

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
POLS 1101  
Summer Session I: 2021**

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**Note:** This course is meeting face-to-face. There is no synchronous or asynchronous online instruction associated with this course. Translation: If you sign up for this course the expectation is that you will physically attend class.  
**Classroom:** Psychology-Journalism N106

**Required Texts:**

- *The Logic of American Politics, 10<sup>th</sup> ed.* [K,J,K,&V] [ISBN: 978-1-0718-1597-7] (Available at UGA Bookstore or E-Book Version available at: <http://store.vitalsource.com> or <https://www.redshelf.com>)
- *U.S. Constitution* [C] (Appendix 3 in K,J,K,&V)
- Other readings will be made available electronically on the course website.

**Course Overview:**

Students will gain a more complete understanding of the basic organization and functions of the United States and Georgia governments through a series of assigned readings and lectures. Emphasis will be placed on learning basic concepts and ideas concerning how our government actually works (or fails to work). After successfully completing this course you will hopefully be able to comprehend, and meaningfully participate in, the American political process.

**Course Requirements:**

You are expected to take all three of the regularly scheduled exams as well as the final. The grade earned on the final exam, in addition to counting for the assigned 25% of a student's grade, may also be substituted for the lowest grade earned from Exams 1-3. In the event that a student misses one of the exams scheduled during the semester (Exams 1-3), the normal procedure will be to substitute the final exam grade (Exam 4) for the missed exam. Students must take Exam 4. Make-up exams are not given. While attendance is not required, it should be noted that regular attendance is crucial for success in this class. Lectures will not be posted online.

**Grading Procedure:**

Your course grade will be based on the following distribution:

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Exam 3	25%
Exam 4	25%

Grading Scale:

<60: F; 60-69: D; 70-72: C-; 73-76: C; 77-79: C+; 80-82: B-; 83-86: B; 87-89: B+; 90-92: A-; 93-100: A

**Course Outline:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Required Readings:</b>
6/11	The Purpose of Government	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 1
6/14	The U.S. and Georgia Constitutions	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 2; C, Articles V & VII
6/15	Federalism	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 3; C, Article VI; Article I, Section 8; 10th and 14th Amends.
6/16	<b>Exam 1</b>	
6/17	Public Opinion	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 10
6/18	The Role of the Media	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 14
6/21	Political Parties	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 12
6/22	Focus on the Media: <i>Journeys with George</i>	Discussion Following
6/23	<b>Exam 2</b>	
6/24	Elections and Political Participation <b>Midpoint Withdraw Deadline</b>	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 11; C, 15 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , & 26 <sup>th</sup> Amends.
6/25	Interest Groups	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 13
6/28	Legislatures—U.S./Georgia	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 6; C, Article I
6/29	<b>Exam 3</b>	
6/30	The Executive—The President/The Georgia Governor	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 7; C Article II; 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Amends.
7/1	Presidential Primaries and Elections	Electronic Readings (posted on website); C, Article II, Section 1; 12 <sup>th</sup> Amend.
7/2	The Bureaucracy	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 8
7/5	<b>Holiday: No Class</b>	
7/6	The Judicial Branch—U.S./Georgia	K,J,K,&V, Ch. 9; C, Article III
7/7	Focus on Presidential Elections: <i>By the People</i>	Discussion Following
7/8	<b>Last Class; Exam Review</b>	
7/9	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> (Exam 4); 9:15-10:45 am	