

Middle Georgia State University — School of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Department of Political Science
Summer 2020 Course Guide

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 TBD

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 2401 Global Issues (*Area E, required in major, elective in minor*)
Online (full session) – Dr. Brooke Miller, CRN 50113

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.

European Union Studies Certificate Program Courses

Registration for these courses opens on April 1, 2020.

Note: 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 50366

Introduces students to the history, institutions, and policies of the European Union, as well as current EU issues (e.g. Brexit!) and US-EU relations. *Prerequisite:* HIST 1111, HIST 1112, or POLS 2401.

EURO 4760 U.S.–E.U. Relations (*elective in EUSP certificate*)
Online – Dr. Michael Baun (Valdosta State University), CRN TBA

This course examines the history and current state of US-Europe (or transatlantic) relations. It reviews the development of US-Europe ties from the end of the Second World War up to the current turbulence in transatlantic relations generated by the America First policies of the Trump presidency. It examines the future of transatlantic relations and the US role in Europe, in the context of China's rise, the transition to a multipolar global order, and domestic political changes in both the US and Europe. The course also looks at key global issues from a transatlantic perspective, including international trade, climate change, and the Iran nuclear deal. *Prerequisite:* EURO 3234.

Current Requirements for the Minor in Political Science (2019–20 catalog)

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.

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

<u>Course</u>	<u>Fall 2020</u>	<u>Spring 2021</u>
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		<i>By arrangement</i>
POLS 4898 Research Practicum		<i>By arrangement</i>
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