

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**REGISTRATION NOTES**  
**Juniors**

If you registered last spring for the fall semester at Wesleyan, it is time to review your selections. Please discuss your schedule with your advisor and make whatever changes on which you agree during the Drop/Add period.

If you will not be on campus this semester, please keep in touch with your advisor by email. Please keep in mind the requirements and other considerations given below.

Your CSS advisor for this year will normally be the same as last year, but due to sabbaticals and leaves, this person may be replaced over the summer. Please check your WesPortal in late August to see if your advisor has changed and, if so, to whom you may have been reassigned. Please plan to seek advice from her or him during preregistration in November for your spring courses at Wesleyan.

#### **CHOOSING COURSES FOR THE JUNIOR YEAR**

In the second semester, you are required to take the Junior Colloquium, CSS 371 Social Theory. In addition, you will take a two-tutorial sequence that is equivalent to two course credits, choosing two of the three Junior Tutorials (Economics, Government, and History) that are offered. The preliminary syllabi for these tutorials will be emailed to you in early October. We ask that you **send your tutorial preferences to Martha by e-mail no later than Monday, October 17. You will be pre-enrolled** in your CSS classes prior to the spring semester planning period in early November.

Here are some factors to consider and to discuss with your advisor when choosing your electives:

**General Education Expectations:** If you have not done so already, please plan to fulfill Stage I Gen Ed Expectations by the end of your junior year. You must be Stage II Compliant by the end of your senior year. **If you have not yet satisfied Stage I and Stage II Expectations, please submit such a plan (with the assistance of your CSS Faculty Advisor) to Martha by Wednesday, September 7 for the approval of the CSS Co-Chairs.**

**Research Papers:** Experience shows that many CSS students arrive at the senior year without having written long research papers. While the Junior Tutorials often require a research paper, you may wish to consider taking one or two outside courses that require a major research paper, e.g., an upper-level seminar, during the junior year.

#### **Preparation for the CSS Capstone Requirement: Senior Thesis or Senior Essay**

You may not know the topic of your Senior Thesis or Senior Essay a year in advance but it is wise to be thinking about it so that you may plan to take any appropriate courses. Without the relevant courses in a particular discipline, you may find it difficult to find an advisor willing to

work with you. If you are thinking about asking a non-CSS faculty member to be your advisor, it is especially important to contact her or him early in your junior year. Many faculty members agree to advise a senior thesis only if the student has already taken a course or worked with him or her in some capacity prior to the thesis tutorial.

A Senior Thesis/ Essay Proposal will be due to the CSS Co-Chairs in the spring of your junior year.

Please pay attention to the announcement of the Davenport Grant applications in the spring semester. CSS students writing theses are often strong candidates for this grant; a well-written Davenport Proposal could earn up to \$3,000 in summer research funds.

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

**Spring Preregistration:** You will be pre-registering for the spring semester during the pre-enrollment period beginning in early November. Please note that you will be pre-enrolled in **THREE** credits for the CSS classes (the Colloquium and two Tutorials). Normally, you would be taking one additional outside course and certainly no more than two with the permission of your CSS faculty advisor.

**Grades:** Unlike sophomore work, your CSS courses in the junior year are graded on the usual scale of A to F. You may take other courses either graded or CR/U if the instructor gives you this option. The grades in all courses will be recorded on your transcript by the Registrar's Office in the usual way.

**Incompletes and Late Work:** Junior Tutorials as well as the Junior and Senior Colloquia are graded and operate under normal University rules for the submission of all outstanding work although the tutor has the option of imposing more stringent requirements. In addition, any absence or late work from a CSS Tutorial or Colloquium will usually have an adverse impact on your final grade. Repeated violations may result in failure in the course and separation from the major.

**Double Majors:** Please discuss any plans for a Double Major with your CSS advisor and inform Martha and the CSS Co-Chairs of your intentions.