USG Legislative Requirements

The University System of Georgia (USG) requires all students in USG institutions to receive instruction in the history of the United States, history of Georgia, and the essentials of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Georgia. This is required for all Kennesaw State University undergraduate students prior to graduation.

These requirements are met by successfully completing the following courses:

- **U.S. and Georgia History**: HIST 2111 U.S. History to 1877 or HIST 2112 U.S. History Since 1877
- **U.S. and Georgia Constitution**: POLS 1101 American Government

### Who Should Take the Exam?

**Transferred credit**: For some students, transfer credit for the courses may not satisfy the requirements of USG. Exemption tests are offered to students whose U.S. History or Political Science course(s) did not include Georgia history or Georgia Constitution.

**Advanced Placement credit**: Students who have AP credit for United States Government & Politics (POLS 1101) or United States History (HIST 2111) must complete the GA History and/or GA Constitution exemption exam.

**CLEP credit**: Students who have CLEP credit for History of the U.S. I (HIST 2111), History of the U.S. II (HIST 2112), and/or American Government (POLS 1101) must complete the GA History and/or GA Constitution exemption exam.

For KSU students pursuing a second baccalaureate degree, the history requirement can be satisfied by passing HIST 2112 or HIST 2111 or by passing the U.S. and/or Georgia history exam. The Constitution requirement can be satisfied by passing POLS 1101 or by passing the U.S. and/or GA Constitution exam.

### Preparation and Taking the Exam

Exam options, costs, passing scores and recommended study materials are as follows:

**U.S. and Georgia History Requirement (choice of exam)**

- **U.S. and Georgia History Exam**: Cost $20, passing score is 70 out of 100 questions - 70%
  
  OR

- **Georgia History Exam**: Cost $20, passing score is 32 out 50 questions - 64%

Recommended study material:

- For the American part of the U.S. and Georgia History Exam, any college-level U.S. History textbook.
- For the Georgia part of the combined exam, and the Georgia only exam; Myers and Williams, *Georgia: A Brief History* (Mercer University Press) or view additional study information online with the Testing Center.

**United States and Georgia Constitution Requirement (choice of exam)**

- **U.S. and Georgia Constitution Exam**: Cost $20, passing score is 75 out of 100 questions - 75%
  
  OR

- **Georgia Constitution Exam**: Cost $20, passing score is 30 out of 50 questions - 60%

Recommended study material:

- For the US and GA Constitution Exam study guide, please click here for study materials.
- For the Georgia part of the combined exam, and the Georgia only exam; view additional study information online with the Testing Center.

*It is strongly recommended that students consult with their academic advisor BEFORE scheduling their exam. After consulting with your academic advisor, schedule an exam with the Testing Center. ([https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/APP_ESS_APPOINTMENT/](https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/APP_ESS_APPOINTMENT/))

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