

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences  
Department of Political Science  
Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science Option: Political Theory  
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 Political Theory Courses (9 credit hours)**

*Required Courses:*

- PSCI 3015 Political Theory (3)

*Choose two from the list below:*

- PSCI 3615 International Relations (3)
- PSCI 3754 American Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 3764 Contemporary Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 3774 Marxian Political Analysis (3)
- PSCI 3784 Origins of the State (3)
- PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 4884 Advanced Topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (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.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 hours required by the major: internship (PSCI 4754), undergraduate research (PSCI 4994), independent study (PSCI 4974).

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

- PSCI 3016 Political Theory (3)

### **Political Theory Courses in Related Disciplines (12 credit hours)**

Choose four courses from the list below:

- COMM 3264 Communication and Gender (3)
- COMM 4314 Communication and Issues of Diversity (3)
- COMM 4334 Communication Ethics (3)
- HIST 3724 History of Disease, Medicine, and Health (3)
- RLCL 3214 Religion and Culture in India (3)
- RLCL 3224 Religions of China and Japan (3)
- SOC 3004 Social Inequality (3)
- SOC 3014 Gender Relations (3)
- SOC 3854 Globalization: Sociological Perspectives (3)
- SOC 4024 Sociology of Religion (3)
- UAP 4264 Environmental Ethics and Policy (3)
- WGS 3004 Topics in Feminism (3)
- WGS 3214 Global Feminisms (3)

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**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>

## 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

- PSCI 3015 Political Theory (3) (Required by the PSCI Major – Political and Ethical Thought Option)  
 PSCI 3016 Political Theory (3) (Required by the PSCI Major – Political and Ethical Thought Option)

## 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)  
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## Area 5: QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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## 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:  
    ○ 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

- <sup>1</sup> 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)).
- <sup>2</sup> 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.