

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
POLS 1101  
Summer Session II: 2025**

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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:** Baldwin 102

**Readings:**

- **Required Text:** *The Logic of American Politics*, 12<sup>th</sup> ed. (978-1071929537) [KJKVR] (Available at UGA Bookstore or E-Book Version available at: <https://us.sagepub.com> or <https://www.redshelf.com>)
- *U.S. Constitution* [C] (Appendix 3 in KJKVR)
- 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>
7/7	The Purpose of Government	KJKVJ, Ch. 1
7/8	The U.S. and Georgia Constitutions	KJKVJ, Ch. 2; C, Articles V & VII
7/9	Federalism	KJKVJ, Ch. 3; C, Article VI; Article I, Section 8; 10th and 14th Amendments
7/10	<b>Exam 1</b>	
7/11	Public Opinion	KJKVJ, Ch. 10
7/14	The Role of the Media	KJKVJ, Ch. 14
7/15	Political Parties	KJKVJ, Ch. 12
7/16	Focus on the Media: <i>Journeys with George</i>	Discussion Following
7/17	<b>Exam 2</b>	
7/18	Elections and Political Participation	KJKVJ, Ch. 11; C, 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th Amendments
7/21	Interest Groups	KJKVJ, Ch. 13
7/22	Legislatures—U.S./Georgia	KJKVJ, Ch. 6; C, Article I
7/23	<b>Exam 3</b>	
7/24	The Executive—The President/The Georgia Governor <b>Withdrawal Deadline</b>	KJKVJ, Ch. 7; C, Article II, 22nd and 25th Amendments
7/25	Presidential Primaries and Elections	Electronic Readings (posted on ELC); C, Article II, Section 1; 12 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> Amendments
7/28	The Bureaucracy	KJKVJ, Ch. 8
7/29	The Judicial Branch—U.S./Georgia	KJKVJ, Ch. 9; C, Article III
7/30	Focus on Presidential Elections: <i>One Person, One Vote?</i>	Discussion Following
7/31	<b>Last Class;</b> Question and Answer Session	
8/1	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> (Exam 4); 9:15-10:45 am	