

# HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

History, Political Science & Interdisciplinary Studies offers three majors at the baccalaureate level, one in the area of history, one in the area of political science, and one interdisciplinary studies. The majors in history and political science are designed to prepare researchers for graduate work, government service, or industry. A student who majors in history or political science must complete a minimum of 48 semester hour courses beginning at the 2000 level.

## History and Political Science Minors

Minor programs are offered in History, Political Science, Pre-Law, International Affairs, Public Administration, and African/African-American Studies. Each minor program consists of 18 semester hours beyond the core requirements. The programs prepare students for professional careers and advanced study in History, Political Science, Law, and Public and Private Sector Administration. Internship experiences in Political Science and Public Administration are available.

## Pre-Law Program

An excellent Pre-Law Program that is grounded in the tradition of a sound liberal arts education is an available option. Our Pre-Law advisors are experienced in guiding students in course selection and providing pertinent information about law schools of the Law Admission Council. There is a non-credit tutorial program that offers instruction in preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT preparation course utilizes lectures, discussions and in-class exercises of past questions. Participation is open to all students.

The requirements for entrance to law school can be satisfied in one of several majors. Two, three or four years in a B.A. or B.S. degree can comprise the pre-law program.

Interested students should select a degree program and electives that will help them to attain the following objectives:

- Fluency in written and spoken English;
- The ability to read difficult material with rapidity and comprehension;
- A solid background in American history and government;
- A broad basic education in social and cultural areas;
- A fundamental understanding of business, including basic account procedures; and
- The ability to reason logically.

## Programs in the Department of History, Political Science, and Interdisciplinary Studies

- Degree information for the Associate of Arts in Core Curriculum with a History Transfer Pathway (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/>)
- Degree information for the Associate of Arts in Core Curriculum with an Interdisciplinary Studies Transfer Pathway (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/>)

- Degree information for the Associate of Arts in Core Curriculum with an Organizational Leadership Transfer Pathway (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/>)
- Degree information for the Associate of Arts in Core Curriculum with a Political Science Transfer Pathway (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/>)

## A

- African American Studies, Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/african-american-studies-minor/>)

## H

- History, Bachelor of Arts (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/history-ba/>)
- History, Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/history-minor/>)

## I

- Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-ba/>)
- International Affairs Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/international-affairs-minor/>)

## O

- Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Science (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/organizational-leadership-bachelor-science/>)

## P

- Political Science, Bachelor of Arts (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/political-science-ba/>)
- Political Science, Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/political-science-minor/>)
- Pre-Law, Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/pre-law-minor/>)
- Public Administration, Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-political-science-interdisciplinary-studies/public-administration-minor/>)

### HIST 1002. Introduction to the African Diaspora. (2 Credits)

A study of the peoples and cultures of African descent throughout the African Diaspora, especially in Africa, the Caribbean, South America and the United States. Emphasis on the political, social and cultural institutions that have contributed to the development of African Diaspora peoples and cultures. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### HIST 1111. Survey of World History I. (3 Credits)

A survey of World History to early modern times. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**HIST 1111H. Honors World History I. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the development and diffusion of civilization from the origin of humanity/humankind in Africa and ancient times to the end of the sixteenth century. This course is offered with a view of creating an understanding and appreciation for the economic, social, cultural and political foundation of western civilization in the ancient, medieval and early modern periods. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**HIST 1112. Survey of World History II. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the development and diffusion of civilization from the origin of humanity/humankind in Africa and ancient times to the end of the sixteenth century. This course is offered with a view of creating an understanding and appreciation for the economic, social, cultural and political foundation of western civilization in the ancient, medieval and early modern periods. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**HIST 1112H. Honors World History II. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the development and diffusion of civilization from the origin of humanity/humankind in Africa and ancient times to the end of the sixteenth century. This course is offered with a view of creating an understanding and appreciation for the economic, social, cultural and political foundation of western civilization in the ancient, medieval and early modern periods. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**HIST 2111. Survey of American History I. (3 Credits)**

A survey of American History to the post-Civil War period. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**HIST 2112. Survey of American History II. (3 Credits)**

A survey of American History from the post-Civil War period to the present. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**HIST 2113. Minorities in America. (3 Credits)**

A survey of selected minority groups and their contributions in the development of the United States. Offered: Fall.

