

School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Fall 2021 Courses in the Department of Political Science

POLS 1101 American Government (Area E, US and Georgia constitutions requirement)
Macon, Cochran, Dublin, Warner Robins, Online – various faculty

This course is an introduction to the government and political system of the United States, with an emphasis on contemporary American society, including topics such as the U.S. and Georgia constitutions, federalism, civil liberties and civil rights, public opinion, political parties, voting, Congress, the presidency and executive branch, and the courts.

POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science (Area E, *required in major and minor*)
Cochran – TBD, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 83999
Macon – Dr. John Hall, MW 9:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 84169

This course is a general overview of the political science discipline, introducing basic concepts studied by political scientists such as power, culture, ideology, institutions, and political behavior, as well as orienting students to how political scientists study these questions and the main fields of study within the discipline.

POLS 2201 State and Local Government (Area E, *required in major, elective in minor*)
Online – Dr. Julie Lester, CRN 85351

Examines the theory and practice of governing at the state and local level in the United States, including the role of federalism, the varying internal organization of states, the powers of state and local governments, the branches of state government, forms of county/parish and municipal government, and key policy areas that are dealt with by state and local government.

POLS 2301 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Area E, *required in major, elective in minor*)
Cochran – Dr. Matthew Caverly, TR 9:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 84545
Macon – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 83987

This course is an introduction to the field of comparative politics, which is the study of how different countries organize their governments and political systems. Students are typically introduced to the political systems of several countries with various regime types (representative democracies, authoritarian regimes, democratizing countries, etc.).

POLS 2401 Global Issues (Area E, *required in major, elective in minor*)
Cochran – Dr. Brooke Bryan, MW 9:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 83111
Macon – Dr. Thomas Matyók, TR 9:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 84956
Online – Dr. Brad Dickerson, CRN 84599 (1st session) / CRN 85353 (2nd session)

This course is an introduction to the field known as international relations, which is the study of how countries interact with each other on the world stage through cooperation and conflict. Key themes of this course typically include war and other militarized disputes, international law and organizations, international trade and commerce, and global challenges such as poverty and the environment.

POLS 2601 Introduction to Public Administration (*required in major, elective in minor*)
Online – Dr. Grace Adams-Square, CRN 83988

This course is an introduction to the field of public administration, which is the study and practice of operating the bureaucracy of government. Topics may include the policy process, organizational theory, public management, ethics in public service, deregulation, outsourcing, grant-writing, and relationships between government agencies.

POLS 3000 Research Methods in Political Science (*required in major and minor*)
Cochran – Dr. Matthew Caverly, MW 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 84546

Examines different approaches to the discovery of knowledge in the social and behavioral sciences, with an emphasis on empirical techniques. Includes topics such as research design, the application of the scientific method, measurement, formulating and testing hypotheses, and the application of basic data analysis techniques to the study of politics and government. Ethical considerations in research involving human subjects are also discussed.

POLS 3030 Introduction to Public Policy (*required in major*)
Online – Dr. Julie Lester, CRN 84170

A course introducing the field of public policy, which is the “product” that is ultimately made by the government. In addition to the stages of policymaking and implementation, this course typically also examines particular cases of policymaking at the federal, state, and local levels, in areas potentially including education, health and elder care, government taxation and spending, foreign relations, the environment, criminal justice, and immigration.

POLS 3045 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (*required in major*)
Macon – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, MW 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 84167

This course examines how members of the public develop their beliefs and values about politics, how those beliefs and values affect the formation and expression of opinions, and how voters use political information to decide how to vote. It includes hands-on exercises examining real data on Americans’ political attitudes and voting decisions.

POLS 3105 The American Judiciary*
Online – Dr. Greg Rabidoux, CRN 85553

This course is an examination of the American judicial system at both the federal and state levels, including the sources of American law, the structure and composition of federal and state court systems, the procedures associated with criminal and civil cases, and judicial decision-making. Legal argumentation and writing are also introduced.

