New Student Orientation

Department of Government & Sociology
Programs

• Undergraduate
  • Political Science
  • Criminal Justice
  • Sociology
  • Anthropology

• Graduate
  • Master of Public Administration (MPA)
  • Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ)
Faculty & Staff

• 22 Full-time faculty
  • Political Science & Public Administration: 11
  • Criminal Justice: 5
  • Sociology: 5
  • Anthropology: 1

• 2 Staff
  • Department Administrative Assistant: Kim Knight
  • Graduate Program Assistant: Aleksandra Rudkevich

• 1 Academic Advisor
Criminal Justice

• Major Requirements (30 semester hours)
  • CRJU 3000 Research & Analytic Methods (3 hours)
  • CRJU 3424 Criminology (3 hours)
  • CRJU 4005 Statistical Analysis for Criminal Justice (3 hours)
  • CRJU 4101 Police Systems & Practices (3 hours)
  • CRJU 4103 Correctional Systems & Practices (3 hours)
  • CRJU 4307 Criminal law & Procedure (3 hours)
  • Three additional CRJU courses at the 3000-4000 level (9 hours)
  • Completion of a senior capstone experience (3 hours)
# Career Choices of Recent Criminal Justice Graduates

| Non-profits (rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters and human trafficking prevention) | Community Supervision Officers (Probation / parole) | Legal services (paralegal, legal research) | Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies (DNR, GBI, FBI, Secret Service, DEA, US Marshalls) |
| Federal, state, and local corrections agencies for juveniles and adults | Family and children services (DFACS) | Victim Advocates | Graduate programs in a variety of fields (criminal justice, counseling psych, sociology, social work, law school) |
Political Science

• Major Requirements (30 semester credit hours)
  • American Government
  • International Relations
  • Political Theory
  • Research Design
  • Systematic Analysis
  • Senior Capstone
  • 12 additional hours of upper-level POLS courses (track)
## Political Science Tracks

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*Each track = 12 hours of upper-level courses in major*
Career Choices of Recent Political Science Majors

- Law
  - Attorney
- Politics
  - Congressional / state legislative aide
  - Political campaign staff / director
  - Local government agency staff
  - Lobbyist
  - Political consultant
- Private sector
  - Private business / international organizations
  - Pollster
  - Journalist
- Non-profit
  - Non-profit agency director
  - Peace Corps
- Academic
  - Graduate school/ Professor of political science
Sociology

- Major Requirements (30 Credit Hours)
  - Research Methods
  - Social Stratification
  - Hist & Contemporary Social Thought
  - Advanced Research Methods
  - Upper Level Additional Courses in Sociology
  - Senior Seminar
  - Senior Capstone Experience
Sociology Capstone Experience

• Students choose 1 of four options:
  • Independent Study
    • work one-on-one with a professor
  • Internship
  • Student Research
    • work on own project, under faculty supervision
  • Capstone Course
    • work with a professor and team of students through a regularly scheduled course

• All students take Senior Seminar course
  • Final semester; includes capstone paper, post-college prep (resume/cover letter, graduate school/job applications), and final presentation/portfolio preparation
Career Choices of Recent Sociology Majors

- School counseling
- Social work
- Student affairs
- Market research
- Public health education
- Non-profit management
- Secondary teacher
- Social science research
- Sociology graduate program
Anthropology (Minor)

• ANTH 1102 Introduction to Anthropology
• 12 hours upper-level ANTH
• Upper-level courses:
  • Violence, culture, and human rights
  • Humans on the move
  • Physical anthropology
  • Cultural anthropology
• Ongoing Student Research:
  • Juvenile justice reform
  • Mapping memorials
  • Service learning at GCSU

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Nonprofit Professional Certificate

- Certification Requirements
  - Nonprofit Management I & II
  - Small Group Communications
  - Introduction to Accounting
  - Principles of Public Administration
  - 300 hour Internship
  - One session of the annual Alliance Management Institute
Transformative Experiences at GC

- First Year Experience (required)
- Career Planning Milestones (required)
- Senior Capstone* (required)
- Community-based Engaged Learning*
- Intensive Leadership Programs*
- Internships*
- Mentored Creative Endeavors
- Mentored Undergraduate Research*
- Study Abroad*
The Department’s faculty mentored 30 undergraduate students that led to research presentations at academic conferences in 2019:

- 15 students presented at the European Union Certificate Conference
- 1 student presented at GPSA conference
- 1 student presented at Southern Regional Honors Council Conference (March 30, 2019)
- 1 student presented at AMI annual nonprofit conference
- 1 student presented at National Conference on Undergraduate Research
- 1 student presented at American Society of Criminology
- 6 students presented at GC Student Research Conference
- 3 students presented at the annual meeting of Criminal Justice Association of Georgia
- 11 students presented at the 2019 Southeast Model African Union Conference
The department seeks to enrich classroom learning through field experiences and internships. In 2019, 25 students were interning:

• GCDC Program
• GA General Assembly
• Middle GA Court System and other GA offices
• Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
• The Prescott House
• Mary Vinson Public Library
• The Women’s Center at GC
• Baldwin County District Attorney Victim Advocate
• Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office
• GA Department of Natural Resources
• Putnam County Government
• Governor’s office
The Department sent two Mock Trial teams (20 students) to compete at the annual regional tournament in Orlando, Florida in February 2019. Many of the rounds were very closely matched. GCSU junior Heath Hoeffner won an individual award for Outstanding Witness.