**HIST 2115. African American History. (3 Credits)**

A survey of African-American history beginning with the African background and moving through the 20th century to the present. Offered: Spring.

**HIST 2116. American Military History. (3 Credits)**

A survey of American Military History from the Revolutionary War to the present. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 2117. Intro to Public History. (3 Credits)**

A lecture and practical experience course for the history major or other student who wishes to learn about the field of public history. The course will be conducted in the classroom, with a component of Web-based study, and in area museums and related public history sites. Major topics of study will include archives and archival procedures, museums and museum operations, historic preservation, National Register criteria, historic interpretation, oral history, and local and family history. This course will give students the opportunity to explore a field of history beyond the traditional realms teaching and publishing. As the area of public history is currently expanding, it may provide career opportunities for students who have an interest in history but who do not wish to follow the traditional paths of teaching in secondary schools or institutions of higher learning. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3205. History of Islamic Cultures. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): junior, senior. An evaluation of the emergence of Islam as a religious force in the seventh century. A review of the social, economic and political histories of the lands stretching from India to Spain which converted to Islam between the eighth and twentieth centuries. \*Can apply to European or Non-Western History sections. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 3206. Slavery in Ancient and Modern Worlds. (3 Credits)**

A study of slavery-the practices, the process, and the slave trade- from the time of Neolithic man through the current epidemics of slavery in Africa and Asia. A narrative approach will trace the practice through cultures – Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Chinese, Indian, Persian, Roman, Viking, Native American, Arabic, African, etc. – and make reference to the part slavery played in the economic development of the world's cultures and societies. Particular attention will be paid to the survival of slavery in the post-emancipation era of the 1800s and its dramatic resurgence in the 20th and 21st centuries. This course will give students the opportunity to place the American slave and emancipation experience in the broader context of slavery throughout the world, and alert them to the continued existence and growth of the practice in regions of the modern world. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3301. Historical Methods. (3 Credits)**

This course engages students with the wide variety of recent approaches used to study the past. The books and essays we will read have all made significant contributions to the field of history as a whole, and will cover as wide a methodological, geographical, and chronological field as possible in the span of one semester. The course explores how historians conceive of their object of study, how they use primary sources as a basis for their accounts, and how they structure the narrative and analytic discussion of their topic. We will also discuss and debate the advantages and drawbacks of each of these various approaches, and ultimately, the strengths and weaknesses of their arguments. Offered: Fall.

**HIST 3302. Historical Methods II. (3 Credits)**

Problems of oral history, documenting, photograph assessment and primary evidence research Required of all history majors.

**HIST 3403. History of Georgia. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the political, social and economic history of Georgia from colonial times to the present. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**HIST 3404. Diplomatic History of the United States. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the development of American foreign policy and diplomatic crises involving the United States and foreign nations from the birth of the Republic down to the 20th Century. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3405. Civil War and Reconstruction. (3 Credits)**

An analysis of the origins of the Civil War, the War itself and the Reconstruction Period. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 3406. Directed Reading in European History. (3 Credits)**

A readings course for the history major or for any other student who wishes to improve his/her historical knowledge in any era of European history. The course can be conducted as a seminar class or biweekly appointments between the professor and the student. The course will be supervised by the ASU professor who normally teaches courses in European history. This course is designed to improve the student's thinking and writing skills by having him/her actually "read" history. For history and pre-law majors, it will be an essential background for the self-direction and first-rate reading comprehension needed in both graduate school and law school. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3408. Directed Reading in Non-Western History. (3 Credits)**

A readings course for the history major or for any other students who wishes to improve his/her historical knowledge in any era of non-Western (most especially African, Latin American, and East Asian) history. The course can be conducted as a seminar class or by weekly appointments between the professor and the student. The course will be supervised by the ASU professor who normally teaches courses in non-Western history. This course is designed to improve the student's thinking and writing skills by having him/her actually "read" history. For history and pre-law majors, it will be an essential background for the self-direction and first rate reading comprehension needed in both graduate school and law school. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3510. Classical History. (3 Credits)**

