

## **Junior Seminars for College of Arts & Sciences Students at Stetson: Synthesis and Advanced Accomplishment**

- **What are Junior Seminars at Stetson?**

Junior Seminars invite you to consider complex questions that foster the development of personal and social responsibility beyond the paradigms of a single disciplinary approach. They are open to all students with junior status, regardless of major. They encourage participants to view issues and questions through the lenses of a variety of perspectives. Junior Seminars are designed to advance substantially abilities in critical analysis, coherent reasoning, writing, and effective speaking and listening. Discussion based, Junior Seminars represent advanced accomplishment and will hopefully be a highlight of your Stetson experience!

Junior Seminars fulfill **one** of the two Personal & Social Responsibility units required for the completion of general education and will be offered in the five Personal & Social Responsibility areas: *Environmental Responsibility (R)*, *Human Diversity (D)*, *Ethical or Spiritual Inquiry (E)*, *Health & Wellness (W)*, and *Social Justice (J)*.

**Remember, your two units in Social & Personal Responsibility must be from different areas. If you've taken a course meeting the R,D,E,W, or J requirement previously, you still need a course with a different designation. It makes sense, then, to choose a Junior Seminar from one of the areas that will fulfill the requirement; however, if the seminar you want is from an area you've already studied, that's OK. But you will eventually need another unit in Social & Personal Responsibility to complete the general education requirement. Remember, too, that no more than 3 General Education Units can come from the same department or program.**

Enrollment in Junior Seminars is limited, with up to 16 students allowed per class. Registration caps are set at 15. Instructors may, at their discretion, approve one student overload.

- **Am I eligible to register for a Junior Seminar during the 2011-12 academic year?**

**Junior Seminars are designed for students in the traditional third year of study, or the year of study before the student's anticipated graduation year.**

To be eligible to register for one of the Junior Seminars offered during the 2011-12 year:

- 1) You must have a major in the College of Arts & Sciences or the School of Business (School of Music students meet this requirement with the History of Music sequence); **and**,
- 2) You must be in your third year of college study in 2010-2011; **and**,
- 3) Your intended graduation date must be **Fall 2012, Spring 2013, or Fall 2013**.

If all three statements apply to you, then you are eligible to select one of the Junior Seminars for the 2011-12 academic year!

*(Note: You may have “junior status” based on the number of credits (60) you have earned, but you may not necessarily be in the third year of study in 2011-2012. If this is the case for you, the determining factor is graduation date. If #3 above is true, then you will need to take the Junior Seminar in 2011-2012. If you will graduate in Spring 2013 or later, WAIT and take your Junior Seminar in 2012-2013.)*

- **How do I choose a Junior Seminar?**

In choosing one of the seminars to be offered during the 2011-2012 academic year, carefully consider which Junior Seminar you want to take. Don't just pick one that has an interesting title and convenient meeting time. You want your Junior Seminar to be a special experience. Some students will select a seminar closely connected to their interests to allow them to deepen specialized knowledge; others will take one in a more distant area to gain an appreciation of another discipline's perspectives. **We encourage you to place yourself in the latter category.** Either way, we want you to make an informed, deliberate decision!

**Important:** Read through all the descriptions and be certain to identify a few seminars that interest you. Your first choice may not be available when it is your registration time. Remember that if you don't choose one of the seminars offered during Fall 2011, then you must take a seminar during the Spring 2012 semester. Students are to take their Junior Seminar during the third (junior) year of college study.

**Check your degree audit – you need two units, one of which is a Junior Seminar, from two different Personal and Social Responsibility areas (R,E,D,W,J) and no more than 3 General Education units may come from the same Department or Program.**

Please free to e-mail the professors listed in the Junior Seminar course descriptions with any questions you may have.