POLS Political Science

POLS 1101 American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Surveys government and politics, with additional attention to the government and the Constitution of Georgia. Topics include the constitutional structure of American government, the role of non-governmental institutions such as interest groups and mass media, the role of governmental institutions such as Congress and the Presidency, the operation of major political process such as elections and policy making, and the interaction between institutions and processes. Satisfies the Georgia Constitution and U.S. Constitution requirements.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 1101H, POLS 1101S.

POLS 1101H Introduction to American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Surveys government and politics, with additional attention to the government and the Constitution of Georgia. Topics include the constitutional structure of American government, the role of non-governmental institutions such as interest groups and mass media, the role of governmental institutions such as Congress and the Presidency, the operation of major political process such as elections and policy making, and the interaction between institutions and processes. Satisfies the Georgia Constitution and U.S. Constitution requirements.

POLS 1101S Introduction to American Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Surveys government and politics, with additional attention to the government and the Constitution of Georgia. Topics include the constitutional structure of American government, the role of non-governmental institutions such as interest groups and mass media, the role of governmental institutions such as Congress and the Presidency, the operation of major political process such as elections and policy making, and the interaction between institutions and processes. Satisfies the Georgia Constitution and U.S. Constitution requirements.

POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the concepts that are considered in the systematic study of politics, such as justice, equity, regimes, and democracy. This course will examine the methods by which political scientists explore politics theoretically and in applied settings. Required of all majors and minors in political science.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 2101S.

POLS 2101H Intro to Political Science (H)
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the concepts that are considered in the systematic study of politics, such as justice, equality, regimes, and democracy. This course will examine the methods by which political scientists explore politics theoretically and in applied settings. Required of all majors and minors in political science.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 2101S.

POLS 2101S Introduction to Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the concepts that are considered in the systematic study of politics, such as justice, equity, regimes, and democracy. This course will examine the methods by which political scientists explore politics theoretically and in applied settings. Required of all majors and minors in political science.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 2101.
POLS 3133S Latin American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of the major domestic and international factors in comparative Latin American political systems. Special attention and detail is given to the challenges of development and democratization.
Cross Listing(s): LAST 3133, LAST 3133S, POLS 3133.

POLS 3134 Middle East Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political change and economic development of the Middle East in the last century, focusing on colonialism, radical Islam, oil politics, Arab nationalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the U.S. role in the Middle East.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3134, POLS 3134H.

POLS 3134H Middle East Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political change and economic development of the Middle East in the last century, focusing on colonialism, radical Islam, oil politics, Arab nationalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the U.S. role in the Middle East.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3134, POLS 3134.

POLS 3135 Legislative Behavior
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The ability of elected bodies whether they are local, state, regional, or national to represent the preferences of their constituents is linked to ability of elected officials, their staffs, and the executive agency administrators to manage change in an arena of inadequate information. This course will examine decision making, agenda setting, elections, and institutional arrangements with a particular concern for the mechanisms legislatures have for processing information. Students will become familiar with the three contemporary approaches to the study of legislatures: historical, behavioral, and formal.

POLS 3136 The Presidency
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analysis of the political, constitutional, behavioral, symbolic and policy roles of the President. Attention is also paid to the linkages between the Presidency and the other government and political institutions.

POLS 3137 Judicial Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
In this course, students analyze and evaluate judicial politics by examining the actors, institutions, processes, and procedures that contribute to the formulation, administration, and adjudication of the law.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 1101.
Cross Listing(s): CRJU 3137.

POLS 3138 Constitutional Law: Government Powers
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the constitutional development of the national government through landmark Supreme Court decisions. Topics include: judicial power, separation of power, federalism, and interstate commerce.

POLS 3139 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on the study of the Bill of Rights through landmark Supreme Court decisions. Topics include freedom of speech, press, and religion, the right to privacy, rights of the accused, search and seizure law, and equal protection of the law.

