

**School of Education and Behavioral Sciences**  
**Spring 2022 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* – Dr. Annie Watson, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 23586  
*Macon* – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, MW 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 23671

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 23207

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 22972

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. Brad Dickerson, CRN 24069 (1<sup>st</sup> session) / CRN 24778 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3000 Research Methods in Political Science (**required** in major and minor)  
Macon – Dr. Christopher Lawrence, MW 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m., CRN 23669

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 3107 American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties\*  
Macon/Cochran – Dr. John Hall, MW 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 24887 (M)/24888 (C)

This course is the second 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 freedom of expression, religious liberties, the right to keep and bear arms, the rights of individuals suspected and accused of crimes, privacy rights (including abortion), the right to vote, equal protection (discrimination and affirmative action), and LGBT rights. (Formerly POLS 4107.)

POLS 3701 International Relations (**required** in major)  
Macon – Dr. Thomas Matyók, MW 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 24186

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 post-colonialism), the causes of international conflict and cooperation, and contemporary global issues and debates.

POLS 3772 Global Security and the Environment\*  
Cochran/Macon – Dr. Thomas Matyók, MW 09:30–10:45 a.m., CRN 24889 (C)/24890 (M)

This course examines the impact of the environment and environmental change on global security and the international system, including pressures on agriculture, forestry, the natural world, and human migration resulting from climate change and natural disasters. International conflict and cooperation in the face of shared environmental challenges will also be examined.

POLS 3944 Environmental Politics & Policy\*  
Online – Dr. Julie Lester, CRN 24895

Examines the politics and policy related to environmental issues in the United States, including the management of public lands, government regulation of air, ground, and water pollution, conservation and recycling, the impact of urban and suburban growth on farmland and forests, the emergence and role of key interest groups, and related topics.

POLS 3999-01 Special Topics: Human Rights\*  
Cochran/Macon – Dr. Annie Watson, TR 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 24184 (C)/24894 (M)

This class explores internationally recognized human rights—their definition, their measurement, abuses against them, and steps being taken to respect them. We will also have a particular focus on advocating for respect for these rights.

POLS 3999–02 Special Topics: Politics in Film\*  
Online – Dr. Greg Rabidoux, CRN 24187

This course will examine the intersection of political science and film, including both fictional and non-fictional subjects.

POLS 4900 Capstone Seminar in Political Science (*required for seniors graduating Spring/Summer*)  
Macon/Cochran – Dr. John Hall, MW 2:00–3:15 p.m., CRN 23816 (M)/24893 (C).

This course is a culminating experience designed for students who expect to graduate in Spring or Summer 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.

AADS 2000 Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies  
Cochran/Macon – Dr. Matthew Caverly, TR 12:30–1:45 p.m., CRN 24891 (C)/24892 (M)

This course will introduce students to key concepts, themes and debates in scholarship on Africa and the African diaspora. Students are provided with a wide interdisciplinary introduction to African and African diaspora studies through diverse course materials and readings. Students will be able to interpret contemporary African and African diaspora (including African American) issues with an informed historical background and challenge the stereotypical image of Africa as the “Dark Continent.”

SSCI 1003 Perspectives on Diversity (Area B)  
Online – Dr. Naomi Robertson, CRN 24742 (1<sup>st</sup> session) / CRN 23866 (2<sup>nd</sup> session)  
Online – Dr. Peter Makaya, CRN 23604 (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 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. These courses begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> and end on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

EURO 3234 Introduction to the European Union (*required by EUSP certificate*)  
*Online* – Dr. Rick Reiman (South Georgia State College), CRN 23480

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 4760 E.U.–U.S. Relations (*elective in EUSP certificate*)  
*Online* – Dr. Henry Carey (Georgia State University), CRN 25519

This course examines relations between the United States and the European Union, including US-EU cooperation on key global issues and the future of Transatlantic relations in a changing world.

EURO 4830 E.U. Studies Capstone: Governments of the E.U. (*elective in EUSP certificate*)  
*Online* – Dr. Daniel Skidmore-Hess (Georgia Southern University), CRN 23481

Survey of the Governments of the European Union, focusing on both the member states and Union-level political institutions. Emphasis on representative institutions and role of political ideas in the process of European integration. Current issues including Brexit, migration, economic globalization, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and climate change will be examined. Participants in the course will be expected to research current issues in a selected member county.

## 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, 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature
    - EURO 4630, Communications and Media
    - HIST 3490, Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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>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.