

Fall 2022 Courses in the Department of Political Science, MGA School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

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*)

Online – Dr. Annie Watson, CRN 80818

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 81807

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*)

Macon – Dr. James Decker, TR 2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m., CRN 80809

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*)

Macon – Dr. Thomas Matyók, MW 09:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 82210

Cochran – Dr. Annie Watson, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 81544

Online – Dr. Brad Dickerson, CRN 81297 (1st session) / CRN 81808 (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 – Prof. Grace Adams-Square, CRN 80810

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 3030 Introduction to Public Policy (required in major)

Online – Dr. Julie Lester, CRN 80966

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)

Online – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, CRN 80963

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 3103 The Politics of the Presidency*

Online – Dr. Matthew Caverly, CRN 82213

An overview of the institutional presidency, including the constitutional foundations of the office, the evolution of presidential authority and powers, approaches to presidential leadership, presidential elections, presidential cabinets, advisors, and political appointees, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Executive Office of the President.

POLS 3105 The American Judiciary*

Online – Dr. Greg Rabidoux, CRN 81952

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/Cochran – Dr. John Hall, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 82232 (M) / 82233 (C)

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 3999-01 Special Topics: Civil-Military Relations*

Macon/Cochran – Dr. Thomas Matyók, MW 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 82234 (M) / 82235 (C)

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.

POLS 3999-02 Special Topics: TBD*

Online – TBD, CRN 82214

Topic to be determined.

POLS 4900 Capstone Seminar in Political Science (required for seniors graduating Fall 2022)

Online – Dr. John Hall, CRN 82229

This course is a culminating experience designed for students who expect to graduate in Fall 2022 with a major in political science. It includes a research seminar focusing on a topic chosen by the instructor that applies knowledge and skills from earlier coursework. Students will be expected to complete the ETS Major Field Test in political science as part of the course.

SSCI 1003 Perspectives on Diversity (Area B)

Warner Robins – Prof. Grace Adams-Square, TR 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 82211

Online – Dr. Naomi Robertson, CRN 80761 (1st session) / CRN 81565 (2nd session)

Online – Dr. Peter Makaya, CRN 81626 (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 requirements.

Registration for these courses opens on April 1st. These courses begin on August 15th and end on November 30th.

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

Online – Dr. Christos Bourdouvalis (Augusta University), CRN 80725

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 4430 E.U. Environmental Policy (*elective in EUSP certificate*)

Online – Dr. Julie Lester (Middle Georgia State University), CRN tbd

Examines EU environmental policy through an exploration of the history and evolution of policy as well as a consideration of the role of political actors in the policy process. Through a comparative approach, students will have the opportunity to study current environmental policy issues in the EU and the United States, such as the Green New Deal and the European Green Deal, energy, sustainable development, agriculture, and nature and biodiversity.

EURO 4830 E.U. Studies Capstone: Governments of the E.U. (*elective in EUSP certificate*)

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

Examines the history, politics, and importance of human rights and social justice in the European Union. Both human rights and social justice are important hallmarks of the European Union. This class explores the evolution and politics of human rights and social justice protections within the E.U. We also discuss current and future issues related to human rights and social justice in the European Union. This class counts as the Capstone course for the EU Studies Certificate.

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 Global Studies *(available starting Fall 2022)*

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

- HIST 1112, History of World Civilization since 1650
- One of the following three courses:
 - POLS 2301, Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - POLS 2401, Global Issues
 - POLS 3701, International Relations
- Four of the following courses; only two courses can be taken from the same course prefix:
 - Any foreign language courses at the 2000/3000/4000-level.
 - AADS 2000, Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies
 - AMGT 3204, International Airline Business
 - AMGT 4304, International Supply Chain Management
 - COMM 2206, Introduction to Intercultural Communication
 - COMM 3015, Intercultural Communication in a Global Society
 - CRJU 3515, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
 - CRJU 4550, Terrorism
 - ECON 3175, International Economics
 - ENGL 2111, World Literature I
 - ENGL 2112, World Literature II
 - ENGL 4150, Studies in Caribbean Literature
 - ENGL 4160, Studies in African Literature
 - ENGL 4420, Modern European Literature
 - ENGL 4430, Topics in World Literature
 - Any EURO courses at the 3000/4000 level.
 - GEOG 1101, Introduction to Human Geography
 - HIST 1111, History of World Civilization to 1650
 - HIST 1190, History of World Religions
 - HIST 3020, Religions in World History
 - HIST 3050, The Ancient Mediterranean
 - HIST 3100, History of Latin America
 - HIST 3150, History of Africa to 1875
 - HIST 3151, History of Africa since 1875
 - HIST 3200, Traditional China
 - HIST 3210, Modern China
 - HIST 3440, Church, State and Society in Medieval Europe
 - HIST 3450, The Crusades
 - HIST 3460, Church, State and Society in the Renaissance and Reformation Era
 - HIST 3470, Church, State and Society in the Age of Enlightenment
 - HIST 3480, Europe in the 19th Century
 - HIST 3490, Europe in the 20th Century
 - HIST 3510, Britain to 1688
 - HIST 3511, Great Britain since 1688
 - HIST 3600, World War I
 - HIST 3610, World War II
 - HIST 3700, History of American Foreign Relations
 - HIST 4010, The Atlantic World

