 JF Meeting, 5:10pm, 216 Anderson Hall

10/15 JF Meeting, 5:10pm, 216 Anderson Hall

11/1 Critical reflection essay due

11/12 JF Meeting, 5:10pm, 216 Anderson Hall

12/6 JF Research symposium, 8:30am - 12 pm, 216 Anderson Hall

### **UF Academic Policies**

**This course complies with all UF academic policies. For information on those policies and for resources for students, please see [this link](https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/) (https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/).**

### **Office Hours**

Feel free to contact me for any reason, academic or otherwise. Office hours posted at the beginning of the semester. See the Canvas Pages for more information regarding standard UF Policies.