

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 2019

Name _____ ID# _____

Required Political Science Foundational Courses (18 credit hours).

- PSCI 1034 * Introduction to International Studies & Political Science (3) [cross-listed IS 1034]
- 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) [Prerequisite: PSCI 1014 or PSCI 1024]
- PSCI 2054 Introduction to World Politics [cross-listed IS 2054 and GEOG 2054] (3) **OR**
- PSCI 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics [cross-listed IS 2064 and GEOG 2064] (3)

**Internal transfers to the Political Science major should discuss this requirement with an advisor to be sure they are taking the correct course.*

Political Science Political Theory Courses (9 credit hours)

Required Courses:

- PSCI 3015 Political Theory [cross-listed PHIL 3015] (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 2014]

Choose two from the list below:

- PSCI 3615 International Relations [cross-listed IS 3615] (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI/IS/GEOG 2054 OR PSCI/IS/GEOG 2064]
- PSCI 3754 American Political Theory (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 1014]
- PSCI 3764 Contemporary Democratic Theory (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 2014 OR PSCI 3015 OR PSCI 3016]
- PSCI 3774 Marxian Political Analysis [cross-listed UAP 3774] (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 2014 OR PSCI 3016 OR PSCI 3554]
- PSCI 3784 Origins of the State (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 2014 OR PSCI 3015 OR PSCI 3016]
- PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 3015 OR PSCI 3016 OR PSCI 3754 OR PSCI 3774]
- PSCI 4884 Advanced Topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics [cross-listed PHIL 4884 and ECON 4884] (3)
[Prerequisite: PSCI/PHIL/ECON 2984]

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 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 [cross-listed PHIL 3016] (3) [Prerequisite: PSCI 2014]

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) [Prerequisite: SOC 1004]
- SOC 3014 Gender Relations (3) [Prerequisite: SOC 1004]
- SOC 3854 Globalization: Sociological Perspectives [cross-listed PSVP 3854] (3)
- SOC 4024 Sociology of Religion [cross-listed RLCL 4024] (3) [Prerequisite: SOC 1004]
- UAP 4264 Environmental Ethics and Policy (3)
- WGS 3004 Topics in Feminism (3) [Prerequisite: WGS 1824]
- WGS 3214 Global Feminisms (3) [Prerequisite: WGS 2264]

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

In-major Grade Point Average: Political Science courses, including those cross listed with other departments, are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA. Courses taken in other disciplines for the related field are excluded. Both overall and in-major GPAs must be 2.0 or higher for graduation.

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: The Department of Political Science offers majors in both Political Science and in International Studies. Courses for the two majors overlap significantly. Therefore, students may not pursue both majors simultaneously, nor major in one and minor in the other.

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.

Area 2: IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND VALUES

6 Credits from approved CLE¹ courses

- PSCI 3015 Political Theory [cross-listed PHIL 3015] (3) (Required by the PSCI Major – Political and Ethical Thought Option)
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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 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

- 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 NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation) 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).
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.