

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice offers undergraduate courses leading to both the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Science degree. Majors include criminal justice, international affairs, and political science. Within the political science major, the department offers concentrations in American politics and pre-law. Within the criminal justice major, the department offers a concentration in criminal forensics. Minors are available in criminal justice, criminal forensics, international affairs, and political science. The department also offers two graduate degrees; the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and the Master of Arts in International Affairs degree. For information regarding these graduate programs, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions or visit the NGCSU website.

Political Science majors have the option of selecting from four degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts (BA), a Bachelor of Science (BS), an American Politics concentration culminating in a B.S. degree, or a pre-law concentration culminating in the BS degree. The traditional political science degree provides a well-rounded background in the discipline as well as enabling students to focus on areas of interest to them. The department is particularly strong in American political institutions (presidency, congress, and courts), public administration, constitutional law, international relations, and Asian, Latin American, and Western European politics. Students can choose to earn a B.A. degree that requires an additional course in a modern foreign language or a B.S. degree that substitutes a course in computer science. The American Politics and pre-law concentrations are designed to prepare students for specialized careers by developing the skills needed to succeed in those respective fields. These concentrations require internship or study abroad experiences.

The International Affairs (BA) degree program provides a basic background in international relations for students interested in pursuing careers in diplomacy and related fields. The degree requires an area of specialization (Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East are presently offered), as well as both study abroad and an international internship. In order to increase the student's cross-cultural skills, advanced foreign language training is also encouraged within the student's regional area of expertise. Above and beyond the region specific coursework, students are introduced to International Political Economy, International Security Issues, International Organizations, Comparative Government and International Relations Theory. These courses provide students with a broad understanding of international relations outside of their regional areas. The degree is designed to prepare students for careers in international diplomacy, international service careers, and for further study in International Affairs and International Business.

The Criminal Justice Program reflects the growing academic emphasis of the discipline. Criminal Justice is not a narrow technical or vocational discipline. It is a social science discipline focusing on the complexities of human behavior. The curriculum of the major provides a broad conceptual framework

of the discipline. The program seeks to develop leaders in the field who are able to integrate and augment the knowledge of the discipline. After completing a foundational exposure to all important aspects of the discipline, students select major elective courses that will permit them to specialize in a specific field of the criminal justice discipline. A criminal forensics concentration is available within the B.S. degree program.

Students cannot exceed nine hours of D grades in their major courses. For political science majors this requirement includes all courses with a POLS prefix. For criminal justice majors this includes all courses with a CRJU prefix.

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE BACHELOR OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Core Curriculum Requirements 60 hours

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the core curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	Political Science majors should not take POLS 1101 or ECON 2105 in Area E. These courses must be taken in Area F.

Area F. Courses Related To The Area Of Study 18 hours

POLS 1101	3 hours
POLS 2101	3 hours
POLS 2401	3 hours
ECON 2105	3 hours
Choose one of the following:	
PHIL 2200, ENGL 2230, JOUR 1010 or ECON 2106	3 hours

For B.S. - Choose one of the following:
CSCI 1250 or PHIL 2500 3 hours

For B.A. - 2001 or 2002 Foreign Language course 3 hours

MAJOR AREA

1. Required courses 9 hours

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| POLS 3601 | 3 hours | |
| POLS 3602 | 3 hours | |
| POLS 4470 | 3 hours | |
| 2. One course in Political Science from 3100 or 4100 series.
(American Politics) | | 3 hours |
| 3. One course in Political Science from 3200 or 4200 series.
(International Relations) | | 3 hours |
| 4. One course in Political Science 3300 or 4300 series.
(Political Theory) | | 3 hours |
| 5. Major electives (12 hours).
Any four upper-level Political Science courses* | | |

*Only 3 hours of an internship can be used to fulfill credit hour requirements in the major area. The remaining hours are considered as electives.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Courses in the minor — 15-18 credit hours prescribed by the minor department. A minor should be chosen on the basis of its appropriateness to a student's scholarly interests and career goals and after consultation with the major advisor. Any field may be used to fulfill the minor requirements, but the following are recommended: English, history, foreign language, psychology, sociology, criminal justice.

Electives — 12-15 credit hours to bring the total number of credit hours to at least 120 hours, exclusive of Physical Education requirement.