POLS 3230 Modern Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course in modern political thought is concerned with the differentiation of politics as an activity distinct from, and independent of, religion. Political thinkers in the modern period are distinguished by their turn to scientific and other modern modes of rationality as foundations for the analysis of politics. Central concerns include delineating the rights of powers of the individual and establishing a secular basis for a just society.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3230.
POL 3236 International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces students to the basic concepts of international relations, including those of war and peace, power, foreign policy, international organizations, markets, democracy, ecology, and the impact of information technology. Students will be provided with the necessary concepts, theories, and methods used in the discipline including quantitative analysis in order to gain a better understanding of the nature and problems of international relations.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3236, INTS 3236S, POLS 3236S.

POL 3236S International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces students to the basic concepts of international relations, including those of war and peace, power, foreign policy, international organizations, markets, democracy, ecology, and the impact of information technology. Students will be provided with the necessary concepts, theories, and methods used in the discipline including quantitative analysis in order to gain a better understanding of the nature and problems of international relations.

Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 or POLS 2101.

Cross Listing(s): INTS 3236, INTS 3236S, POLS 3236.

POL 3237 African American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A basic appreciation of the nature, processes, structures, and functions of African American politics in the domestic and international arena and how they differ from dominant assumptions, theories, approaches, and models of American politics. Focus is on how to seek and maintain empowerment.

POL 3239 Human Rights in International Relations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course will explore the vulnerability of various political minorities to human rights abuses at the global level and provide an assessment of the roles of states, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations in human rights issues.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3239, INTS 3239S.

POL 3330 State and Local Government
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the forms of organizations, the functions, and the operations of the 50 state governments. Special attention will be given to the growing problems in the urban areas such as the interplay of politics, pressure groups, and community power structures.

POL 3331 Introduction to Bureaucratic Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the socio-political impacts of modern bureaucracies, how modern bureaucracy has emerged as a "fourth branch" of federal government (including historical development), and its ability to influence policy making with particular emphasis on implementation.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 331S.

POL 331S Introduction to Bureaucratic Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An examination of how local, state, and federal governments make use of human resources, financial resources, and information resources to assist in policy making, provide services to citizens, and exercise the regulatory power of government.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 331.

POL 3332 Political Parties and Elections
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A comprehensive overview of the institutions and processes that connect the public to government institutions. Course emphasis is given to the history and structure of the political parties in the United States and the electoral process and voting at and below the presidential level.

POL 3333 Southern Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the changing political conditions and trends within the eleven states of the American South since WWII. Students will examine the events which led to the unique political environment one encounters in the South. The primary focus will be on the political environment, but also on social, cultural, and economic variables as they relate to the political system.

POL 3334 Film and Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Considers how the art of film has contributed to an understanding of major twentieth-century political events and thoughts. Topics include war, nationalism, authoritarianism, the Cold War, presidential politics and campaigning, populism and the ethos of democracy in classic and contemporary film.

POL 3335 Ethnicity and Nationalism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines ethnicity and nationalism in comparative perspective. It discusses a wide variety of social and political phenomena including identity, language, violence, religion, class, gender and colonialism. Ethnic groups in almost every multiethnic country continue to compete with one another over issues of economic equity, political decentralization, power-sharing, language, educational policies and cultural rights. This course explores why and how power and passion of these groups are created by comparing ethnic conflicts across the globe and analyzes the following factors - language, religion, race, historical memories, values, territory, customs, symbols, myths and other cultural attributes.

POL 3336 Classical Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political themes and thinkers from the Ancient Greeks to the Renaissance.

POL 3336S Classical Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political themes and thinkers from the Ancient Greeks to the Renaissance.

POL 3337 Language, Power, Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth investigation of the role of language in national and international power structures. Comparative evaluation of language in social organization of politics, economic policy and law as aggregated by race, culture, ethnicity, class, group ideology and gender. Emphasis on social policy management and minority/linguistic rights.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in ENGL 1102.
Cross Listing(s): ANTH 3337, LING 3337.

POL 3338 Language and Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A critical examination of language as a problem-solving device and tool for understanding argument and legal contestation. Delineation of individual rights, institutional authority and legal jurisdiction with emphasis on language and legal power. Analysis of the sociology of language and law within the concepts of human rights and socio-political entitlements.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in ENGL 1102.

