

**College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**  
 Department of Political Science  
 Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science  
 Checksheet for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Political Science Foundational Courses (18 credit hours).**

- PSCI 1034 Introduction to International Studies & Political Science (3)
- 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 2054 Introduction to World Politics (3) **OR**
- PSCI 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics (3)

**Political Science Electives (21 credit hours)**

Minimum of 21 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 15 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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

- Limit on Repeatable Courses: No more than six credit hours in any one of the following courses may contribute toward the 54 hours required by the major: internship (PSCI 4754), undergraduate research (PSCI 4994), independent study (PSCI 4974).

**Advanced Theory and Practice in Political Science (3 credit hours)**

Choose one course from the list below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 3015 Political Theory I (3)*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4414 Senior Seminar in Public Administration (3)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 3016 Political Theory II (3)*                     | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4514 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4024 Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3)        | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4054 Seminar in Global Political Economy (3)      | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4714 Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis (3)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4064 Seminar in Global Development (3)            | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4214 Senior Seminar in Political Behavior (3)     | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4754 Internship Program (3)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4314 Senior Seminar in Political Institutions (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4974 Independent Study (3)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4324 Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law (3)     | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research (3)                    |

\*Also counts as an Area 2

**Required Hours in a Related Field (12 credit hours)**

12 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level in ONE of the following departments: Agriculture & Applied Economics, Communication, Economics, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion and Culture, Sociology (including Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Criminology, Women and Gender Studies, and/or Peace Studies and Violence Prevention), Urban Affairs & Planning, or a single Foreign Language

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

**Hours Requirement:** A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with a Political Science degree.

**In major GPA:** All of the courses mentioned above are included in the in-major GPA Calculation. The overall and in-major GPA's required for graduation are 2.0.

**Satisfactory Progress:** To proceed satisfactorily toward a degree, a student must complete PSCI 1014, 1024, and 2024 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.

**Free Electives:** Hours not required by the Curriculum for Liberal Education or the major are "free electives" and may be taken anywhere in the university.

**Prerequisites:** Some courses in the major requirements listed above may have prerequisites that are not listed. Be sure to consult the University Catalog or check with your advisor.

**Regarding Double Majors and Minors:** The Department of Political Science offers majors in Political Science, International Studies, International Relations, National Security and Foreign Affairs, and International Public Policy as well as minors in Political Science, International Studies, International Relations, National Security and Foreign Affairs, International Public Policy, Global Engagement, and Integrated Security Minor (General Security, Securing Cyber, and Human Security Options). Courses for the majors and minors overlap significantly. Therefore, students may not pursue multiple majors and/or minors within the department.

# CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)<sup>1</sup>

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## Area 1: WRITING AND DISCOURSE

6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses

- ENGL 1105      OR       COMM 1015\*      OR       ENGL 1204H<sup>2</sup>  
 ENGL 1106                       COMM 1016\*

\*Please check with the Department of Communication regarding the current course restrictions/requirements for the COMM 1015/1016 course sequence.

## ViEWS: Visual Expression, Writing and Speaking

- This requirement is met through PSCI 2024 (Research Methods in Political Science). ALL majors in Political Science must take this course, whether they are double majors or not.

## Area 2: IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND VALUES

6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses

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

## Area 3: SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

- PSCI 1014 (3) US Government and Politics (Required by the PSCI Major)  
 PSCI 1024 (3) Comparative Government and Politics (Required by the PSCI Major)

## Area 4: SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND DISCOVERY

6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses.

No labs are required.

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

## Area 5: QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses.

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

## Area 6: CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

3 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses.

One 3 credit class.

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

## Area 7: CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

- PSCI 2054 (3) Introduction to World Politics (3) (PSCI major requires students take either PSCI 2054 or PSCI 2064)  
OR  
 PSCI 2064 (3) The Global Economy and World Politics (3) (PSCI major requires students take either PSCI 2054 or PSCI 2064)

## Foreign Language:

- 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:
- o Complete 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1106 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculate into the GPA) OR
  - o Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation)

## Footnotes

1. 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)).
2. Students must meet University Honors Standards or English Department honors Standards to be enrolled in this course. Honors students who successfully complete ENGL 1204H at Virginia Tech in the first enrollment with a C- or better receive Advanced Standing credit for ENGL 1105.