

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 entering under UG catalog 2023-2024

**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:** 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.

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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
RUS 3124	SPAN 3125	SPAN 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
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## II. Requirements for the National Security & Foreign Affairs (NSFA) Major (36 Credit Hours)

### NSFA Major Courses (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 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\* Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4735)*
  - OR**
  - IS 4736\* Topics in 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 2104 Europe Country Analysis (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2104)*
- IS 2224\* Geography of Europe (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2224 and GEOG 2224)*
- IS 3034 The CIA (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3034 and GEOG 3034)*
- IS 3044\* The Politics of Internet Governance (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3044)*
- 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 3626)*

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 3795*	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3795)
IS 3796*	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3796)
IS 3804	European Integration (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3804)
IS 3814*	The European Union: Institutions & Policies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3814)
IS 3824*	EU Foreign & Security Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3824)
IS 3825*	EU Foreign Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3825)
IS 3826*	EU Foreign Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3826)
IS 3834*	European Security Governance (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3834)
IS 3844*	European Geopolitics (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3844 and GEOG 3844)
IS 3934*	NATO and European Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3934)
IS 4024*	Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4024)
IS 4034 *	Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4034)
IS 4134*	Capstone Research Project in European Studies (3)
IS 4735*	Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4735)
IS 4736*	Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4736)
IS 4744*	Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4744)
IS 4964	Field Study <sup>4</sup>

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**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 1114	Introduction to Transatlantic Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 1114)
IS 2044	Food, War, and Conflict (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2044 and FST 2044)
IS 2114*	Transatlantic Political Frameworks (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2114)
IS 2134	Geography of Global Economy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2134 and GEOG 2134)
IS 2474	Religion & Violence (3) (cross-listed with RLCL 2474)
IS 3004*	Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3004)
IS 3144*	Global Governance & Public Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3144)
IS 3154*	Topics in Global Public Policies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3154)
IS 3165*	Global Economic Governance and Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3165)
IS 3166*	Global Economic Governance and Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3166)
IS 3175*	Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3175)
IS 3176*	Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3176)
IS 3184*	Human Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3184)
IS 3594*	Topics in Middle East Politics & International Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3594)
IS 3634*	Human Rights: Global Issues (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3634)
IS 3894*	Transatlantic Relations Since 1945 (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3894)
IS 3924*	Theories of Transatlantic Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3924)
IS 3944	International Enrollment
IS 3954	Study Abroad
IS 4014*	International Development (3)
IS 4044*	International Communication (3) (cross-listed with JMC 4044)
IS 4054*	Seminar in Global Political Economy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4054)
IS 4064*	Seminar in Global Development (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4064)
IS 4144*	Topics in Transatlantic Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4144)
IS 4184*	Capstone Project in Transatlantic Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4184)
IS 4614*	Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4614)
IS 4734*	Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4734)
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) (cross-listed with UAP 3344)
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) (Cross-listed with JUD 3544 and RLCL 3544)
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) (Cross-listed with AINS 3684)
PSCI 3714*	The U.S. Policy Process (3) (Cross-listed with UAP 3714)
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.

<sup>4</sup>IS 4964 is only offered as Pass/Fail and **can be used** toward fulfillment of a major elective from the corresponding list.

\*Indicates the course has a pre-requisite. Please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

**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. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION<sup>1</sup>**

For the IPPL, 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)

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**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)

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

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**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)