POL 3431 African Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines salient themes and background of contemporary African political systems. The emphasis will be on government and politics of modern Africa bearing on the emergence of post-colonial states and regional and global ramifications.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 3431S.
POLS 343IS African Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines salient themes and background of contemporary African political systems. The emphasis will be on government and politics of modern Africa bearing on the emergence of post-colonial states and regional and global ramifications.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 343I.

POLS 3432 Celtic Identity and Conflict
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines contemporary issues raised by the conflict in Northern Ireland by studying conflicts in the broader historical context of the experience of the Celtic people in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales who sought to preserve their political and cultural identities in the British Isles.
Cross Listing(s): IRSH 3432.

POLS 3433 Survey of Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course introduces students to the basic concepts of comparative politics, including those of democratization, regime transition, electoral politics, political parties, ethnic conflict, and economic development. Students will be provided with the necessary concepts, theories, and methods used in the discipline including quantitative and qualitative analysis in order to gain a better understanding of the nature and problems of comparative politics.

POLS 3712 Community Development
1-2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Covers the various meanings of and approaches to community development. Students will be required to work with nonprofit community development organizations outside of class for either 4 hours per week (one credit) or 10 hours per week (two credits) in addition to classroom meetings.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 3730 Introduction to United Nations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The preamble to the Charter of the United Nations identifies several ambitious goals, which framed the establishment of this international organization, including a desire "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" and to promote fundamental human rights, social progress, and economic development. In this course, students will be introduced to the concepts of international organizations and the part that they play today in international politics. Specifically, we will examine the United Nations, its structure and function, its failures and successes, and what the future holds for this organization.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 3730.

POLS 3831 Reading For Honors
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Reading for Honors in Political Science. Departmental approval required.

POLS 4031 Selected Topics in Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics in Political Science.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4031S, POLS 4031H.

POLS 4031H Selected Topics in PSC Honors
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4031.

POLS 4031S Selected Topics in Political Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics in Political Science.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4031.

POLS 4111H Honors Thesis Seminar III
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hours.
In a seminar setting, students will continue writing and revising their thesis.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 3112H; minimum junior standing.

POLS 4112H Honors Thesis Seminar IV
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hours.
Students will complete the final honors thesis and present their findings at a research symposium.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 4111H; minimum junior standing.

POLS 4130 American Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines political themes and thinkers from the Colonial to the Contemporary period.

POLS 4131 Introduction to Public Affairs
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the policy process in the American political system focusing on the analysis, formulation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies. Specific policy areas such as welfare, information technology, education, health, and foreign policy are examined.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101.

POLS 4132 U.S. Foreign Policy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides basic information and understanding of the key elements and actions involved in the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy. Special attention is given to the impact of U.S. foreign policy on the international system.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4132.

POLS 4133 International Political Economy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the body of literature, concepts, and historical perspectives of international law and diplomacy as related to the critical problems of the Post-Cold War era. Focuses on the legal, oral, and strategic dimensions of several past, present, and proposed means of conflict resolution.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4133S.

POLS 4134S International Law and Diplomacy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the interplay between international politics and international economics or business or the process of international wealth acquisition and transfer. Emphasis will be on the dynamics that give rise to asymmetric distributions: who gets what, when and how among different players in the global economy.

POLS 4134 International Law and Diplomacy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the body of literature, concepts, and historical perspectives of international law and diplomacy as related to the critical problems of the Post-Cold War era. Focuses on the legal, oral, and strategic dimensions of several past, present, and proposed means of conflict resolution.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4134.

POLS 4135 International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international agencies with particular emphasis upon the European Union.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4135.

POLS 4136 Politics of the Global North
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on examination of the cultural, social, and political factors that contribute to the structure, function, and problems of contemporary nation-states in the Global North.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4136, INTS 4136S, POLS 4136S.

POLS 4136S Politics of the Global North
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on examination of the cultural, social, and political factors that contribute to the structure, function, and problems of contemporary nation-states in the Global North.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4136, INTS 4136S, POLS 4136.
POLS 4137 Politics of the Global South
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of government and politics in the major developing countries of Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Historical, cultural, religious, and economic factors influencing the political systems of these countries are also studied.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4137.

