

Department of Political Science
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Major: Political Science
Major Concentration: General
Checksheet for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2016

Name _____

ID# _____

[] Required Political Science Foundational Courses (18 credits).

- _____ LAHS 1004 Introduction to a Research University (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 Electives (21 credits). Minimum of 21 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 18 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.*

- _____ PSCI _____ (3) _____ PSCI _____ (3) _____ PSCI _____ (3) _____ PSCI _____ (3)
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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 39 hours required by the major: internship (PSCI 4754), undergraduate re-search (PSCI 4994), independent study (PSCI 4974).

[] Advanced Theory and Practice in Political Science (3 credits). Choose one course from the list below.

- _____ PSCI _____ (3)
- PSCI 3015 Political Theory I (3)
- PSCI 3016 Political Theory II (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 (3)
- PSCI 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3)
- PSCI 4714 Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis (3)
- PSCI 4754 Internship Program (3)
- PSCI 4974 Independent Study (3)

PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research (3)

[] Required Hours in a Related Field.

12 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level in one of the following departments:

Agricultural & Applied Economics, Communication, Economics, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Urban Affairs & Planning or a single foreign language.

Grade/Course ___/___ (3) ___/___ (3) ___/___ (3) ___/___ (3)

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 and must maintain an in-major GPA and overall GPA of at least 2.0.

Minimum Hours Requirement: To graduate, a student must successfully complete a total of 120 hours, of which at least 39 must be in Political Science, and 12 from a single approved department as listed above.

Grade Point Averages: All Political Science courses taken, including cross-listed courses, are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA. A GPA of at least 2.0 both overall and in major is required for graduation.

Free Electives: Hours not required by the Curriculum for Liberal Education, the major or the related field are "free electives" and may be taken anywhere in the university.

Prerequisites: The "Required Political Science Foundational Courses" above must be taken as preparation for other courses in the major. Some upper level courses have additional Political Science courses as prerequisites. Courses in the related field may also have prerequisites. 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 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) as specified for the Political Science major.

Area 1 [] WRITING AND DISCOURSE:

ENGL 1105 Freshman English	Grade/Course ___/___
ENGL 1106 Freshman English	Grade/Course ___/___
or ENGL 1204H Honors Freshman English	Grade/Course ___/___

ViEWS - Visual Expression, Writing and Speaking: This requirement is met through PSCI 2024 (Research Methods). Hence ALL majors MUST take PSCI 2024.

Area 2 [] IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND VALUES:

Any two Area 2 courses from the CLE list*
PSCI 3015 and 3016 may be counted here.

Grade/Course ___/___ ___/___

Area 3 [] SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR:

Any two Area 3 courses from the CLE list*
PSCI 1014 and 1024 may be counted here.

Grade/Course ___/___ ___/___

Area 4 [] SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND DISCOVERY:

Six credits from a single science (See Area 4 in the CLE list*).

Grade/Course ____/____ ____/____

Area 5 [] QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING:

Any two Area 5 courses from the CLE list*
MATH 1015 and STAT 2004 are recommended.

Grade/Course ____/____ ____/____

Area 6 [] CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE:

A three hour course from Area 6 of the CLE list*

Grade/Course ____/____

Area 7 [] CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT:

A three hour course from Area 7 of the CLE list*
PSCI 1024, 2054 or 2064 may be counted here.

Foreign Language: The requirement is three years of a single language in high school or one year of a single language in university. Credits taken in lieu of the university's language requirement do not count towards graduation.

* The full list of approved courses for each area above can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog or in the "Curriculum for Liberal Education Guide" on the Provost's Office web page (www.provost.vt.edu).