

## Advising Suggestions from the Division of Business and Social Sciences

### American and Georgia Constitution and History *Legislative Requirement:*

Students other than Nursing must take POLS 1101 and HIST 2112 to satisfy these requirements. Passing POLS 1101 has always satisfied the American and Georgia *Constitution* requirements. Since 2006, passing HIST 2112 satisfies the Georgia *History* as well as American *history* legislative requirement. But if a student has taken HIST 2112 before fall 2006 the student must take POLS 1100 to satisfy the American and Georgia history legislative requirements. If a student took POLS 1101 **at SGC only and before 2006**, that student has completed all 3 of the legislative requirements (American and Georgian Constitution, and Georgia history) from that one course. There will be fewer and fewer students who took POLS 1101 here that long ago. **Nursing students are not required to take HIST 2112 or POLS 1101 but must take POLS 1100 to satisfy their Georgia and American History and Constitution requirement**

### Education:

Make sure you refer to the Education advisement sheet when advising Education majors. Early Childhood, Middle School, and Secondary paths are not the same!

Most Education majors major in Early Childhood. These students and only these students must take ISCI 2001 and 2002 (Science for Teachers) and MATH 2008 (Math for Teachers). The rationale makes this easy to remember—early childhood teachers must teach all subjects to their students. Do not make the mistake of advising non-Education majors to take Science for teachers or MATH 2008. These are only for Education majors.

Middle school majors declare two content areas among the following: science, math social studies and language arts. Again, the Education advisement sheet makes it clear that students majoring in middle grades must take all of the Education classes plus “content related” electives in Area F.

Secondary (high school) education students must graduate from SGC with an Associate’s degree in the subject area that they want to teach. For example, a student majoring in Secondary Math education would follow the degree requirements for an Associate’s in Math. In addition they must take all three EDUC courses. That means they will graduate from SGC with 73 hours instead of the usual 64.

All Education majors must take all three EDUC courses (2110, 2120, 2130). They may take them in any order. They cannot take ANY while still in Reading Learning Support. They should not take more than two EDUC courses in the same semester and it is advisable that they only take one per semester. They may only take two in the same semester with the permission of the instructor.

There are two other Education options: Special Education and Speech/Language Pathology. The Education Advisement sheet available under Academics on the SGC web site explains the precise requirements for these options.

## **Criminal Justice:**

Ideally CJ majors will first take Introduction to CJ (CJ 1100). However none of the CJ classes have prerequisites. CJ courses may be taken in any order.

## **History:**

Students in Learning support courses are discouraged from taking HIST 1111 or History 2112 during their first semester. To balance the enrollments, students NOT in Learning Support may be well-advised to take History 2112 and/or MATH 1111 during their first semester. Students can take any History course in any order. There are no prerequisites in History even though most of them are part of a sequence.

## **POLS 1101:**

It is advisable that students take POLS 1101 the first semester after they take HIST 2112, or HIST 2112 the first semester after they take HIST 2112. Some of the curriculum is complimentary and so fresh memories of either class may assist the student to exit successfully the second.

## **CISY courses:**

It is advisable that students not be enrolled in an online section of CISY 1105 unless the student requests that format or is asked if they wish to take the course in that format. Convenience of scheduling (in terms of time) is not a sufficient reason to schedule a student in such a course. Also, the advisement sheets do not and cannot list CISY 1105 as a requirement even though the student (if transferring some day to a 4-year institution) is far better advised to take CISY 1105 than the courses actually identified in the catalog (CISY 1100 or 1101) as requirements. *If a student takes CISY 1100 or 1101 at SGC they can graduate with their Associates degree but they will have to take the equivalent of CISY 1105 at their 4-year institution.* You can save them time down the road by advising them to take CISY 1105 for one of their Area B requirements at SGC (even though it is not and cannot be listed in the catalog as such).