

**College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**  
Department of Political Science  
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS)  
Major – National Security & Foreign Affairs (NSFA)  
Checksheet for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2021

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**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 National Security & Foreign Affairs 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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> IS 1034            | Introduction to International Studies and Political Science (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 1034)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IS 2004            | Research and Writing in International Studies (3)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IS 2084            | Theoretical Approaches to Global Order (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 2084)</i>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IS 3115 or IS 3116 | Selected World Problems (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3115 and PSCI 3116)</i>                       |

**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
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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
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## II. Requirements for the National Security & Foreign Affairs (NSFA) Major (33 Credit Hours)

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### NSFA 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)*
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Select One of the following:
  - IS 3104 Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3104)*
  - OR**
  - IS 3624 Foreign Policy & Diplomacy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3624)*
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Select One of the following:
  - IS 3734 National Security *(cross-listed with PSCI 3734)*
  - OR**
  - IS 3625 US-Russia Foreign Policies *(cross-listed with PSCI 3625)*
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Select One of the following:
  - IS 4024 Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4024)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4034 Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4034)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4074 The Politics of Cybersecurity (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4074)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4734)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4735 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4735)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4736 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4736)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4744 Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4744)*

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

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

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

Select from the following to fulfill the Elective courses for the NSFA Major<sup>1,2</sup>:

#### International Studies (IS)

- IS 2034 Geography of Global Conflict (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2034 and GEOG 2034)*
- IS 3034 The CIA (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3034 and GEOG 3034)*
- IS 3054 The Dark Web and Threat Analytics (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3054)*
- IS 3104 Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3104)*
- IS 3114 Global Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3114)*
- IS 3125 Intelligence and National Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3125)*
- IS 3126 Intelligence and National Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3126)*
- IS 3134 Global Conflict and War (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3134)*
- IS 3135 Strategies of Modern Warfare (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3135)*
- IS 3136 Strategies of Modern Warfare (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3136)*
- IS 3194 Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3194)*
- IS 3624 Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3624)*
- IS 3625 US-Russia Foreign Policies (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3625)*
- IS 3626 US-Russia Foreign Policies (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3126)*
- IS 3704 National Security Strategy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3704)*
- IS 3734 National Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3734)*
- IS 3735 National Security Policies (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3735)*
- IS 3736 National Security Policies (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3736)*



IS 3794	Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3794)</i>
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 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 4744	Intelligence Analysis Workshop <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4744)</i>

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

**International Studies (IS)**

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 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 3634	Human Rights: Global Issues (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 3634)</i>
IS 3944	International Enrollment
IS 3954	Study Abroad
IS 4014	Seminar in Grassroots Development (3)
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 4614	Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4614)</i>
IS 4734	Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) <i>(cross-listed with PSCI 4734)</i>
IS 4974	Independent Study <sup>3</sup>
IS 4984	Special Study <sup>3</sup>
IS 4994	Undergraduate Research <sup>3</sup>

**Political Science (PSCI)**

PSCI 1014	Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
PSCI 3314	Congress (3)
PSCI 3324	The Presidency (3)
PSCI 3344	Global Environmental Issues (3) <i>(cross-listed with UAP 3344)</i>
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) <i>(Cross-listed with JUD 3544 and RLCL 3544)</i>
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) <i>(Cross-listed with AINS 3684)</i>
PSCI 3714	The U.S. Policy Process (3) <i>(Cross-listed with UAP 3714)</i>
PSCI 4514	Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)

<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.*

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