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 Studies 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:** 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 The Pathways to General Education or major requirements.

**Intra-departmental majoring and minoring:** Due to overlapping of courses, students cannot pursue another major within the Department of Political Science. However, they can pursue any of the minors offered by the department except the Minor in Political Science.

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

I. Core Degree Requirements – 21 Credit Hours

**Required International Studies Courses (9 credit hours)**

- IS 1034  Introduction to International Studies and Political Science (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 1034)*
- IS 2084  The Evolution of World 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. See undergraduate course catalog for current course offerings.

- □ _________ (3)  □ _________ (3)  □ _________ (3)  □ _________ (3)

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

- ARBC 3124
- FR 3125
- FR 3126
- GER 3125
- GER 3126
- JPN 3125
- JPN 3126

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

- If a student wishes to use an excluded course toward this requirement: Requests for exceptions must be made in writing to the Director of the International Studies Program and the student’s assigned advisor. No more than one course exception will be granted.

ARBC 3304  ARBC 3474  CHN 3474  FR 3954  RUS 3304  RUS 3314  RUS 3424  RUS 3434
II. Requirements for the International Studies (IS) Major – 36 Credit Hours

Required Courses for the IS Major (21 credit hours)

☐ IS 1004  Nations and Nationalities (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 1004)
☐ IS 2004  Research and Writing in International Studies (3)
☐ 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 3114  Global Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3114; Pre: IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054)
☐ OR  IS 3134  Global Conflict & War (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3134; Pre: IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054)
☐ OR  IS 4044  International Communication (3) (cross-listed with JMC 4044; Senior Standing in IS and instructor consent required)

☐ ______  Select one of the following:

☐ IS 3165  Global Economic Governance & Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3165; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)
☐ OR  IS 3166  Global Economic Governance & Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3166; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)
☐ OR  IS 3175  Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3175; Pre: (IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054) and (IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)
☐ OR  IS 3176  Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3176; Pre: (IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054) and (IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)

☐ ______  Select one of the following:

☐ IS 4004  Seminar in International Studies (3) (Senior Standing in IS and instructor consent required)
☐ OR  IS 4014  International Development (3)
☐ OR  IS 4034  Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4034; Pre: Junior Standing)
☐ OR  IS 4054  Seminar in Global Political Economy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4054; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)
☐ OR  IS 4064  Seminar in Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4064; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)

Elective Courses for the IS Major (15 credit hours)

- Fifteen (15) hours of elective courses are required (at least 6 hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level). Elective courses must be EITHER in a second foreign language OR from the courses listed below.\(^1,2,3\)
- Other courses with an international character and/or relevance may also be considered. These courses will be evaluated by the International Studies Program advisor.
- IS major courses selected will not double count toward IS major electives.

☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)
Africana Studies (AFST)
1814 Introduction to African Studies
2144 African Religions (cross-listed with RLCL 2144)
2204 Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (cross-listed with RLCL 2204 and WGS 2204)
2454 Race and Racism (cross-listed with SOC 2454)

Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC)
1005 Economics of the Food and Fiber System
1006 Economics of the Food and Fiber System
1264 Peace Economics
3024 Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Economics (Pre: 1005, 1006)
3204 International Agricultural Development and Trade (Pre: 1005, 1006)
3324 Environment and Sustainable Development Economics (Pre: 1005 or 1106 or ECON 2005)
4135 International Economics (cross-listed with ECON 4135; Pre: 3004 or ECON 3104 or ECON 2025H)
4204 Food and Agricultural Policy (Pre: 1005, 1006)
4324 Rural and Regional Development Policy (Pre: 1005, 3004)
4344 Sustainable Development Economics (Pre: 3324 or 3004 or ECON 4014)
4464 Water Resources Policy and Economics (cross-listed with FREC 4464 and WATR 4464; Pre: 1005)

American Indian Studies (AINS)
2104 Oral Traditions and Culture (cross-listed with HUM 2104)
3684 Indigenous People in World Politics (cross-listed with PSCI 3684)

Arabic (ARBC)
2774 Arab Culture and Civilization
3304 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation

Communication (COMM)
2084 Media and Society

Economics (ECON)
2005 Principles of Economics
2006 Principles of Economics
3004 Contemporary Economic Issues (Pre: 2006 or 2115 or 2125 or 2026H)
3024 Economic Justice ((Pre: 2005 or 2025H), (2006 or 2006H))
3214 Money and Banking (Pre: 2005 or 2025H), 2006
3914 European Economics (cross-listed with PSCI 3914 and IS 3914; pre: ECON 2006)
4124 Growth and Development (Pre: 2006, (2025H or 3104))
4135 International Economics (cross-listed with AAEC 4135; Pre: 3104 or 2025H)
4136 International Economics (Pre: 3204 or 4204H)
4144 Economics of China (Pre: 3104 or 2025H)