POLS 3106 American Constitutional Law: Institutions and Processes*

Macon – Dr. John Hall, MW 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 85554

This course is the first of two courses covering U.S. constitutional law, with an emphasis on the Supreme Court's interpretation of the U.S. Constitution on topics such as the powers of the three branches of government, separation of powers, checks and balances, federal–state relations, the commerce power, the power to tax and spend, and economic liberties such as contracts and the takings clause. Students are also introduced to the basic structure of the judicial branch and how to read, understand, and critique Supreme Court opinions.

POLS 3344 Politics of the British Isles*

Macon – Dr. James Decker, TR 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 85350

This course is a case study of the politics of the United Kingdom, including its constituent countries of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Topics may include British political history, the monarchy, the House of Commons and House of Lords, the prime minister and his/her cabinet, the judicial and legal systems, political parties, contemporary political issues, and the devolved assemblies in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. If you've watched *The Crown* or *Bodyguard* on Netflix, and want to learn more about the UK, this is the class for you!

POLS 3701 International Relations (*required in major*)

Cochran – Dr. Brooke Bryan, MW 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 84168

This course examines the international political system from a political science perspective, including topics such as the various approaches to the study of international politics (including realism, institutionalism, constructivism, Marxism/dependency theory, feminism, and postcolonialism), the causes of international conflict and cooperation, and contemporary global issues and debates.

POLS 3999 Special Topics: Civil–Military Relations*

Macon – Dr. Thomas Matyók, TR 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 84557

A course examining the history and practice of American foreign relations, including topics such as bilateral diplomacy, alliances and other treaties and international agreements (such as NATO and NAFTA), American participation in the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and the use of the military and diplomacy to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals such as global stability, nuclear non–proliferation, free trade, and promoting human rights.

SSCI 1003 Perspectives on Diversity (Area B)

Online — Dr. Naomi Robertson, CRN 83934 (1st session) / CRN 84995 (2nd session)

Online — Dr. Peter Makaya, CRN 85101 (full session)

This is an Area B course that develops key competencies in critical thinking and oral communication through an introduction to diversity. The course includes an online Critical Thinking and Oral Communication (CTOC) component. The course offers an opportunity for students to apply critical thinking skills to various aspects of diversity and to gain experience in developing and presenting original arguments in oral forms. This course is designed to assist students in exploring diversity and multiculturalism in recent times in America. Students will be challenged to engage in critical thinking as they examine their values to determine their degrees of self-acceptance as well as the acceptance of others and to identify and examine diverse cultures. Topics will include ethnocentrism and multiculturalism, inclusion and exclusion in education, politics, religion and the media, intercultural interacting, and an examination of various cultures. Critical thinking will be exercised as students are encouraged to examine myths and stereotypes.

* Course is an elective in the political science major. All 3000-level POLS courses are electives in the political science minor. Unless otherwise specified, courses have a prerequisite of POLS 1101 with a “C” or better.

European Union Studies Certificate Program Courses

Note: up to two EURO courses may be counted toward the political science major.

Registration for these courses opens on April 1st, 2021. These courses begin on August 16th and end on December 7th.

EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union (*required by EUSP certificate*)

Online – Dr. Javan Frazier (Middle Georgia State University), CRN 83892

This course introduces students to the history, institutions, and policies of the European Union. Originally formed in 1957 by six nations, the EU is currently composed of 27 member states. A commitment to cooperate did not become a priority until after World War II when hesitation about relinquishing certain aspects of national sovereignty was overridden by the war's devastation. The authority of the EU evolved slowly through a series of treaty agreements to encompass a complex network of social, political, and economic responsibilities. In the process, an elaborate structure of institutions developed to manage the EU's expanding range of activities.

EURO 4130 E.U. Law and Legal Systems (*elective in EUSP certificate*)

Online – Dr. Kathie Barrett (University of West Georgia), CRN 85557

A study of European Union legal institutions and processes in the context of international law and in comparison to those of the United States.

EURO 4730 European Union Foreign Policy (*elective in EUSP certificate*)

Online – Dr. Chris Bourdouvalis (Augusta University), CRN 85558

An examination of the foreign policy of the European Union. Examines how EU foreign policy is made, the intersection of national and EU foreign policies, and EU policies regarding key issues in countries and areas of the world.

