Degree: Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A. or B.S.)
Major: Rural Studies
Track: Politics and Modern Cultures

The Politics and Modern Cultures track of the Rural Studies major prepares students for work in government, non-profit, and private sector organizations that deal with rural issues, such as Habitat for Humanity, the University of Georgia (UGA) extension service, the Southern Rural Development Center, Main Street programs, and others of similar nature or for work in museums and archives; or be ready to enter graduate school programs in areas such as historic preservation, global studies, journalism, law, and others. Politics and Modern Cultures emphasizes critical thinking skills, encourages an appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives, and develops a greater understanding of the issues particular to the rural environment to provide an avenue of self-knowledge, cultural understanding, and social responsibility.

Core Curriculum: Areas A-E (See ABAC Core Curriculum, Area B using at least 4 hours AND Area D Non-Science option) 42 hours

Bachelor of Science degree-seeking students
Core Curriculum Area F: 18 hours
Choose 6 courses from the following list of courses not taken in other areas of the core:
- ARTS 2211
- ARTS 2212
- ARTS 2213
- COMM 2100
- COMM 2300
- CSCI 1100
- ECON 2105
- ECON 2106 or AECC 2258
- ENGL 2131
- ENGL 2132
- ENGL 2401
- GEOG 1101
- HIST 1111
- HIST 1112
- HIST 2201
- HIST 2232
- HUMN 2221
- HUMN 2222
- ITEC 2215
- MATH 2000 (strongly encouraged)
- MUSC 1100
- POLS 2401
- PSYC 1101
- RELG 1100
- SOCI 1101
- THEA 1100

Bachelor of Arts degree-seeking students
Core Curriculum Area F: 18 hours
Foreign Language through 2002 (Required) 9 hours
Choose 3 courses from the courses above not taken in other areas of the core 9 hours

Foundation Courses: 15 hours
- COMM 3100 Professional Communication Methods 3
- ENGL 4010 Introduction to Professional Writing 3
- RLST 3000 Introduction to Rural Studies 3
- RLST 4790(A, B or C) Rural Studies Internship 3
- RLST 4980 Capstone Seminar: Senior Project OR 3
- RLST 4990 Capstone Course: Public Policy 3

Track Courses: 30 hours
- RLST 3060 Research Methods OR
- RLST 3065 Community Research Methods 3
Choose 27 hours from the following:
- ARTS 4300 Rural Arts: Global Connections and Variations 3
- EDUC 3140 Education in Rural Contexts 3
- ENGL 3325 Film and Literature: Representing the Rural 3
- ENGL 4310 Topics in Rural Literature 3
- GEOG 3050 Economic Geography 3
- GEOG 4001 Issues in Rural Geography 3
- GEOG 4020 Sustainable Communities 3
- HIST 3000 History of Rural America 3
- HIST 3050 Borderlands in a Rural World 3
- HIST 3100 Introduction to Public History 3
- HIST 3280 Farms, Factories, and Food: A Global Perspective 3
- HIST 4080 History of Science and Technology in the Modern World 3
- HIST 4110 Rural Communities in Historical Study 3
- HIST 4230 Slavery and the Early Modern World 3
- HIST 4280 Social Movements in Rural America 3
- MUSC 4300 American Popular Music: Multicultural Study 3
- PADM 3500 Introduction to Public Administration 3
- PADM 3520 Public Finance Administration 3
- POLS 3060 Rural Political Development: Foundations of the Modern World 3
- POLS 3065 Principles of Political Thought: From Agrarian to Cosmopolitan 3
- POLS 3570 Introduction to Public Policy 3
- POLS 4080 Political Communication 3
- POLS 4350 Fundamentals of International Relations 3
- RLST 3070 Issues in Rural Health 3

General Rural Studies Elective Courses: 15 hours
(Must be comprised of courses numbers 3000 or above from any Rural Studies curriculum and not used in the above areas, or GLST 3700(A or B) Global Experiential Learning)

Total hours required for the degree: 120 hours

Plus PHED 1100 and two PE activities courses.

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