

**Department of Political Science**  
 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
 Major: Political Science  
 Major Concentration: National Security 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)

[ ] National Security Studies Political Science Courses (9 credits). Choose three courses from the list below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- PSCI 3314 Congress (3)
- PSCI 3324 The Presidency (3)
- PSCI 3564 Violent Political Change (3)
- PSCI 3625 Foreign Policies of the Super Powers I (3)
- PSCI 3626 Foreign Policies of the Super Powers II (3)
- PSCI 3734 National Security (3)
- PSCI 3794 Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3)
- PSCI 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3)
- PSCI 4744 Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3)

[ ] Political Science Electives (12 credits). Minimum of 12 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 9 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.\*

- \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ PSCI \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

\*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 National Security Related Courses (12 credits). Choose four courses from list below.

Grade/Course	___/___ (3)	___/___ (3)	___/___ (3)	___/___ (3)
COMM 4044	International Communication	(3)		
GEOG 3034	The CIA	(3)		
GEOG 4084	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	(3)		
GEOG 4314	Spatial Analysis in Geographic Information Systems	(3)		
GEOG 4354	Introduction to Remote Sensing	(3)		
HIST 3264	The United States in Latin America	(3)		
HIST 3394	Europe Since World War II	(3)		
HIST 3484	Twentieth-Century Germany	(3)		
HIST 3524	European Military History to 1789	(3)		
HIST 3534	Modern Military History	(3)		
HIST 3544	World War II	(3)		
HIST 3554	Age of Globalization	(3)		
HIST 3594	The Rise of Modern Latin America	(3)		
HIST 3644	Twentieth-Century Russia	(3)		
HIST 3654	The Arab-Israeli Dispute	(3)		
HIST 3664	Revolutionary China	(3)		
HUM 3204	Multicultural Communication	(3)		
SOC 3504	Population Trends and Issues	(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 in national security 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 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.

Grade/Course \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.provost.vt.edu)).