Requirements for the Certificate in European Union Studies

The Certificate in European Union Studies includes five courses (15 semester hours), including:

- EURO 3234, Introduction to the European Union
- EURO 4830, Capstone Seminar in European Union Studies
- Three additional courses from the list below, with no more than two in any single program area listed below:
 - Business and Economics
 - EURO 4230, Doing Business in the European Union
 - EURO 4260, European Monetary Union
 - Humanities and Fine Arts
 - ENGL 4420, Modern European Literature
 - ENGL 4500, 20th Century British Literature
 - EURO 4630, Communications and Media
 - HIST 3490, Europe in the 20th Century
 - HIST 3511, Great Britain since 1688
 - HIST 4330, Modern Germany
 - SPAN 3006, Peninsular Spanish Civilization and Culture
 - Natural and Health Sciences
 - EURO 4330, EU Science & Technology Policy
 - EURO 4430, EU Environmental Policy
 - Social Sciences
 - EURO 4130, EU Law & Legal Systems
 - EURO 4160, EU Federalism and Multilevel Governance
 - EURO 4530, European Social Policy
 - EURO 4730, European Union Foreign Policy
 - EURO 4760, US–EU Relations
 - POLS 3344, Politics of the British Isles

Areas of distinction: the certificate also highlights special achievements by providing a notation of "distinction" in three areas for students who complete the necessary additional credits:

- **Practical experience:** an overseas experience (including study or research abroad) or an internship, as approved by the EU Studies campus representative and Executive Director. (3–6 credit hours)
- **Foreign language proficiency:** successful completion of two (2) upper-division foreign language courses in a modern European language. (6 credit hours)
- **Composition of a thesis.** (3 credit hours)

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Minors Offered by the Department

Most majors at MGA allow students to complete a minor with *no additional coursework* beyond the minimum number of semester hours required to graduate; minor courses usually can also be counted in Area F or as open electives in your major. (See your advisor for details.)

Requirements for the Minor in African and African Diaspora Studies

The African and African diaspora studies minor includes five courses (15 semester hours), including:

- AADS 2000, Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies
- AADS 4900, African and African Diaspora Studies Field Research
- Three of the following courses, at least two of which must be 3000-level or above:
 - CRJU 3247, Hip Hop Culture & Crime in America
 - CRJU 3515, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
 - CRJU 3520, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
 - or POLS 3107, American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
 - CRJU 4120, Gender, Ethnicity, and Justice
 - or SOCI 4130, Gender, Ethnicity, and Justice
 - ENGL 2141, African American Literature I
 - ENGL 2142, African American Literature II
 - ENGL 4150, Studies in Caribbean Literature
 - ENGL 4160, Studies in African Literature
 - ENGL 4450, Literature of the Harlem Renaissance
 - ENGL 4490, African American Literature
 - HIST 3150, History of Africa to 1875
 - HIST 3151, History of Africa since 1875
 - HIST 3901, Early African American History
 - HIST 3902, Modern African American History
 - HIST 3903, History of the Civil Rights Movement
 - HIST 4010, The Atlantic World
 - HIST 4030, Histories of Colonization
 - MUSC 3333, History of Gospel Music
 - POLS 3085, Minority Politics
 - POLS 3118, Politics of the American South
 - POLS 3323, African Politics
 - PSYC 3201, Cross-Cultural Psychology
 - SOCI 4140, Race and Ethnicity

Other courses with a focus on Africa, African Americans, or the African diaspora, such as special topics courses, may be substituted with advisor approval.

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Requirements for the Minor in Environmental Policy Studies

The environmental policy studies minor includes six courses (18 semester hours), including:

- POLS 3030, Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 3722, Global Security and the Environment
- POLS 3944, Environmental Politics and Policy
- ENVS 2202 or BIOL 3113, Environmental Science
- Two of the following courses:
 - BIOL 3350K, Ecology
 - ECON 1101, Survey of Economics
 - ECON 2105, Principles of Macroeconomics
 - ECON 3175, International Economics
 - EURO 4330, EU Science & Technology Policy
 - EURO 4430, EU Environmental Policy
 - HIST 4040, Humans and their Environment since 1945
 - HIST 4740, American Environmental History
 - IDS 4020, Science, Politics, and Culture
 - POLS 2201, State and Local Government
 - POLS 3075, Interest Groups
 - POLS 3103, Politics of the Presidency
 - POLS 3104, The American Congress
 - POLS 3105, The American Judiciary

Special topics courses with a theme related to the minor may be substituted with advisor approval.