Basic Physical Education requirement

Military Science requirement (for military students)

U.S. & Georgia Constitution and History requirements

Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE PRE-LAW CONCENTRATION

Core Curriculum Requirements 60 hours

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the Core Curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

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| Area A | no exceptions |
| Area B | no exceptions |
| Area C | no exceptions |

- Area D no exceptions
 Area E Political Science majors with a pre-law concentration should not take POLS 1101 or PHIL 2200 in Area E. These course are required in Area F.

Area F: Courses Related To The Area Of Study 18 hours

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| POLS 1101 | 3 hours |
| POLS 2101 | 3 hours |
| POLS 2401 | 3 hours |
| ACCT 2101 | 3 hours |
| CRJU 1100 | 3 hours |

Choose one of the following:

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| PHIL 2200, PHIL 2500, ENGL 2230 or JOUR 1010 | 3 hours |
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MAJOR AREA

1. Required courses (33 hours)

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| POLS 3601 (Research Methods) | 3 hours |
| POLS 3602 (Statistics for the Social Sciences) | 3 hours |

Choose 3 from the following:

- POLS 4112 (Judicial Processes)
- POLS 3105 (Constitutional Law)
- POLS 4120 (Civil Liberties)
- CRJU 3000 (Criminal Law)
- CRJU 3010 (Criminal Procedures)

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| One upper-level writing intensive course | 3 hours |
| Any 3000 - 4000 level English course | 3 hours |
| POLS 4470 (Senior Seminar in Political Science) | 3 hours |
| POLS 4485c (Internship in Political Science) | 9 hours |

2. One 3100 or 4100 series Political Science course (American Politics) 3 hours
3. One 3200 or 4200 series Political Science course (International Relations) 3 hours
4. One 3300 or 4300 series Political Science course (Political Theory) 3 hours
5. Major electives 6 hours
 Two upper level Political Science courses not taken in upper-level subfields

Electives: 12 credit hours to bring the total number of credit hours to at least 120 hours, exclusive of Basic Physical Education requirement.

Basic Physical Education requirements

Military Science requirements (for military students)

U.S. & Georgia Constitution and History requirement

Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
AMERICAN POLITICS CONCENTRATION**

Core Curriculum Requirements **60 hours**

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the Core Curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	Political Science majors with an AP concentration should not take POLS 1101 or ECON 2105 in Area E. These courses must be taken in Area F.

Area F: Courses Related To The Area Of Study **18 hours**

POLS 1101	3 hours
POLS 2101	3 hours
ECON 2105	3 hours
ECON 2106	3 hours

Choose one of the following:

PHIL 2200, FLAN 2001, ENGL 3160,
ENGL 2230 or JOUN 1010 3 hours

Choose one of the following:

CSCI 1250 or PHIL 2500 3 hours

MAJOR AREA

1. Required courses **18 hours**

POLS 3601	3 hours
POLS 3602	3 hours
POLS 4470	3 hours
POLS 3200 or 4200 series (International Relations)	3 hours
POLS 3300 or 4300 series (Political Theory)	3 hours
POLS 3100 or 4100 series (*American Politics not listed below)	3 hours

2. Concentration Courses (21 hours)

POLS 3122 or 3123 or 3124	3 hours
POLS 4110	3 hours
POLS 4111	3 hours
POLS 3/4000	3 hours

9 hours from the following:

MGMT 3661	3 hours
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MGMT/PSYC 4669	3 hours
SOCI 3/4xxx	3 hours
HIST (Amer) 3/4xxx	3 hours
3. Internship (12 hours total credit required)	
POLS 4485	12 hours

Students must perform two 6 hour credit internships in any of the following five areas: Interest groups, political campaigns, administrative offices and legislative/executive offices.

Electives to bring the total to 120 hours, exclusive of the PE requirement.

Basic Physical Education requirements

Military Science requirements (for military students)

U.S. & Georgia Constitution and History requirement

Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Core Curriculum Requirements

60 hours

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the core curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	Political Science majors should not take POLS 1101 or ECON 2105 in Area E. These courses must be taken in Area F.