A social, and political history of Greece and Rome. This course will focus on the birth of western civilization, democracy, philosophy, history, and drama in Greece and will also deal with the emergence of international law, political institutions, and science within the roman republic and empire. This course will also focus on the birth of Christianity in the Roman empire and the transmutation of western civilization in the states of barbarian Europe of the fifth century. This course will complete a set of three courses (the other two being HIST 3518 and HIST 3519), which treat the development of western Europe from ancient time through the fall of Rome. All of these courses will apply to the Europe concentration. This course will perfect the student's skill as an investigator and historian by forcing he/she to choose a certain topic in Greek or Roman history and thoroughly research them both; papers and examinations. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 3513. Modern Europe. (3 Credits)**

Catalog Description: This course is a comprehensive look at the development of Modern Europe, from the French Revolution to the present. It will deal with political, economic, cultural, and social history in this time frame. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3514. English History I. (3 Credits)**

Traces the development of England from ancient times through the Stuart dynasty. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3515. English History II. (3 Credits)**

A study of England from the Stuart dynasty to the present.

**HIST 3516. The Intellectual Tradition of Modern Europe. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the intellectual tradition of Modern Europe from the Scientific Revolution of the seventeenth and eighteenth century to the emergence of post-modernism in the twenty-first century. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3518. The European Middle Ages. (3 Credits)**

A survey of Europe from the fall of the western Roman empire to the fall of the Byzantine empire in the fifteenth century. This course focuses on the religious, political, cultural and economic development of Western Europe. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3519. The Age of European Renaissance, Reformation and Reconnaissance. (3 Credits)**

The history of Europe from 1453 to 1648 with emphasis on the religious, political, cultural, and intellectual developments which underpinned the changes in early modern European life. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3520. Diplomacy/Internat'l Relations. (3 Credits)**

This course is the study of Diplomacy and International Relations in Europe from the Renaissance to the end of the 20th century. It begins with the foundations of diplomacy, including power, who makes policy decisions for states, and the development of the system based on a balance of power. It then moves through European history to chart the major changes in the practice of diplomacy and international relations. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3630. Spanish History. (3 Credits)**

A social, economic, and political history of the peoples of the Iberian Peninsula which will focus on the emergence of celiberian civilization, Roman, Visigothic, Muslim, and Christian Spain. This course will thoroughly discuss the era of the Siglo de Oro (sixteenth century), that of the "decline of Spain" (seventeenth and eighteenth centuries), the birth of modern Spain (nineteenth century), and the destruction and rebirth of the modern Spanish state (twentieth century). This course will complete a set of two courses (the other one being HIST 3631) which treat the development of the Spanish state and it American empire and will serve as the history components of the Latin American certificate. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3631. History of Latin America. (3 Credits)**

A study of the exploration and colonization of Latin America, the record of the struggle for independence, and the establishment and growth of the independent states in this section of the Western Hemisphere. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 3632. History of Russia. (3 Credits)**

A survey of Russia from the Kievan and Muscovite periods through the Soviet era, the 19th Century revolutionary movement, the Revolutions of 1905 and 1917, and the establishment and the development of Soviet Russia under Lenin and Stalin. \*Can apply to European or Non-Western History sections. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 3633. The Revolution in Modern History. (3 Credits)**

Examines the origins, spread, and consequences of the revolutionary experience in select countries during modern times. \*Can apply to American, European or Non-Western History sections. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 4301. Senior Seminar. (3 Credits)**

This course is the culmination of academic work as a history major. The course is divided into three main parts: (1) researching and writing the senior paper under the guidance of a faculty member who will act as advisor; (2) participating in in the departmental seminar series; and (3) making an oral presentation of the research before the departmental faculty, students, friends, and family at the end of the semester. Offered: Spring.

**HIST 4302. Senior Seminar II. (3 Credits)**

Culminating experience in the History Program. Students engage in individual research or an original endeavor on a problem or a project of special interest. Qualified history majors shall enroll for two consecutive semesters during which time they shall develop and defend a research paper. Required of all history majors.

