

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science Option: National Security Studies

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)

National Security Studies Political Science Courses (9 credit hours)

Choose three courses from the list below:

- PSCI 3104 Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3)
- PSCI 3114 Global Security (3)
- PSCI 3125 Intelligence and National Security I (3)
- PSCI 3126 Intelligence and National Security II (3)
- PSCI 3134 Global Conflict and War (3)
- PSCI 3135 Strategies of Modern Warfare I (3)
- PSCI 3136 Strategies of Modern Warfare II (3)
- PSCI 3194 Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3)
- PSCI 3314 Congress (3)
- PSCI 3324 The Presidency (3)
- PSCI 3564 Violent Political Change (3)
- PSCI 3624 Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (3)
- PSCI 3625 US-Russia Foreign Policies I (3)
- PSCI 3626 US-Russia Foreign Policies II (3)
- PSCI 3704 National Security Strategy (3)
- PSCI 3734 National Security (3)
- PSCI 3735 National Security Policies I (3)
- PSCI 3736 National Security Policies II (3)
- PSCI 3794 Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3)
- PSCI 4034 Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3)
- PSCI 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3)
- PSCI 4735 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3)
- PSCI 4744 Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3)

Political Science Electives (12 credit hours)

Minimum of 12 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 6 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level*.

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- **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).
- **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 (including option electives referenced 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.

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

Choose one course from the list below:

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

*Also counts as an Area 2

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Required Hours in National Security Related Courses (12 credit hours)

Choose four courses from the list below:

- COMM 4044 International Communication (3)
- GEOG 3034 The CIA in Today's World (3) *(cross-listed with IS/PSCI 3034)*
- GEOG 4084 Modeling with Geographic Information Systems (3)
- GEOG 4314 Spatial Analysis in Geographic Information Systems (3)
- GEOG 4354 Introduction to Remote Sensing (3)
- HIST 3254 The Vietnam War (3)
- HIST 3264 The United States in Latin America (3)
- HIST 3394 Europe Since World War II (3)
- HIST 3484 Twentieth-Century Germany (3)
- HIST 3524 European Military History (3)
- HIST 3534 Modern Military History (3)
- HIST 3544 World War II (3)
- HIST 3554 Age of Globalization (3)
- HIST 3564 The Cold War (3)
- HIST 3594 The Rise of Modern Latin America (3)
- HIST 3644 Twentieth-Century Russia (3)
- HIST 3654 The Arab-Israeli Conflict (3)
- HIST 3664 Revolutionary China (3)
- HUM 3204 Multicultural Communications (3)
- SOC 3504 Population Trends and Issues (3)

CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)¹

Area 1: WRITING AND DISCOURSE

6 Credits from approved CLE¹ courses

- ENGL 1105 OR COMM 1015 OR ENGL 1204H²
 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 CLE¹ courses

- _____ (3)
 _____ (3)

Area 3: SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

Met by Major Requirements

- 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 CLE¹ courses.

No labs are required.

- _____ (3)
 _____ (3)

Area 5: QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

6 Credits from approved CLE¹ courses.

- _____ (3)
 _____ (3)

Area 6: CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

3 Credits from approved CLE¹ courses.

One 3 credit class.

- _____ (3)

Area 7: CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Met by Major Requirements

- 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:
 ○ 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
 ○ 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).
- 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.