French (FR)
2714 Introduction to French Culture & Civilization
3205/3206 French Culture & Civilization (Pre: 3105 and 3106)
3304 Introduction to French Literature (Pre: 3105)
3305 Survey of French Literature (Pre: 3304, 3105, 3106)
3306 Survey of French Literature (Pre: 3304, 3105, 3106)
3314 Introduction to Francophone Studies (Pre: 3105, 3106, 3304)
4314 Studies in French Literature (Pre: 3304, (3305, 3306 or 3314)
4324 Special Topics in French Life, Literature, and Language (Pre: 3105, 3106, 3304, 3314 or 3424 or 3444 or 3454)

Geography (GEOG)
1004 Introduction to Human Geography
1014 World Regions
1115/1116 Seeking Sustainability (cross-listed with NR 1115 and 1116; Pre: 1115 for 1116)
2034 Geography of Global Conflict (cross-listed with IS 2034 and PSCI 2034)
2134 Geography of the Global Economy (cross-listed with IS 2134 and PSCI 2134)
3034  The CIA: Its Capabilities in Today’s Geo-political World (cross-listed with IS 3034 and PSCI 3034)
3104  Environmental Problems, Population & Development
3254  Geography of East Asia
3274  Geography of Subarctic and Arctic Environments
4054  Geography of Wine
4074  Medical Geography (Pre: Junior Standing)
4024  Geography of Resources (Pre: Junior Standing)
4214  Women, Environment and Development in a Global Perspective (cross-listed with UAP 4214 and WGS 4214; Pre: Junior Standing)
4764  International Development Policy and Planning (cross-listed with SOC 4764 and UAP 4764; pre: Junior Standing)

German (GER)
2724  Introduction to German Culture and Civilization
3204  Culture of the German-Speaking Countries (Pre: 3104 or 3105 or 3106)
3305/3306  Survey of German Literature [Pre: (3105, 3106) or (3105, 3204) or (3105, 3306) or (3106, 3204) or (3106, 3306) for 3305; 3105 or 3106 for 3306]
3474  Topics in German Cinema
4304  Age of Goethe (Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306)
4314  Studies in 19th-Century German Literature (Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306)
4324  Studies in 20th-Century German Literature (Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306)
4334  Special Topics in German Life, Literature, and Language [Pre: (3105 or 3106), (3305 or 3306)]

History (HIST)
1025/1026  Introduction to European Civilization
1214  History of the Modern World
1215/1216  Introduction to World History
1224  Introduction to Latin America
1354  Conflict and Security in Modern East Asia
1515/1516  History of Africa
2124  Topics and Critical Issues in World History
2165/2166  History of France
2184  History of the Balkans
2304  Africa in the Modern World
2345/2346  History of the Middle East
2355/2356  History of China
2364  History of Japan
3254  The Vietnam War
3324  The Medieval World
3334  The Renaissance
3344  The Era of the Reformation
3364  The Age of Revolution and Napoleon
3394  Europe Since World War II
3484  Nazi Germany: History and Memory
3494  The Holocaust (cross-listed with JUD 3494 and RLCL 3494)
3504  The Age of the Crusades (cross-listed with RLCL 3504)
3524  European Military History to 1789
3534  Modern Military History
3544  World War II
3554  Age of Globalization
3584  Colonial Latin America
3594  The Rise of Modern Latin America
3614  Imperial Russia
3624  Health and Illness in African History
3634  Mau Mau: Colonialism and Rebellion in Kenya
3644  Twentieth-Century Russia
3654  The Arab-Israeli Dispute
Humanities (HUM)
1324  Introduction to Humanities: The Modern World
2104  Oral Traditions and Culture (cross-listed with AINS 2104)
3204  Multicultural Communication (cross-listed with RLCL 3204)

