

**Departmental Policies**

**Hours Requirement:** A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with an International Studies degree of which there are fifty-seven (57) required hours for the International Relations major.

**In-major GPA:** All of the courses in sections I and II are included in the in-major GPA calculation. A GPA of 2.0 or above both overall and in-major GPA is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory Progress:** To proceed satisfactorily toward a degree, a student must complete IS 1004, IS 1034, IS 2004, IS 2054, IS 2064, IS 2084 and Foreign language 2105 & 2106 by the end of the semester in which 60 hours have been attempted; must maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and must maintain an in major GPA of 2.0.

**Dual Use of Courses:** No course can double count within or between International Studies Program-related majors or minors with the exception of the Core Degree Requirements (Section I below) and IS 1004, IS 2054 and IS 2064.

In accordance with the State Council guidelines, courses used to fulfill the SCHEV approved degree core (Section I: Core Degree Requirements) may not also be used to meet Curriculum for Liberal Education or major requirements.

**Intra-departmental majoring and minoring:** Due to overlapping of courses, students pursuing one or more majors associated with the International Studies Program cannot major or minor in Political Science.

**Intra-IS Program majoring and minoring:** Students may pursue more than one major or minor associated with the International Studies Program. In this case, the policy pertaining to the "Dual Use of Courses" will apply.

**Prerequisites:** Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Be sure to consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

**I. Core Degree Requirements (24 Credit Hours)**

**Required International Studies Courses (12 credit hours)**

- IS 1034 Introduction to International Studies and Political Science (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 1034)*
- IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (3)
- IS 2084 Theoretical Approaches to Global Order (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2084)*
- IS 3115 or IS 3116 Selected World Problems (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3115 and PSCI 3116)*

**Required Foreign Language (12 credit hours)**

12 credits must be of a single foreign language at the 3000-4000 level

- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

*The following courses are only offered as Pass/Fail and can be used toward fulfillment of this requirement:*

SPAN 3125      SPAN 3126      FR 3125      FR 3126      GER 3125      GER 3126      RUS 3124

*The following courses are excluded and cannot be used to fulfill this requirement:*

ARBC 3304      FR 3954      GER 3414      GER 3474      RUS 3304      RUS 3314      RUS 3424

## II. Requirements for the International Relations (IREL) Major (33 Credit Hours)

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### IREL Major Courses (18 credit hours)

- IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 1004)*
- IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2054 and GEOG 2054)*
- IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2064 and GEOG 2064)*
- IS 3615 (3) International Relations
- IS 3616 (3) International Relations
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Choose one of the following courses:
  - IS 4034 Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4034)*
  - or
  - PSCI 4514 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
  - or
  - IS 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4614)*
  - or
  - PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)
  - or
  - IS 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4734)*

### Elective Courses for the IREL Major (15 credit hours)

IREL major courses selected will not double count toward IREL major electives.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)       \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### Select from the following to fulfill the Elective courses for the IREL Major<sup>2</sup>:

#### Political Science (PSCI)

- PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 2014 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 2024 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
- PSCI 3015 Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 3016 Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 3255 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3)
- PSCI 3256 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3)
- PSCI 3344 Global Environmental Issues (3) *(cross-listed with UAP 3344)*
- PSCI 3514 Latin American Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 3515 European Political Systems (3)
- PSCI 3516 European Political Systems (3)
- PSCI 3524 Politics of Post-Communist Systems (3)
- PSCI 3534 African Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 3544 The State of Israel (3) *(Cross-listed with JUD 3544 and RLCL 3544)*
- PSCI 3564 Violent Political Change (3)
- PSCI 3574 Government and Politics of Japan (3)
- PSCI 3584 Governments and Politics of Asia (3)
- PSCI 3684 Indigenous Peoples and World Politics (3) *(Cross-listed with AINS 3684)*
- PSCI 3764 Contemporary Democratic Theory (3)
- PSCI 3774 Marxian Political Analysis (3) *(Cross-listed with UAP 3774)*
- PSCI 3784 The Origins of the State (3)
- PSCI 4514 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
- PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)

#### International Studies (IS)

- IS 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) *(Cross-listed with PSCI 4614)*
- IS 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4734)*