Area F: Courses Related To The Area Of Study 18 hours

POLS 1101	3 hours
POLS 2101 or HIST 2860	3 hours
POLS 2401	3 hours
ECON 2105	3 hours
Language 1002 and 2001 or 2002	6 hours

MAJOR AREA:

Major requirements (12 hours)

POLS 4470 Senior Seminar	3 hours
Remaining 9 hours from:	
POLS 4201 Comparative Government	3 hours
POLS 4202 Comparative Security Issues	3 hours
POLS 4204 International Political Economy	3 hours
POLS 3204 International Organization	3 hours
POLS 4320 International Relations Theory	3 hours

Regional Emphasis **(12 hours)**

Europe

Required

 POLS 3201 Intro to the European Union

Remaining 9 hours from:

 POLS 4207 Politics of Western Europe

 POLS 4205 Eastern European Politics

 POLS 4490 Studies of the European Union

 3000-4000 HIST or POLS courses focusing on Europe

 European language courses 3000-4000 level

Asia

Required

 POLS 3203 East Asian Political Systems

Remaining 9 hours from:

 POLS 4203 Korea in the World System

 3000-4000 HIST or POLS courses focusing on Asia

 Asian language courses 3000-4000 level

Latin America

 POLS 3208 Politics of Latin America

Remaining 9 hours from:

 POLS 4208 Politics of Latin American Development

 3000-4000 HIST or POLS courses focusing on Latin America

 Spanish language course 3000-4000 level

Other Requirements

Courses in the minor: 15-18 hours

International Internship (POLS 4480) or participation in
a study abroad program 6-9 hours

Electives to bring the total to 120 hours, exclusive of the PE requirement.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The B.A. in International Affairs degree program requires an international internship in addition to a study abroad component. Completion of the degree program will require all students to have some significant educational experience overseas. The internship enables the student to gain valuable experience in the field in which they plan to work. Students who cannot fulfill this requirement should look at an alternative major such as a B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in International Affairs.

Core Curriculum Requirements **60 hours**

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the Core Curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	International Affairs majors should not take POLS 1101, POLS 2401 or ECON 2105 in Area E. These courses must be taken in Area F.

Area F: Courses Related to The Area of Study **18 hours**

POLS 1101	American Government	3 hours
POLS 2101	Introduction To Political Science	3 hours
POLS 2401	Global Issues	3 hours
ECON 2105	Macroeconomics	3 hours
HIST 2860	Introduction to World Religions	3 hours
Foreign Language	2001 or 2002	3 hours

Courses in the Major Area **(48 hours)**

Required courses	(18 hours)	
POLS 4460	International Affairs Capstone Seminar	3 hours
POLS 4201	Comparative Government	3 hours
POLS 4202	Comparative Security Issues	3 hours
POLS 4204	International Political Economy	3 hours
POLS 3204	International Organization	3 hours
POLS 4320	International Relations Theory	3 hours

Choose 6 hours from:

POLS 4210	Politics of Development	3 hours
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Study Abroad or 3-4000 level FLAN 3 hours
POL 4590: International Thesis 6 hours

Regional Emphasis (15 hours) (Europe, Asia, Middle East or Latin America)
Students will select courses from POLS, HIST or FLAN (no more than 6 hours of emphasis can be taken in FL courses) that focus on a specific region of the world. These courses are subject to the approval of the IA academic advisor.

POLS 4485C International Internship 9 hours

Electives (12 hours) exclusive of University PE requirements
(Students are encouraged to use these elective hours to further develop Foreign Language skills)

Electives to bring the total to 120 hours, exclusive of the PE requirement.

Basic Physical Education Requirements

Military Science requirements (for military students)

U.S. & Georgia Constitution and History requirement

Regents' Skills Test or exemption (must be taken during the first semester)

MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Core Curriculum Requirements 60 hours

All baccalaureate degree programs at NGCSU have as a requirement the satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours comprising the six areas of the core curriculum. A complete description of Areas A-E of the core curriculum can be found on page 105. Individual degree programs may specify exceptions and/or particular courses which must be taken within each Area A-E of the core curriculum. Those exceptions and/or course requirements and Area F of the core curriculum are shown below.

Area A	no exceptions
Area B	no exceptions
Area C	no exceptions
Area D	no exceptions
Area E	Students should not take POLS 1101 or SOCI 1101 in Area E. These courses are required in Area F.

