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*)
*Macon* – Dr. John Hall, TR 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 86616
*Cochran* – Dr. Daniel Guerrant, TR 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 86129

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* – Dr. Matthew Caverly, CRN 86092

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*)
*Online* – Dr. Brooke Miller, CRN 84610; Mr. Albert Jones, CRN 86921

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 2501 Domestic Issues (*elective in major and minor*)
*Online* – Dr. Julie Lester, CRN 85373

This course examines important, current political issues in the United States. Topics studied may include health care, K-12 and higher education, taxation and government spending, environmentalism, inequality, the economy, among others.
POLS 2601 Introduction to Public Administration *(elective in major minor)*
*Online* – Prof. Grace Adams-Square, CRN 86097

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 86618

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)*
*Prerequisite:* POLS 3000, or permission of instructor.
*Cochran* – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, MW 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 86612

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 3344 Politics of the British Isles* *(elective in EUSP certificate)*
*Prerequisite:* POLS 2301 with a C or higher, or permission of instructor.
*Macon* – Dr. James Decker, TR 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 86814

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, this is the class for you!

POLS 3701 International Relations *(required in major)*
*Cochran* – Dr. Brooke Miller, TR 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 86614

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 3738 U.S. Foreign Policy*
Cochran – Dr. John Hall, MW 9:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 86815

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.

EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union* (required by EUSP certificate)
Online – Dr. Daniel Baracskay (Valdosta State University), CRN 85869

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 4130 E.U. Law and Legal Systems* (elective in EUSP certificate)
Online – Dr. Henry Carey (Georgia State University), CRN 86799

A study of EU legal institutions and processes in the context of international law and in comparison to those of the United States. Prerequisite: EURO 3234.

EURO 4830 The E.U. in World Affairs* (required capstone in EUSP certificate)
Online – Dr. Christos Bourdouvalis (Augusta University), CRN 86798

Examines the role of the EU as a global actor, including the EU’s relations with other major powers and regions of the world and its impact on key global issues. This course counts as the Capstone course for the EU Studies Certificate. Prerequisite: EURO 3234.

* 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.

Current Requirements for the Minor in Political Science (effective July 1, 2019)

• 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; 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 or 3000, PBSV 3020, PSYC 3002, or SOCI 3001) may take another 3000-level POLS course instead of completing this requirement, with the approval of the chair of the Department of Political Science.