This global issue discussion group is designed to enhance your knowledge of worldwide events affecting the current business community while building your research and critical thinking skills. Through your Juntos experience, you’ll learn to relate what you’re learning about business to what is happening in the world today.

**HOW JUNTOS WORK:**

Choose a topic you’re passionate about, work with colleagues to dig deep and analyze information, and learn to lead through self-guided meetings and presentations.

**Current Event Topics**—Each year students propose new topics of discussion that affect the business community worldwide. Students vote to select about a dozen topics such as water shortage, global hunger, or the Middle East Crisis. You will then be assigned to a topic that interests you.

**Student-Led Experience**—Each Junto group will develop a syllabus and action plan to cover the material related to their topic. After researching and debating all sides of the issue, the team will present their findings to the entire Junto class.

**Self-Driven Learning**—Part of the Junto experience is learning how to inform yourself on a topic. You will work both independently and as part of a team to source credible data and information.

**Integrated Perspective**—From the beginning of your MBA program, there is a strong emphasis on connecting all the pieces in the business-world puzzle. Juntos are one of the many opportunities to pull together the information from your classes into a hands-on, real-world experience.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn.”

— **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, HONORARY W&M ALUMNUS**

“I chose to be a part of the Data Analytics Junto group and I must say that it provided me with a platform for looking at ‘big data’ from various angles I never knew existed.”

— **DIVYA SINGLA MBA ‘14**
Learning to think critically and understand global issues is an important part of your business training at Mason. To be an informed and effective business leader, you must learn how to develop and maintain a global perspective.

Through your Juntos experience, you’ll enrich and enhance your MBA program in the following ways:

+ Increase your active participation in your learning process
+ Student-Led Experience
+ Apply learning from the core curriculum to current business conditions and events
+ Provides you with meaningful choices in determining areas of study, allowing for a more personalized program
+ Integrate meaningful leadership opportunities
+ Increase interaction among first year students by providing a forum for an exchange of ideas

Throughout your career, you will be presented with information and opportunities that require decision making and action. Your Juntos experience will help you learn how to inform yourself on a topic, how to find relevant and reliable sources of information, and how to extract and analyze the important data.

Recent Junto discussion topics include corporate responsibility, digital marketing, global economic systems, fiscal cliff, North Korea, transportation, data analytics, healthcare, food crisis, and China.