POLS 4138 International Terrorism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to explore the political, religious, economic, and social issues which pervade the global environment. Key issues to be addressed include different forms of terrorism, conflict resolution, and at the state level reunification issues. Emphasizes the critical, and perhaps, decisive and controlling impact which terrorist groups level on policy changes.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4138.

POLS 4139 Contemporary Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Theorists since the onset of the twentieth century have questioned the scientific foundations of modern political ideas and institutions. Issues to be discussed may include the nature and limits liberalism, the rise of mass politics, the benefits and dangers of modern technology, and the emergence of multiculturalism and feminism.

POLS 4238 International Conflict
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the causes of international and civil war, including theories about alliances, power, bargaining, arms races, conventional and nuclear deterrence, nuclear weapon proliferation, and ethnicity.

POLS 4534 Feminist Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines how conceptions of gender have informed notions of political agency, community, and identity. This course foregrounds the role of gender relations in redefining the nature and significance of politics.

POLS 4730 Model United Nations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Prepares students for Georgia Southern's participation in the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City in the spring of each year. Students learn the structure, function and organization of the United Nations as well as in-depth knowledge of the particular country that they will be representing in New York. Emphasis is placed on learning the intricacies and nuances of parliamentary procedure as it applies to both the Middle School and High School conferences conducted by Georgia Southern University.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in INTS 3730 or POLS 3730.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4730.

POLS 4731 Model United Nations II
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is designed for students in the second year of their participation on Georgia Southern University's National Model United Nations (NMUN) delegation. In addition to studying a different country and region of the world which requires students to learn the history, culture, and foreign policies of their assigned country, NMUN students also research and write on topics in different United Nations committees. Second-year delegates also take on added responsibility to plan, coordinate, and execute three Georgia Southern-sponsored Model United Nations conferences. Emphasis is placed on learning the intricacies and nuances of parliamentary procedure as it applies to both the Middle School and High School conferences conducted by Georgia Southern University.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in POLS 4730 or INTS 4730.
Cross Listing(s): INTS 4731.

POLS 4733 Theories of Justice
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A consideration of the primary theories of justice formulated through history. Examines and evaluates the theoretical foundations of conceptions of justice from a variety of perspectives.
Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 CRJU 1100S or POLS 1101 or POLS 1101S or POLS 1101H.
Cross Listing(s): CRJU 4733, CRJU 4733S.

POLS 4791 Field Internship in Political Science
3-15 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The internship is designed to give students practical experience in a government-qualified agency and environment.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 1101 and POLS 2101; departmental approval required.

POLS 4890 Independent Study in Political Science
1-12 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Independent Study in Political Science.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 4890S.

POLS 4890S Independent Study in Political Science
1-12 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Independent Study.

POLS 5630 Seminar in American Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A systematic focus on major themes and issues in American public policy and their roots in American politics. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5630G.

POLS 5631 Seminar in Political Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A seminar focusing on selected theoretical topics. Emphasis will be placed on normative theory and the history of political thought. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5631G.

POLS 5632 Seminar in Urban Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on the political development of urban areas in the United States from colonial to modern times, including the growth of cities, urban political machines, post-war suburbanization, the structure of urban governments, and the challenges of urban development today. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5632G.

POLS 5633 Seminar in International Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the theories which guide the conduct and analysis of international relations. These theories are examined in both their classical and contemporary context and used to evaluate and assess international relations' phenomena. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5633G, INTS 5633, INTS 5633G.

POLS 5634 Seminar in Comparative Politics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to familiarize students with the theories which guide the conduct and analysis of international relations. These theories are examined in both their classical and contemporary context and used to evaluate and assess international relations’ phenomena. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5634G, INTS 5634, INTS 5634G.
POL 5635 Seminar in International Organizations
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An analytical study of the organization, powers, and problems of global and regional international agencies with particular emphasis upon the European Union. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5635G, INTS 5635, INTS 5635G.

POL 5930 Political Science Honors Thesis
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A substantial research project in Political Science structured jointly by a University Honors Program student and a Political Science Department faculty member, approved by the University Honors Program Director. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 5930G.