**A maximum of 6 credits from the following can be used toward the 15 credits of required IREL electives<sup>1,2</sup>:**

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IS 2034	Geography of Global Conflict (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 2034 and GEOG 2034)</i>
IS 2044	Food, War, and Conflict (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 2044 and FST 2044)</i>
IS 2134	Geography of Global Economy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 2134 and GEOG 2134)</i>
IS 2474	Religion & Violence (3) <i>(cross-listed with RLCL 2474)</i>
IS 3004	Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3004)</i>
IS 3104	Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3104)</i>
IS 3114	Global Security (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3114)</i>
IS 3134	Global Conflict and War (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3134)</i>
IS 3144	Global Governance & Public Policy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3144)</i>
IS 3154	Topics in Global Public Policies (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3154)</i>
IS 3165	Global Economic Governance and Policy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3165)</i>
IS 3166	Global Economic Governance and Policy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3166)</i>
IS 3175	Global Development (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3175)</i>
IS 3176	Global Development (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3176)</i>
IS 3184	Human Security (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3184)</i>
IS 3194	Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3194)</i>
IS 3624	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3624)</i>
IS 3625	US-Russia Foreign Policies (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3625)</i>
IS 3626	Foreign Policies of the Super Powers (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3126)</i>
IS 3634	Human Rights: Global Issues (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3634)</i>
IS 3704	National Security Strategy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3704)</i>
IS 3734	National Security (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3734)</i>
IS 3735	National Security Policies (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3735)</i>
IS 3736	National Security Policies (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3736)</i>
IS 3794	Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3794)</i>
IS 3944	International Enrollment
IS 3954	Study Abroad
IS 4014	Seminar in Grassroots Development (3)
IS 4024	Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4024)</i>
IS 4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4034)</i>
IS 4044	International Communication (3) <i>(cross-listed with COMM 4044)</i>
IS 4054	Seminar in Global Political Economy (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4054)</i>
IS 4064	Seminar in Global Development (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4064)</i>
IS 4735	Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4735)</i>
IS 4736	Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4736)</i>
IS 4974	Independent Study <sup>3</sup>
IS 4984	Special Study <sup>3</sup>
IS 4994	Undergraduate Research <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Please note that not all courses are offered each semester. Check in the Undergraduate Course Catalog or with the department offering the course to find out when courses are offered.

<sup>2</sup>Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog or the Timetable of classes for the most up to date course restrictions and pre-requisites.

<sup>3</sup>The content of the Independent Study or Special Study, as well as the topic of Undergraduate Research should be relevant to the International Relations major. Please ask the International Studies advisor in advance whether the proposed Independent Study or Special Study or Undergraduate Research topic qualifies.

**University and Admissions Foreign Language Requirement (No Credits Count Toward the Degree)**

*This is a requirement that is SEPARATE from the International Studies requirement.*

*Completion of this requirement WILL NOT fulfill your International Studies Language Requirement.*

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- Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed the requirement.
- Students who did not complete 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school may complete the requirement as follows:
  - Complete 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1106 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours of 1106 do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculates into the GPA)
- OR**
  - Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation)

**III. CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)<sup>1</sup> (27 Credit Hours)\***

*\*27 Credit Hours does not include the below courses that are already required by the major.*

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|---------------|---|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>Area 1</b> | <b>Writing and Discourse (6 credits)</b>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
|               | <i>Based on English placement, this requirement can be met by taking:</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
|               | <i>ENGL 1105 and ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H</i>                              |                          |         |
| <b>Area 2</b> | <b>Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 credits)</b>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
| <b>Area 3</b> | <b>Society and Human Behavior (6 credits)</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | IS 2054 |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | IS 2064 |
| <b>Area 4</b> | <b>Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (6 credits)</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
|               | <i>No Labs are required</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
| <b>Area 5</b> | <b>Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (6 credits)</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
| <b>Area 6</b> | <b>Creative and Aesthetic Experience (3 credits)</b>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
| <b>Area 7</b> | <b>Critical Issues in a Global Context</b>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | IS 1004 |

*The full list of approved courses for each area above can be in the "Curriculum for Liberal Education Guide" on the Provost's Office web page ([www.provost.vt.edu](http://www.provost.vt.edu)).*