

Department of Political Science

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Major: Political Science

Major Concentration: Legal Studies

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 Global Economy and World Politics (3)

[] Legal Studies Political Science Courses (6 credits). Choose two courses from the list below.

- _____ PSCI _____ (3) _____ PSCI _____ (3)
- PSCI 3334 Judicial Process (3)
- PSCI 3354 Constitutional Law: Structures and Relationships (3)
- PSCI 3364 Constitutional Law: Civil and Political Rights (3)
- PSCI 4324 Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law (3)

[] Legal Studies Philosophy Courses (6 credits).

- _____ PHIL 1204 Knowledge and Reality (3)
- _____ PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (3)

[] Political Science Electives (15 credits). Minimum of 15 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 12 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.*

- _____ 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 research (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 Law Related Courses (12 credits). Choose four courses from list below.

Grade/Course ____/____ (3) ____/____ (3) ____/____ (3) ____/____ (3)

AAEC 3314 Environmental Law (3)
 AAEC 3604 Agricultural Law (3)
 AAEC 4754 Real Estate Law (3)
 COMM 4024 Communications Law and Ethics (3)
 COS 4314 Current Topics in Science, Technology and Law (3)
 COS 4324 Global Aspects of Intellectual Property Law (3)
 ECON 4894 Law and Economics (3)
 ENGL 3684 Literature and the Law (3)
 FIN 3055 Legal Environment of Business (3)
 FIN 4004 Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3)
 FIN 4014 Internet, Electronic and Online Law (3)
 HIST 4224 Topics in Legal & Constitutional History (3) PHIL
 4334 Jurisprudence (3)
 SOC 3414 Criminology (3)
 SOC 4404 Sociology of Law (3)
 SOC 4434 Advanced Topics in Criminology (3)
 UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas (3)
 UAP 4754 Legal Foundations of Planning (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, 6 in Philosophy, and 12 in law related courses outside the 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).