International Studies (IS)
1114  Introduction to Transatlantic Studies (cross-listed with PSCI 1114)
1104  Introduction to European Studies
2224  Geography of Europe (cross-listed with PSCI 2224 and GEOG 2224)
3004  Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies (cross-listed with PSCI 3004; Pre: Junior Standing)
3844* European Geopolitics (cross-listed with PSCI 3844 and GEOG 3844)
3914* European Economics (cross-listed with ECON 3914)
3884* Culture & Society in Contemporary Europe (cross-listed with RLCL 3884 and SOC 3884)
4034  Topics in Diplomacy Lab (cross-listed with PSCI 4034; Pre: Junior Standing)
4104  Topics in European Studies (pre: senior standing and 1104)
4114  Topics in EU Policies (cross-listed with PSCI 4114; pre: 3814 or PSCI 3814)
4124  Topics in European Integration (cross-listed with PSCI 4124; pre: 3804 or PSCI 3804)
4134* Capstone Research Project in European Studies
4154* Topics in Transatlantic Studies (cross-listed with PSCI 4154)
4184* Capstone Project in Transatlantic Studies (cross-listed with PSCI 4184)
4964  Field Study

Italian (ITAL)
3305/3306  Introduction to Italian Literature in Context (Pre: 3105 or 3106)
3474  Topics in Italian Cinema

Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC)
4044  International Communication (cross-listed with IS 4044; Pre: Senior Standing)

Judaic Studies (JUD)
2134  Judaism: A Survey of History, Culture, and Heritage (cross-listed with RLCL 2134)
3494  The Holocaust (cross-listed with RLCL 3494 and HIST 3494)
3544  The State of Israel: A Political History (cross-listed with PSCI 3544 and RLCL 3544; Pre: 2134 or PSCI 1024)
4424  Advanced Topics in Jewish Culture, History, and Thought (Pre: 2 JUD courses or Senior standing)

Management (MGT)
3874  The European Business Environment (cross-listed with PSCI 3874 and IS 3874)

Peace Studies and Violence Prevention (PSVP)
2044  Peace and Violence
4104  Global Society, Violence and the Prospects for Peace (Pre: 2044 or SOC 2044)

Political Science (PSCI)
1014  Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
1024  Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3) (cross-listed with IS 1024)
4034  Topics in Diplomacy Lab (cross-listed with IS 4034; Pre: Junior Standing)

Religion and Culture (RLCL)
1004  Investigations in Religion and Culture
1024  Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
1034  Religion and the Modern World
1044  Religious Ethics
1214  The Medieval World  
1904  Religion and Culture in Asia  
2004  Case Studies in Religion and Culture  
2054  Ethnography: Studying Culture (cross-listed with SOC 2054)  
2134  Judaism: A Survey of History, Culture, and Heritage (cross-listed with JUD 2134)  
2144  African Religions (cross-listed with AFST 2144)  
2204  Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (cross-listed with AFST 2204 and WGS 2204)  
2324  Islam  
2474  Religion and Violence (cross-listed with IS 2474)  
3014  Women and Gender in Islam (cross-listed with WGS 3014)  
3204  Multicultural Communication (cross-listed with HUM 3204)  
3214  Religion and Culture in India  
3224  Religions of China and Japan  
3494  The Holocaust (cross-listed with JUD 3494 and HIST 3494)  
3504  The Age of the Crusades (cross-listed with HIST 3504)  
3544  The State of Israel: A Political History (cross-listed with PSCI 3544 and JUD 3544: Pre: JUD 2134 or PSCI 1024)  
3604  Islam and the Modern World  
3884  Culture & Society in Contemporary Europe (cross-listed with IS 3884 and SOC 3884; Pre: 1104)  
4024  Sociology of Religion (cross-listed with SOC 4024; Pre: SOC 1004)  
4124  Topics in Culture (cross-listed with SOC 4124; Junior or Senior standing; Pre: SOC 1004 or SOC 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824)  
4324  Topics in Religion and Culture (Pre: 2004)  

**Russian (RUS)**  
2734  Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization  
3304  Survey of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H)  
3314  Survey of Twentieth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H)  
3424  Russian Literature in English (cross-listed with ENGL 3424; Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016)  
4204  Topics in Russian Culture & Civilization (Pre: 3106)  
4304  Studies in Russian Literature (Pre: 3106)  