- HIST 4011, Long Age of Revolutions
- HIST 4020, Technology, Environment and Empire
- HIST 4030, Histories of Colonization
- HIST 4040, Humans and their Environment since 1945
- HIST 4221, Premodern Japan
- HIST 4222, Modern Japan
- HIST 4290, Modern Russia
- HIST 4310, Medieval Popular Religion
- HIST 4330, Modern Germany
- HIST 4335, History of Nazi Germany
- HIST 4336, The Holocaust
- HUMN 1009, Perspectives on Global Cultures
- HUMN 3010, Introduction to Cultural Studies
- HUMN 4471, Comparative Cultures
- HUMN 4472, Studies in Culture
- MKTG 4168, International Marketing
- POLS 2301, Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 2401, Global Issues
- POLS 3944, Environmental Politics and Policy
- Any upper division POLS courses with a focus on comparative politics or international relations (courses numbered POLS 3300–3499, POLS 3700–3799, POLS 4300–4499, and POLS 4700–4799).
- PSYC 3201, Cross-Cultural Psychology
- SCM 4110, Global Supply Chain Strategy
- SSCI 1009, Perspectives on Global Cultures

At least three courses taken in the minor (9 semester hours) must be upper-level courses at the 3000 level or above.

Additional courses, including special topics courses, with a documented focus on international or global perspectives, and courses taught in a study abroad format, 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, American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties,
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 (POLS 33xx, 34xx, 37xx, 43xx, 44xx, or 47xx)
- 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 (POLS 3001–3099, 31xx, 32xx, 35xx, 36xx, 41xx, 42xx, 45xx, or 46xx).
- Three additional POLS courses at the 3000 level or above. Only 3 hours of internship credit (POLS 4895/4896) may be used for this requirement.

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Summer 2022</u>	<u>Fall 2022</u>	<u>Spring 2023</u>
POLS 1101 American Government	M, W, Z, O	M, C, D, W, Z, O	M, C, D, W, Z, O
POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science	Z	M, C	M, C
POLS 2201 State and Local Government	—	Z	Z
POLS 2301 Comparative Politics	Z	M	M, C
POLS 2401 Global Issues	Z	M, C, Z	M, Z
POLS 2601 Intro. 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	—	V (M, C)	—
POLS 3060 Policy Implementation Topics	—	—	Z
POLS 3103 The Politics of the Presidency	—	—	V (C, M)
POLS 3104 The American Congress	—	—	V (M, C)
POLS 3105 Judicial Politics	—	Z	—
POLS 3106 Con. Law: Institutions & Processes	Z	V (M, C)	—
POLS 3107 Con. Law: Rights & Liberties	—	—	V (M, C)
POLS 3323 African Politics	—	V (M, C)	—
POLS 3701 International Relations	—	C	M
POLS 3738 U.S. Foreign Policy	—	V (M, C)	—
POLS 3999 Special Topics	—	Z	V (M, C), Z
POLS 4895 Internship	*	*	*
POLS 4896 Georgia Legislative Internship	—	—	Z (Atlanta)
POLS 4898 Research Practicum	*	*	*
POLS 4900 Capstone Seminar	—	V (M, C)	V (C, M)
AADS 2000 Intro. to African/Afr. Diaspora Studies	—	—	V (C, M)
AADS 4900 Field Experience in AADS	—	—	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 4830 EU Studies Capstone	—	U	U

M = Macon, C = Cochran, D = Dublin, E = Eastman, W = Warner Robins, Z = Online

V = Videoconference (V-CON) – course available on campuses in parentheses

Online collaborative programs: O = eCore, U = GoVIEW

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