All 3000-level and higher POLS courses may be used as electives in the political science major or minor. All courses beyond POLS 1101 have a prerequisite of POLS 1101 with a "C" or better; a few courses have additional requirements.

POLS 1101 American Government *(**required** in Area E)*
Macon, Warner Robins, Online – various faculty

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

POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science *(Area E, **required** in major and minor)*
Online (full session) – Dr. John Hall, CRN 52590

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 2301 Introduction to Comparative Politics *(Area E; **required** in major, elective in minor)*
Online (full session) – Dr. Matthew Caverly, CRN 52718

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)*
Online (1st session) – Dr. Brooke Bryan, CRN 52082
Online (2nd session) – Dr. Brooke Bryan, CRN 52637

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 (full session) – Prof. Grace Adams-Square, CRN 52717

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.

SSCI 1003 Perspectives on Diversity (Area B)
Online (full session) – Dr. Naomi Robertson (CRN 52376)

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.

Students may also arrange internships (POLS 4895) and research practicum courses (POLS 4898) on an as-needed basis with the department.

<u>European Union Studies Certificate Program Course</u>

Registration for this course opens on April 1, 2021.

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

EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union *(**required** by EUSP certificate)*
Online – Dr. Brian Smith (Southwestern Georgia State University), CRN 52282

This course introduces students to the history, institutions, and policies of the European Union, as well as current EU issues (e.g. Brexit, immigration, and the rise of anti-EU populism) and US-EU relations. *Prerequisite:* HIST 1111, HIST 1112, POLS 2401, or permission of the department chair.

<u>Requirements for the Certificate in European Union Studies</u>

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, from at least two different program areas:
  - 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

<u>Areas of distinction</u>: 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)

These requirements are listed as a reference only. In the event of a conflict between the official Middle Georgia State University Undergraduate Catalog and this document, the MGA Catalog will prevail.

<u>Current Requirements for the Minor in Political Science (2019–20 catalog)</u>

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 the core (Areas A–F) or as open electives in your major. (See your advisor for details.)

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

- POLS 2101, Introduction to Political Science.
- POLS 3000, Research Methods in Political Science.*
- An *international politics* course:
    - POLS 2301, Introduction to Comparative Politics *or*
    - POLS 2401, Global Issues.
- A *domestic politics* course:
    - POLS 2201, State and Local Politics *or*
    - POLS 2501, Domestic Issues *or*
    - POLS 2601 Introduction to Public Administration.
- Two POLS courses at the 3000 level or above.

* Students who have completed a research methods course in another social or behavioral science field, including CRJU 3020, HIST 2000, HIST 3000, PBSV 3020, PSYC 3002, or SOCI 3001, may typically take another 3000-level POLS course instead of completing POLS 3000, with the approval of the chair of the Department of Political Science.

<u>Requirements for the Minor in Sustainability Policy Studies</u>

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

- POLS 2201, State and Local Government
- POLS 3030, Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 3944, Environmental Politics and Policy
- HIST 4040, Humans and their Environment since 1945
- Two of the following courses:
    - ECON 2105, Principles of Macroeconomics
    - ECON 3175, International Economics
    - HIST 4720, American Environmental History
    - IDS 4020, Science, Politics, and Culture

Minor requirements are listed as a reference only. In the event of a conflict between the official Middle Georgia State University Undergraduate Catalog and this document, the MGA Catalog will prevail.

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

Course	Fall 2020	Spring 2021
POLS 1101 American Government	M, C, D, W, Z, O	M, C, D, W, Z, O
POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science	M, C	M, C
POLS 2201 State and Local Government	—	Z
POLS 2301 Comparative Politics	M, C	Z
POLS 2401 Global Issues	C, Z	Z
POLS 2601 Introduction to Public Administration	Z	Z
POLS 3000 Research Methods	C	M
POLS 3030 Introduction to Public Policy	Z	—
POLS 3045 Public Opinion/Political Behavior	M	C
POLS 3055 Parties and Elections	M	—
POLS 3070 Urban Politics	—	Z
POLS 3075 Interest Groups	—	C
POLS 3103 The Politics of the Presidency	—	C
POLS 3104 The American Congress	—	M
POLS 3701 International Relations	C	M
POLS 3999 Special Topics	M	M, C
POLS 4105 Judicial Politics	—	M
POLS 4106 Con Law I: Institutions/Processes	M	—
POLS 4107 Con Law II: Rights & Liberties	—	M
POLS 4895 Internship	*By arrangement*	
POLS 4898 Research Practicum	*By arrangement*	
POLS 4900 Capstone Seminar	—	M, C
EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union	U	U
EURO 4430 EU Environmental Policy	U	—
EURO 4xxx EU Studies Elective TBD	—	U
EURO 4830 EU Studies Capstone	U	U

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