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Requirements for the Minor in Pre-Law

The pre-law minor includes six courses (18 semester hours), including:

- PFWR 4050, Legal Writing
- POLS 3106, American Constitutional Law: Institutions and Processes.
- POLS 3105, The American Judiciary, or CRJU 3315, The American Judicial System
- POLS 3107 or CRJU 3520, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Two of the following courses:
 - AERO 2107, Aviation Law and Insurance
 - COMM 4000, Rhetoric and Argumentation
 - CRJU 2317, Introduction to Criminal Law
 - CRJU 3200, Criminal Procedure & Evidence
 - ENGL 4000, Rhetoric
 - EURO 4130, EU Law & Legal Systems
 - HLSA 4410, Health Law & Ethics
 - HUMN 4340, Introduction to Ethics
 - ITEC 4205, Legal and Ethical Issues
 - LENB 3135, Legal Environment of Business
 - PHIL 2010, Introduction to Philosophy
 - POLS 3103, Politics of the Presidency
 - POLS 3104, The American Congress
 - PSYC 3550, Law & Ethics in Psychology
 - PSYC 4500, Children, Families, and the Law
 - SMGT 4010, Legal Aspects of Sport and Fitness

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Requirements for the Minor in Political Science

The political science minor includes six courses (18 semester hours), including:

- POLS 2101, Introduction to Political Science.
- An *international politics* course:
 - POLS 2301, Introduction to Comparative Politics or
 - POLS 2401, Global Issues or
 - A 3000/4000-level course in comparative politics or international relations.
- A *domestic politics* course:
 - POLS 2201, State and Local Politics or
 - POLS 2501, Domestic Issues or
 - POLS 2601, Introduction to Public Administration or
 - A 3000/4000-level course in American politics, public policy, or public administration.
- Three POLS courses at the 3000 level or above.

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Political Science Courses Planned for Future Terms (subject to change)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Spring 2022</u>	<u>Summer 2022</u>	<u>Fall 2022</u>
POLS 1101 American Government	M, C, D, W, Z, O	M, W, Z, O	M, C, D, W, Z, O
POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science	M, C	Z	M, C
POLS 2201 State and Local Government	Z	—	Z
POLS 2301 Comparative Politics	M, C	Z	M
POLS 2401 Global Issues	Z	Z	M, C
POLS 2601 Intro. to Public Administration	—	Z	Z
POLS 3000 Research Methods	M	—	C
POLS 3030 Introduction to Public Policy	—	—	Z
POLS 3045 Public Opinion & Political Behavior	C	—	M
POLS 3055 Parties and Elections	—	—	M
POLS 3103 The Politics of the Presidency	C	—	—
POLS 3105 Judicial Politics	—	—	Z
POLS 3106 Con. Law: Institutions & Processes	—	—	M
POLS 3107 Con. Law: Rights & Liberties	M	—	—
POLS 3323 African Politics	M	—	—
POLS 3701 International Relations	M	—	C
POLS 3738 U.S. Foreign Policy	C	—	M
POLS 3944 Environmental Politics & Policy	Z	—	—
POLS 3999 Special Topics	M, C	—	C
POLS 4895 Internship	*	*	*
POLS 4896 Georgia Legislative Internship	*	—	—
POLS 4898 Research Practicum	*	*	*
POLS 4900 Capstone Seminar	M, C	—	—
AADS 2000 Intro. to African/Af. Diaspora Studies	—	—	M
SSCI 1003 Perspectives on Diversity	Z	Z	Z
EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union	U	U	U
EURO 4430 E.U. Environmental Policy	—	—	U
EURO 4760 U.S.–E.U. Relations	U	—	—
EURO 4830 EU Studies Capstone	U	—	U

M = Macon, C = Cochran, D = Dublin, E = Eastman, W = Warner Robins, Z = Online
Online collaborative programs: O = eCore, U = GoVIEW

* = By arrangement; if you need this course, see your advisor or the department chair.