**HIST 4402. Directed Readings in American History. (3 Credits)**

A readings course for the history major or for any other student who wishes to improve his/her historical knowledge in any era of American history. The course can be conducted as a seminar class or bi-weekly appointments between the professor and the student. The course will be supervised by the ASU professor who normally teaches courses in American history. This course is designed to improve the student's thinking and writing skills by having him/her actually "read" history. For history and pre-law majors, it will be an essential background for the self-direction and first-rate reading comprehension needed in both graduate school and law school. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 4403. The Afro-Americans in America Thought. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the Afro-American's impact upon the intellectual history of the United States. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 4404. The History of the South. (3 Credits)**

Institutional approach to the political, economic and social development of the region, and a critical analysis of conditions, problems and trends of the South, with some attention on History of Georgia. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 4405. Contemporary America, 1945-Present. (3 Credits)**

A study of major forces-political, social and economic that have molded contemporary America. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 4406. The Civil Rights Era. (3 Credits)**

A senior level course in the development and progress of the civil rights struggle in the era after World War II. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**HIST 4611. Studies in African History. (3 Credits)**

An interdisciplinary survey of African civilization, with emphasis on modern Africa. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**HIST 4612. Studies in African Diaspora. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the origin of African cultural, economic, and political institutions. Examines the origin and operation of the Atlantic Slave Trade, as well as compares and analyzes chattel slavery in various New World societies. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**HIST 4613. East Asian History. (3 Credits)**

Study primarily of China and Japan from ancient times to the present. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 4614. Race/Politics in U.S.. & The Caribbean. (3 Credits)**

This course is a comparative study of the economic, social, political, cultural, and artistic experiences of people of African descent, in the United States and the Caribbean as they fought to acquire civil rights and political independence from the oppressive political systems in which they lived from the 1900 to the 1970s. Emphasis will be placed on the politics of emancipation, and the establishment of civil rights organizations in the U.S., slavery and emancipation in the Caribbean, and the birth of Caribbean independence movements. Attention will also be given to Pan-African linkage between Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States. \*Can apply to American or Non-Western History sections. Offered: As Needed .

**HIST 4814. Women/Politics Cross Culturally. (3 Credits)**

A survey of women and politics globally from a cross-cultural perspective the course offers a comparative, historical overview of the field of women and politics. Offered: As Needed.

**HIST 4815. Intro to Global Terrorism. (3 Credits)**

This course traces the historical development and evolution of terrorism globally through time, with emphasis on the present. This course pertinent at this time, especially since 9/11, because terrorism is fast becoming a part of our everyday lives.

**HIST 4820. Special Topics in History. (3 Credits)**

This course is aimed at alerting students not only to the current events that occupy the attention of world leaders, but also to the complex interplay of historic, cultural, environmental, economic, and political factors that account for global upheavals, harmonies, and apprehensions. The transitory nature of the world - marked by the break-up of the former Soviet Union, the systematic diminution of state sovereignty, globalization, narco-trafficking, terrorism, and the AIDS pandemic - makes these exciting times to study politics. This course is deliberately designed to challenge students to develop critical reading, analytical thinking, and moral reasoning. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 1101. American Government. (3 Credits)**

The course is an introduction to essentials of national government in the United States including modules on political institutions, elections, and political culture. The course also includes a module on the Georgia State government. This course satisfies the legislative requirement for U.S. History, U.S. Constitution, Georgia History, and Georgia Constitution. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**POLS 1101H. Honors American Government. (3 Credits)**

An introductory course covering the essentials of national government in the United States. This course gives some attention to the State of Georgia and satisfies the state law requiring an examination of United States history and Constitution. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 1105. Current World Problems. (2 Credits)**

An introduction to the political issues that transcend national boundaries such as the environment, population, immigration, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, religion, natural resources, etc. Prerequisite: READ 0099, ENGL 0989 or satisfactory English scores to place into co-requisite remediation or higher. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**POLS 2101. Introduction to Political Science. (3 Credits)**

A survey of different areas of political science, basic concepts and approaches to the study of Political Science, the nature of the state, government and law in society. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**POLS 2102. Introduction to Law. (3 Credits)**

Introduction to the nature of the law; legal mechanisms and judicial processes underlying American jurisprudence. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 2104. Introduction to Globalization. (3 Credits)**