Area F: Courses Related To The Area Of Study 18 hours

CRJU 1100	3 hours
CRJU 2001	3 hours
CRJU 2002	3 hours
SOCI 1101	3 hours

Minor in Criminal Justice

Students must take CRJU 1100 and 15 hours of criminal justice course work. At least 9 hours must be from upper division courses.

Minor in Criminal Justice Forensics

Students must take 9 hours of foundational courses in the discipline. Students then select 9 additional hours from specified courses in the area.

Required:

CRJU 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRJU 4004 Criminal Forensics I

CRJU 4005 Criminal Forensics II

9 hours from the following:

CRJU 4008 Death Investigation

CRJU 4002 Drug Identification and Investigation

CRJU 4111 Evidence

CRJU 4000 Criminal Investigations

CRJU 4310 Criminal Typologies

Minor in International Affairs

Students must take the 15 hours of course work as identified beyond POLS 2401 which should be taken in Area E of the core curriculum. Students must complete six hours of general course work and then choose a nine-hour regional concentration from those listed below.

Required 6 hours

POLS 4201 3 hours

POLS 4320 3 hours

Regional Concentration area (choose one track) 9 hours

Europe Track

Required: POLS 3201 Intro to the European Union

Two courses from the following:

POLS 4207 Politics of Western Europe

POLS 4205 Politics of Eastern Europe

POLS 4490 Studies in the European Union

3000-4000 HIST or POLS classes focusing on Europe

European language courses 3000-4000 level

Asia Track

Required: POLS 3203 East Asian Political Systems

Two courses from the following:

POLS 4203 Korea in the World System

3000-4000 HIST or POLS courses focusing on Asia

Asian Language courses at the 3000-4000 level

Latin America Track

Required: POLS 3208 Politics of Latin America

Two courses from the following:

- POLS 4208 Politics of Latin American Development
- 3000-4000 HIST or POLS courses focusing on Latin America
- Spanish Language Courses 3000-4000 level

Middle East Track (9 hours)

Required: POLS 3209 Middle East Political Systems

Two courses from the following:

- POLS 4209 International Relations of the Middle East
- POLS 4212 Political Economy of the Middle East
- 3000-4000 HIST or POLS classes focusing on The Middle East
- Middle East language courses 3000-4000 level

Internship Policy
Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice

The Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice believes that all students who apply for an internship must be personally and psychologically equipped, as well as academically prepared, for the experience. Interns are representatives of North Georgia College & State University, and therefore, must have a strong personal character consisting of maturity, integrity and high ethical standards. A student may be denied entry to an internship by the department, if the student, based on the professional judgment of the criminal justice faculty, has a questionable character or has exhibited behavior that indicates erratic, unpredictable or unsuitable conduct, including but not limited to:

- Known Honor Code or Academic Integrity Violations
- Frequent Tardiness
- Rudeness
- Erratic Behavior
- Known Alcohol and Drug Problems
- Known Criminal History
- Psychological Instability
- Poor Academic Performance
- Deceitful Behavior and/or Lying

This policy is based on the premise that criminal justice faculty should be a part of the evaluation of a student's ability to function adequately and safely in a work setting and that the faculty have a right and responsibility to make such judgment prior to placing a student in an internship.

The internship coordinator has the authority to withdraw a student from an internship if a student's performance constitutes a detriment to other personnel at the internship site or if the student behaves in an unprofessional manner during his or her internship. Information and documentation related to the withdrawal may be based on the direct knowledge of the internship coordinator or from information forwarded to the coordinator by the internship agency.

A student may appeal an internship denial or withdrawal by requesting that an appeals committee hear his or her case. The appeals committee will consist of two criminal justice or political science faculty members who are not intern coordinators and one faculty from another academic department. The student may appeal his or her case a second time by presenting the case to the Dean of the School of Arts and Letters.

A student who is denied an internship may be allowed to fulfill his or her graduation requirements by taking an equivalent number of academic courses as specified by his or her academic advisor and the department head. Courses will be selected that enable the student to meet the program's goals including completion of a capstone paper project.

Students are required to have a GPA of 2.0 in order to apply for an internship.

POLS 1101 is a prerequisite for all 3000-4000 political science courses.

CRJU 1100 is a prerequisite to all 3000-4000 level criminal justice courses.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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