**Sociology (SOC)**  
1004  Introductory Sociology  
1014  Introduction to Social Anthropology  
2004  Social Problems  
2034  Diversity and Community Engagement  
2054  Ethnography: Studying Culture (cross-listed with RLCL 2054)  
2454  Race and Racism (cross-listed with AFST 2454)  
3004  Social Inequality (Pre: 1004)  
3014  Gender Relations (Pre: 1004)  
3314  Social Movements (Pre: 1004)  
3304  Collective Action (Pre: 1004)  
3504  Population Trends and Issues (Pre: 1004)  
3884  Culture & Society in Contemporary Europe (cross-listed with IS 3884 and RLCL 3884; pre: 1104)  
4024  Sociology of Religion (cross-listed with RLCL 4024; Pre: 1004)  
4044  Military Sociology (Junior Standing; Pre: 1004)  
4124  Topics in Culture (cross-listed with RLCL 4124; Junior or Senior standing; Pre: SOC 1004 or SOC 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824)  
4764  International Development Policy & Planning (cross-listed with UAP 4764 and GEOG 4764; Pre: Junior Standing)  

**Spanish (SPAN)**  
2744  Introduction to Spanish Culture and Civilization  
2754  Topics in Spanish-American Culture and Civilization  
2764  Introduction to Latino American Studies  
2774  Minority Languages in the Spanish-Speaking Context  
3304  Introduction to Hispanic Literature (Pre: 3106)
3404 Early Peninsular Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
3414 Modern Peninsular Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
3444 Early Spanish-American Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
3464 Modern Mexican and Central American Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
3474 Modern Spanish-Caribbean Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
3484 Modern Andean and Southern Cone Culture and Literature (Pre: 3304)
4304 Topics in Early Modern Literature and Culture (Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484)
4314 Studies in 18th and 19th Century Literature (Pre: 3414 or 3404 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484)
4324 Studies in 20th and 21st Century Hispanic Literature (Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484)
4334 Special Topics in Hispanic Life, Literature, and Language (Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484)
4344 Hispanic Literature and the Representation of History (Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484)

Urban Affairs and Planning (UAP)
1024 Public Issues in an Urban Society
2014 Urbanization and Development
3014 Urban Policy and Planning (Pre: 1024 with a grade of B- or higher)
3224 Policy Implementation (Pre: 3014, STAT 3604)
3344 Global Environmental Issues (cross-listed with PSCI 3344; Pre: Completion of Area 4 of University Core)
3354 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning
3744 Public Policy Analysis (cross-listed with PSCI 3744; pre: PSCI 1014 or 1014H)
3774 Marxian Political Analysis (cross-listed with PSCI 3774; Pre: PSCI 1014 or PSCI 1014H)
4184 Community Involvement (Pre: Senior Standing)
4214 Women, Environment & Development in a Global Perspective (cross-listed with WGS 4214 and GEOG 4214; Pre: Junior Standing)
4264 Environmental Ethics and Policy (Pre: Junior, Senior or Graduate Standing)
4764 International Development Policy and Planning (cross-listed with GEOG 4764 and SOC 4764; pre: Junior Standing)

Women & Gender Studies (WGS)
2204 Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (cross-listed with RLCL 2204 and AFST 2204)
3014 Women and Gender in Islam (cross-listed with RLCL 3014)
3214 Global Feminisms (Pre: 2264)
4214 Women, Environment and Development in a Global Perspective (cross-listed with GEOG 4214 and UAP 4214; Pre: Junior Standing)

1 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.
2 Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog or the Timetable of classes for the most up to date course restrictions and pre-requisites.
3 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.
4 IS 4964 is only offered as Pass/Fail and can be used toward fulfillment of a major elective from the corresponding list.
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:
  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 of 1106 do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculates 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)

III. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION¹

For the IPP, IREL, IS, or NSFA majors you must complete the following requirements for the Pathways to General Education. More details and course listings can be found at the following link: https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu.
You must complete each requirement listed - check every box.

Pathways 1f: Foundational Discourse (6 Credits Required)
  ☐ ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing
  ☐ ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing

Pathways 1a: Advanced Discourse (3 Credits Required)
  ☐ IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (major requirement)

Pathways 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 Credits Required)
  ☐ ___________________ ☐ ___________________

Pathways 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 Credits Required)
  ☐ IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics (cross-listed with PSCI 2054 and GEOG 2054) (major requirement)
  ☐ IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics (cross-listed with PSCI 2064 and GEOG 2064) (major requirement)

Pathways 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 Credits Required)
  ☐ ___________________ ☐ ___________________

Pathways 5f: Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking (6 Credits Required)
  ☐ ___________________ ☐ ___________________

Pathways 5a: Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking (3 Credits Required)
  ☐ ___________________  * Prerequisites of MATH 1014 or higher may be required

Pathways 6a/6d: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts 6 credits: 3 credits 6a (arts) and 3 credits 6d (design)
  ☐ 6a_________________ ☐ 6d_________________

Pathways 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credits)
  ☐ IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities (major requirement)