As we enter the second decade of the twenty-first century, the world in which we live is defined by two intertwined trends; constant rapid change, and interdependence between different parts of the world. Due to the continuous rapid developments of technologies in trade, travel, and communications, the world is now a global village in which boundaries are shrinking and interconnections are expanding. With this globalization comes the necessity for literacy about other societies, cultures, and countries and the common issues faced by the global community. To introduce students to the high-velocity, geopolitical border permeable, interconnected world that is blurring the lines of social, political, economic and cultural boundaries. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 2105. Introduction to Professional Legal Writing. (3 Credits)**

This course explores writing methods appropriate to the legal profession. It emphasizes critical reading, logical thinking, cogent analysis and argument, and clear, exact language. Introduction to Professional Legal Writing is not designed to teach substantive law, rather, the course provides an opportunity to develop skills in expository and argumentative writing. Students will develop strong legal writing skills including precision and clarity, legal citation and format, drafting of law office and trial memoranda, trial court briefs, appellate briefs, and abstracting depositions. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 2106. Introduction to Legal Research. (3 Credits)**

This course provides students with a practical understanding of the types of legal authority, including how to access and use them in print and online formats. Advantages and disadvantages of online and print resources will be covered as each type of authority is discussed. Methods for making research more efficient will also be discussed. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 2201. American State & Local Govt. (3 Credits)**

Organization, structure, and operation of American state and local governments, with Georgia used as a basis for study. Prerequisite: POLS 1101 with a grade of "C" or better. Offered: As Needed .

**POLS 2301. Intro. to Comparative Politics. (3 Credits)**

A comparative survey of the politics and structure of government in major nation-states. Prerequisite: POLS 1101 with a grade of "C" or better. Offered: As Needed .

**POLS 2401. Introduction to Global Issues. (3 Credits)**

An overview of the structure and processes of the international political-economic system, including topics such as economic and social interdependence, international trade, war and power, oil politics, green politics and the problems associated with developing countries. Prerequisite: POLS 1101 with a grade of "C" or better. Offered: As Needed.

**POLS 3201. Public Policy. (3 Credits)**

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. Offered: Spring, Summer .

**POLS 3511. Comparative Government. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior A survey of political structures, institutions, and ideologies of major governmental systems. This course also analyzes the decision-making processes, political conflicts and change, and group interactions. Theories and basic concepts that political scientists use in comparative analysis. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 3600. Intro to Public Administration. (3 Credits)**

A focus on the study of public administration processes and underlying theories within American government structures. Emphasis is on the pragmatic aspects of current government leadership and public agency management. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 3601. Political Science Methods II. (3 Credits)**

This course helps students understand the process and components of research methods in social sciences, especially in political science. It covers topics such as empirical research, research questions, hypotheses, research design, data collection, data analysis, and ethical issues in conducting research. It focuses on practical examples and skills by which students can develop, design, and conduct empirical research. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3602. State and Local Government. (3 Credits)**

A study of the forms and structures of state and local government, the formal and informal political and administrative processes of state legislatures, municipal chambers, and judicial bodies. This course also addresses social, community, economic, and political issues that are relevant to both types of government. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3609. American Foreign Policy. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. An analysis of the formulation and execution of American Foreign Policy, its purposes and trends. This course covers historical backgrounds, economic and political factors, domestic and international determinants, and major contemporary problems in American Foreign Policy. It also examines the roles of the major institutions such as the presidency, congress, and the media in the policy making process. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3610. Public Admin & Policy Form. (3 Credits)**

Development of desktop publishing concepts and their application to the modern office. Basic, intermediate, and advanced features of a variety of application programs for page design will be used to create various business-related documents. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3611. Urban Politics. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Study of urban political processes concentrating on the problems of government and administration of cities, as well as key issues of public policy in the urban arena. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3612. African-American Politics. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. This course addresses the historic and contemporary roles that African Americans have played in the American political process from 1865 to the present. Designed to provide a holistic approach, this course explores the impact of slavery, political, social and economic movements, as well as the impact of key leaders in the civil rights movement and landmark legal decisions. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3614. The Presidency. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Nature and problems of presidential leadership, including the historical evolution of the office, contemporary power, and relationships with other institutions and agencies of government. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3616. Political Parties/Pressure Group. (3 Credits)**

