POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government
Class Time:  T/TH 2:20pm – 3:10pm
Classroom:  Instructional Plaza S106
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Course Prerequisites: None

Breakout Session Schedule:

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I. Course Description:
This course is a college level introduction to government and politics. The primary goal of this course is to introduce students to the scientific study of politics using the United States and Georgia as the primary examples. To this end the course is designed to provide students with an historical and conceptual background of government and politics as well as a scientific perspective for understanding the relationships between different levels and branches of government, the operation of these political institutions, and how citizens interact with government in the United States and the state of Georgia. While much of this course focuses on governing and political institutions at the federal level and the State of Georgia perhaps the most important lessons will cover the role you, as a citizen or resident, play in the shaping of these institutions and the outcomes we observe in American politics.

By the end of this course you should:

1) Understand the constitutional foundations of United States (U.S.) government as well as the and how the Constitution sets the stage for political activity in the U.S and Georgia.
2) Identify the different government institutions in the U.S., explain how they interact with each other and The People and how these interactions have changed over time.
3) Understand the institutional arrangements and powers of the government of The State of Georgia.
4) Reconcile the opinions of the public and conduct of our elections with the governing actions taken by our representatives in government at both the federal level and in The State of Georgia.
5) Evaluate the performance of one of your representatives in government and offer a strategic policy recommendation.
6) Understand how our humanity influences democratic politics in the U.S., Georgia, and around the world.

II. Course Requirements and Graded Evaluation

(2.1) Required Texts
Connect Master: American Government*
ISBN: 97812604844601

Bullock, Charles and Ronald Gaddie. Georgia Politics in a State of Change (2nd edition).**
ISBN: 9780205864676

*This is a web-text and it may be procured by either purchasing an access card from the University Bookstore or directly through the publisher via a link I have provided on eLC (under the content folder entitled ‘Connect Master’).

**The Bullock and Gaddie book is available at the University Bookstore and from most online book retailers (e.g. Amazon, B&N, etc).

(2.2) Exams
There are three exams in this class. Each exam is worth 25% of your grade. These exams contain multiple choice and short answer items.
(2.3) **Assignments, Discussion, and Attendance**
Learning is an active exercise. Students at all levels of learning and accomplishment benefit when they are actively engaged with the course material. For most weeks of this class, you will have a short assignment to complete. These assignments will be posted to Assignment Folders in eLC.

(2.4) **Exam Schedule and Grade Distribution**

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(2.5) **Grading**
All grades (including final grades) will be assigned following the system depicted below:

- A = 94-100
- A- = 90
- B+ = 87
- B = 84
- B- = 80
- C+ = 77
- C = 74
- C- = 70
- D = 60 – 69
- F ≤ 59

III. **Class Policies**

(3.1) **Disability Disclosure Statement**
Abled-ness should not impede your intellectual development. Please get in touch with me (Dr. Glas) about any accommodations you need in the classroom, your breakouts sessions, and for exams. We have some amazing resources for you here at UGA. For testing accommodations please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as soon as possible. For more information please check out the DRC’s website (www.uga.drc.edu). The DRC is located at 825 Lumpkin Street (Clark-Howell Hall) and can be contacted by phone at 706.542.8719.

(3.2) **Student Athletes**
Representing our university in athletics places some unusual scheduling obligations on you. Please get in touch with me (Dr. Glas) about your schedule so we can make sure you are able to achieve in the classroom as well as on the field or in the arena.

(3.3) **Absences**
John Lennon once said, “Life happens while you’re busy making other plans.” Attending class is critical for your success in this class. Participation is a significant portion of your grade and there is a significant amount of course content that we will cover in our class meetings and breakout sessions. Absences will be excused for legitimate reasons (and I am reasonable).

