## POLITICAL SCIENCE

**POLS 1101 - U.S. and Georgia Government.......3.00 Credits** Introductory course which satisfies the general education requirement in American Government. It also address the state legislative requirement which dictates that students demonstrate proficiency in understanding the constitutions, principles and institutions of the United States and the State of Georgia.

**POLS 2101 - Intro to Political Science .................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: P0LS 1101*

**POLS 2102 - Introduction to Law.........................3.00 Credits** Introduction to the nature of the law; legal mechanisms and judicial processes underlying American jurisprudence.

*Prerequisite: POLS 2101*

**POLS 2104 - Introduction to Globalization.........3.00 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.

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the high-velocity, geopolitical border permeable, interconnected world that is blurring the lines of social, political, economic, and cultural boundaries.

*Prerequisite:ENGL 1101, 1102 and POLS 1101*

**POLS 2105 - Introduction to Professional Legal**

**Writing……………………………………………...3.00 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..

*Prerequisite: ENGL 1101, 1102 and POLS 1101*

**POLS 2106 - Introduction to Legal Research.......3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: ENGL 1101, 1102 and POLS 1101*

**POLS 3511 - Comparative Government...............3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3601 - State and Local Government ..........3.00 Credits** Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. 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 governments.

**POLS 3609 - American Foreign Policy .................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3611 - Urban Politics ...................................3.00 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.

**POLS 3612 - African-American Politics...............3.00 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

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3614 - The Presidency .................................3.00 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.

**POLS 3616 - Political Parties/Pressure Group ...3.00 Credits** History, organization and functioning of American political parties and pressure groups, with emphasis upon their roles in the formation of public policy.

*Prerequisites: ( POLS 1101 or PSC 201 )*

**POLS 3617 - The Legislative Process ...................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3618 - Elections & Electoral Behavior ......3.00 Credits** Considers elections, electioneering in the American democratic process and current research on American electoral behavior. *Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3701 - Judicial Process ................................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101, POLS 2102 or permission of instructor*

**POLS 3702 - American Constitutional History ...3.00 Credits** Study of judicial interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, through the review of selected decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 (for history and political science majors)*

**POLS 3703 - Constitutional Law I........................3.00 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.

**POLS 3704 - Constitutional Law II ......................3.00 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.

**POLS 3705 - Trial Advocacy..................................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2102 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 3708 - Civil Rights and Minorities.............3.00 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.

**POLS 3813 - Public Administration ...................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite(s): ( POLS 1101 or PSC 201 )*

**POLS 3815 - Municipal Government .................3.00 Credits** Forms and structures of municipal governments in America and the problems of administering the delivery of services to citizens. *Prerequisite: POLS 1101 and 3601 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4371 - Research Methods I .........................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 2101, POLS 3301 and SSCI 2402 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4372 - Research Methods II........................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 2101, POLS 4371 and SSCI 2402 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4401 - History of Political Thought ...........3.00 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. *Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4512 - Politics & Institutions**

**in Developing Countries..........................................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101, or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4513 - Issues in Global Politics...................3.00 Credits** Treats selected current global political issues that impact upon the international community and with which students should be able to live and work in the twenty-first century.

*Prerequisite: P0LS 1101*

**POLS 4514 - International Relations....................3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4515 - International Organizations ...........3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4619 - Legislative Internship ......................9.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 3617 or permission of*

**POLS 4814 - Theory & Practice**

**of Pub Administration .............................................3.00 Credits** Must be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Junior, Senior. Study of organizational theory, bureaucratic behavior, administrative structures, process, and planning.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 and POLS 3813 or permission of*

*instructor.*

**POLS 4816 - Model United Nations......................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4817 - Politics of Globalization ..................3.00 Credits** A critical analysis of the trends and contradictions that produce increasing interconnectedness of economics, cultures, and peoples in today's "borderless world."

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4818 - Pub Administration Internship ......3.00 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.

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 3813 or permission of instructor.*

**POLS 4819 - International Political Economy.....3.00 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.

**POLS 4820 - Area Studies of Africa, Caribbean,**

**Eastern Europe & Latin America ..........................3.00 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.

**POLS 4821 - International Internship/Seminar ..3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor*

**POLS 4822 - Politics & Culture**

**of Developing World ................................................3.00 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

*Prerequisites: POLS 1101 and POLS 2101 or permission of the instructor.*

**POLS 4823 - Int'l Relations of**

**Sub-Saharan Africa .................................................3.00 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.

*Prerequisite: POLS 1101 or permission of instructor*

**POLS 4824 - Political Economy of African**

**and the Caribbean ...................................................3.00 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...3.00 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.

Pr*erequisite: POLS 2101 or permission of instructor. Must be enrolled as Junior or Senior*