History, organization and functioning of American political parties and pressure groups, with emphasis upon their roles in the formation of public policy. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3617. The Legislative Process. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Introduces the elements of the legislative process, the role and behavior of lawmaking officials and interest groups with which they interact in the process of making law at the national and state levels. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 3618. Elections & Electoral Behavior. (3 Credits)**

Considers elections, electioneering in the American democratic process and current research on American electoral behavior. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3701. Judicial Process. (3 Credits)**

Nature of the judicial process in the United States with special emphasis on the functions of the courts and court personnel in the pursuit of justice. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 3702. American Constitutional History. (3 Credits)**

Study of judicial interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, through the review of selected decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3703. Constitutional Law I. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Federal system in Constitutional law. Uses a case by case approach to uncover the meaning and dimension of federalism. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3704. Constitutional Law II. (3 Credits)**

Focus is on the Constitution and the individual. Treats basic rights of the individual in the Bill of Rights, the 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments, using a case by case approach. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 3705. Trial Advocacy. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. A hands-on participatory course designed to introduce students to the planning, analysis and strategy in presenting civil and criminal litigation at the trial stage. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3708. Civil Rights & Minorities. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Constitutional rights as they pertain to minorities in American society, through a case-by-case approach. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3813. Public Administration. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Introduction to the basic theories of the administration of the public's business. Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 3815. Municipal Government. (3 Credits)**

Forms and structures of municipal governments in America and the problems of administering the delivery of services to citizens. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4200. Principles of Public Admin. (3 Credits)**

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4202. Interorganizational Behavior. (3 Credits)**

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. Offered: Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4204. Public Finance. (3 Credits)**

A study of the equity and economic effects of government spending programs, taxes, and debt. The course is primarily applied microeconomics. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4210. Public Management. (3 Credits)**

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 work force. Offered: Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4215. Mgmt of Non-profit Orgs. (3 Credits)**

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 objectives statements, fundraising, marketing and accounting strategies, nonprofits can become more effective and responsive to their constituency's needs. The course will include a field research component. Offered: Fall, Summer .

**POLS 4217. Grant Writing Nonprofit Orgs. (3 Credits)**

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 relationships 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. Offered: Fall, Summer.

**POLS 4218. Project Mgmt in Public Sect.. (3 Credits)**

This course will discuss the theory, principles, tools, and techniques necessary to build a solid project management foundation. The Project Management Institute's (PMI) standards for project management will be emphasized throughout the course. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

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

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4220. Administrative Law and Government. (3 Credits)**

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. Whiel 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. Offered: Fall.

**POLS 4221. Gov. Org and Admin Theory. (3 Credits)**

A systematic analysis of theories or organization, management, and administration. Special consideration will be given to institutional, behavioral, and psychological factors. Offered: Spring, Summer .

**POLS 4371. Research Methods I. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Two-part course provided as enrichment experience for senior level students. Structured to provide enrichment on two levels-extension of methodology for studying political behavior and substantive knowledge about the political system. Particular emphasis will be on the experience of planning and executing research projects. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4372. Research Methods II. (3 Credits)**

Two-part course provided as enrichment experience for senior level students. Structured to provide enrichment on two levels- extension of methodology for studying political behavior and substantive knowledge about the political system. Particular emphasis will be on the experience of planning and executing research projects. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4401. History of Political Thought. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior. Senior. This Course explores the philosophies of such men as Plato, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Marx, and Hegel. Focus will be on the assumptions that each thinker makes about human nature and the vision of a good society that flows from those assumptions. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4512. Politics and Institutions in Developing Countries. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s) Junior, Senior. An examination of the institutions and political processes in developing countries, with an emphasis on the economic, cultural, and political trends in these states. Problems arising in transitions from traditional to modern industrial state will be examined. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4513. Issues in Global Politics. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s) Junior, Senior. An examination of the institutions and political processes in developing countries, with an emphasis on the economic, cultural, and political trends in these states. Problems arising in transitions from traditional to modern industrial state will be examined. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4514. International Relations. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. The historical and analytical study of basic concepts and theories of International Relations, such as realism, idealism, pluralism, and globalism. This course also focuses on the study of the diplomatic, ideological and imperialistic rivalries in the contest for world power. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4515. International Organizations. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. A study of national and international organizations utilized in the conduct and regulation of international transactions and their procedures. Emphasis is placed on a critical survey of the major themes, ideas and trends of international organizations. Special attention will be paid to the United Nations and related organizations. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4600. Govt Org & Admin Theory. (3 Credits)**