Please do not come to class if you are ill. The UGA Health Center (www.uhs.uga.edu) is located at 55 Carlton Street (across the street from Ramsey).
(3.4) **Makeup Exams**
If you miss an exam, you will receive a zero (which means passing the class will be unlikely). If you are late to an exam, you must take it in the time that remains when you arrive. Make-up exams are only given to students with legitimate excuses. All make-up exams are administered by the Department of Political Science, but require my permission.

(3.5) **Missed/Late Assignments**
Missed assignments are awarded a grade of zero. Late assignments will be accepted with a penalty of ten (10) points for each calendar day late.

(3.6) **Cheating and Academic Misconduct**
Violations of the academic dishonesty rules are grounds for receiving an “F” in the course as well as possible expulsion from the university. If you have any questions about what constitutes cheating, academic misconduct, or plagiarism, please examine the university policy and/or ask the instructor.

(3.7) **Problems and Emergencies**
If a problem or emergency arises that prevents you from attending an exam or coming to class, you should contact your breakout leader as soon as possible.

(3.8) **Policy on Disruptive Behavior**

1) Turn communication devices to silent…or turn them off entirely.
2) Be polite during class discussion.

(3.9) **Withdraw Policy**
Be advised that the last day to withdraw from a course without failing is Monday, October 23rd. All students who withdraw after this date will receive a “WF”.
IV. Course Schedule

Week 1 – August 17th – Perspectives on Politics and Government

Syllabus

Chapter 1 of Connect [Master: American Government]

Josep Colomer’s “The Public Good”

Week 2 – August 22nd & 24th – Early American Government and the U.S. Constitution

Chapter 2 of Connect

Vincent Parillo’s “Diversity in Colonial Times.”

Federalist #51

Week 3 – August 29th & 31st – Federalism

Chapter 3 of Connect

Chapter 4 of Georgia Politics

Madison’s “Vices of the Political System of the United States”

Week 4 – September 5th & 7th – Civil Rights

Chapter 4 of Connect

Chapter 9 of Georgia Politics

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/equal_protection

*** Monday, September 4th – Labor Day – No Breakout Sessions***

Week 5 – September 12th & 14th – Civil Liberties

Chapter 5 of Connect

Chapter 9 of Georgia Politics

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/due_process

Week 6 – September 19th – Exam 1

Week 7 – September 26th & 28th – Legislative Politics

Chapter 6 of Connect

Chapters 5 & 10 of Georgia Politics

Selections from Mayhew’s “Congress” and Fenno’s “Homestyle”

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1 The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.
Week 8 – October 3rd & 5th – Executive & Bureaucratic Politics
Chapters 7 & 8 of Connect
Chapter 6 of Georgia Politics
Richard Neustadt’s “The Power to Persuade” (Selection from)

Week 9 – October 10th & 12th – Judicial Politics
Chapter 9 of Connect
Chapter 7 of Georgia Politics
Federalist #78

***Monday, October 9th – Semester Midpoint***

Week 10 – October 17th – Exam 2

Week 11 – October 24th and 26th – Public Opinion
Chapter 10 of Connect

*** Monday, October 23rd – Withdraw Deadline***

Week 12 – October 31st & November 2nd – Voting, Elections, and Campaigns
Chapter 11 of Connect
Chapters 9 & 13 of Georgia Politics

Week 13 – November 7th and 9th – Political Parties
Chapter 12 of Connect
Chapter 11 of Georgia Politics
George Washington’s Farewell Address

Week 14 – November 14th and 16th – Interest Groups
Chapter 13 of Connect
Chapter 12 of Georgia Politics
Federalist #10

Week 15 – November 21st – Thanksgiving Break

***Wednesday, November 22nd – 24th – Thanksgiving Break – No Classes***

Week 16 – November 28th & 30th – The American Media
Chapter 14 of Connect
Plato’s “Republic” (Selection from)
Week 17 – December 7th – Exam 3

Exam 3 begins at 3:30pm

***Tuesday, December 5th – Friday Schedule***

***Wednesday, December 6th – Reading Day***