

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 1101. American Govt. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: None. Credit Hours: (3-0-3). A study of government and politics, including the philosophical and constitutional foundations, governing institutions, political behavior and major public policy issues. (Successful completion satisfies the legislative Constitution requirement.)

POLS 1101H. Honors American Govt. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Honors Program or permission of the Honors Program Coordinator. Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course is an honors introduction to American Government, examining the foundation and fundamentals, the political institutions, and political behavior of the American political system. Students will learn basic political science skills and concepts, in order to explain and grasp the structure, procedures, and outcomes of our political system.

POLS 2201. State & Local Government. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: None Credit Hours: (3-0-3) An examination of the structure, organization and functions of state and local governments. The role of state and local governments in the federal system will be analyzed. Particular attention will be paid to Georgia government.

POLS 2301. Comparative Politics. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: None. Credit Hours: (3-0-3). A comparative survey of the politics and structure of government in major nation-states.

POLS 2401. Global Issues. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: None. Credit Hours: (3-0-3). A study of international relations and politics that explores foreign policies and geopolitical issues.

POLS 3000. Special Topics in Poli Science. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HIST 2111, HIST 2112, or POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course allows the student to undertake an in-depth study of political phenomena that occur within the country as well as those that transcend national boundaries.

POLS 3100. Constitutional Law. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course offers a comprehensive study of American constitutional law focusing on civil rights, civil liberties, and equal protection. Constitutional claims examined include the denial of freedoms under the Bill of Rights, the equal protection of laws under the 14th Amendment, and civil rights legislation enacted by Congress since the Civil War. The course will also focus on the application and interpretation of constitutional protections by the American courts.

POLS 3201. Public Policy. (3 Credits)

Public Policy Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) An analysis of diverse public policy issues, as well as the decision process leading to the formulation of government policy. An analysis of societal factors that influence policy, and the effect of government policy on society.

POLS 4200. Principles of Public Administr. (3 Credits)

Principles of Public Administration Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) An introductory examination of the characteristics of the public organization and its impact on society. Analysis of the theories of public administration, personnel issues, budgetary activities, legal dynamics, as well as historical development of the field are included.

POLS 4202. Interorganizational Behavior. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course is designed to provide an understanding of the dynamics of and the interrelationships among and between the federal, state, and local levels of government.

POLS 4204. Public Finance. (3 Credits)

Public Finance Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course involves an in-depth study of the equity and economic effects of government spending programs, taxes, and debt.

POLS 4210. Business and Public Management. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) Various changes in the management of public organizations are identified and analyzed. Includes the role of technology, modification of the relationship between public and private spheres, and current trends in the management of change and supervision of a diverse workforce.

POLS 4215. Management of Nonprofit. (3 Credits)

Management of Nonprofit Organizations Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course is designed to explore the theoretical principles and practical applications of management for charities and/or nonprofit organizations. The underlying thesis of this course is that by understanding fundamental principles such as developing effective mission and objective statements, marketing and accounting strategies, nonprofits can become more effective and responsive to their constituencies needs. Thus, students will be provided an opportunity to examine critical issues of management faced by leaders in nonprofit organizations.

POLS 4217. Grant Writing for Nonprofit. (3 Credits)

Grant Writing for Nonprofit Organizations Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course introduces students to the world of grant-writing and management, and provides an opportunity to experience writing actual grants. Students will learn the process of identifying prospective funders, developing relationship with funders, understanding the basics of writing grants, submitting proposals, working as a collaborative, and preparing for the follow up. Students will apply course learning to write and prepare actual grant proposals.

POLS 4218. Proj Mgmt in the Public Sector. (3 Credits)

Project Management in the Public Sector Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course will discuss the theory, principles, tools, and techniques necessary to build a solid project management foundation. The Project Management Institutes (PMI) standards for project management will be emphasized throughout the course.

POLS 4219. Public Human Resource Mgmt. (3 Credits)

Public Human Resources Management Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course will examine the processes, policies, procedures and laws concerning public personnel. It will also cover the issues of employee protection, motivation, efficiency and responsibility.

POLS 4220. Administrative Law & Governmen. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) This course introduces the student to the relationship between Administrative Law and American Government as well as the ethics and challenges inherent in Administrative Law decision making. It is designed for undergraduates who are interested in public administration and public policy. While the course reviews and discusses the cases that form the basis of administrative law, the focus is on the understanding and application of principles rather than case law.

POLS 4221. Gov't Org & Admin Theory. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours: (3-0-3) A systematic analysis of theories of organization, management, and administration. Special consideration will be given to institutional, behavioral, and psychological factors.

POLS 4470. Alternative Dispute Resolution. (3 Credits)

Alternative Dispute Resolution Prerequisite: POLS 1101 Credit Hours:
(3-0-3) This course offers a survey of theories and methods related to alternative dispute resolution and conflict management through lecture, discussion, and experiential activities. Emphasis will be placed on interpersonal conflict and mediation skills.