A systematic analysis of theories of organization, management, and administration. Special consideration will be given to institutional, behavioral, and psychological factors. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4610. Public Personnel Admin. (3 Credits)**

An examination of procedures and problems of governmental personnel administration. Studies of governmental agencies are encouraged to give students first-hand knowledge of governmental personnel administration. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4619. Legislative Internship. (9 Credits)**

Albany State is one of several university system schools to participate in the legislative internship program that allows students to serve as interns with members of the Georgia General Assembly during the legislative session (usually Jan to the 1st of April). Most schools converted to a 9 hour credit (15 hours under the quarter system) during the semester conversion. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4620. Public Finance Admin.. (3 Credits)**

A study of the activities involved in the collection, custody, and expenditure of public revenue, such as the assessment and collection of taxes, public borrowing and debt administration, the preparation and enactment of the budget, financial accountability and the audit. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4650. Intergovernmental Relations. (3 Credits)**

A study of federal, state, and local governmental interactions, with an emphasis on the implications of these interactions for public management. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 4814. Theory & Practice of Public Administration. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Study of organizational theory, bureaucratic behavior, administrative structures, process, and planning. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4816. Model United Nations. (3 Credits)**

Designed to provide an orientation to the activities of the United Nations, as well as provide an understanding of the modalities of international diplomacy. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 4817. Politics of Globalization. (3 Credits)**

A critical analysis of the trends and contradictions that produce increasing interconnectedness of economics, cultures, and peoples in today's "borderless world." Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4818. Public Administration Internship. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Independent study course utilizing the service-learning experiences as a basis for intensive study of public administration and the political process. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4819. International Political Economics. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. This course focuses on the social, political, and economic arrangements affecting the global systems of production, exchange, and distribution of goods and services. The course also seeks to examine the dynamic interactions between market and state, and how they are impacted by ideology, culture, and values. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**POLS 4820. Area Studies of Africa, Caribbean, Eastern Europe & Latin America. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. This Area Studies course explores the historical, cultural, political, and economic factors that underscore the relations of African states, the Caribbean states, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. The course also examines the systemic obstacles that mitigate against a more sustainable interface of these nation-states as a result of their insertion into the world system. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4821. International Internship/Seminar. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. This course deals with experimental education through work-study, field research, and study abroad for students. Participants will work side by side with experienced professionals in the international area. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4822. Politics & Culture of Developing World. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. The course will focus on the study of politics and cultures of all developing economies and will be organized around the theme that globalization is accelerating change in developing countries. Students will also be exposed to the theories of dependence and interdependence. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4823. International Relations of Sub-Saharan Africa. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. This course focuses on the relations of sub-Saharan Africa, and other nation-states and non-state actors in the international system. Considerable attention is given to the foreign policies of sub Saharan African states as well as key social, economic, and political issues shaping the international relations of African states. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**POLS 4824. Political Economy of African and the Caribbean. (3 Credits)**

Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Aimed at bridging politics and economics, this course explores the historical evolution of the economics of African and the Caribbean states and the constraints and strategies of economic growth following political independence. The course also provides a critical review of the global economic system with the view to charting a road map to political stability, sustainable economic development, and social equity in that region.

**POLS 4826. Special Topics in Political Science. (3 Credits)**

This course is aimed at alerting students not only to the current events that occupy the attention of world leaders, but also to the complex interplay of historic, cultural, environmental, economic, and political factors that account for global upheavals, harmonies, and apprehensions. The transitory nature of the world - marked by the break-up of the former Soviet Union, the systematic diminution of state sovereignty, globalization, narco-trafficking, terrorism, and the AIDS pandemic - makes these exciting times to study politics. This course is deliberately designed to challenge students to develop critical reading, analytical thinking, and moral reasoning.

**POLS 4860. Public Relations in PA. (3 Credits)**

Selected topics of political and current interest in public administration. The course may be repeated for credit if topics are different. Offered: As Needed.