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: No course can double count within or between International Studies Program-related majors or minors with the exception of the Core Degree Requirements (Section I below) and IS 1004, IS 2054 and IS 2064. 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 Curriculum for Liberal Education or major requirements.

Intra-departmental majoring and minoring: Due to overlapping of courses, students pursuing one or more majors associated with the International Studies Program cannot major or minor in Political Science.

Intra-IS Program majoring and minoring: Students may pursue more than one major or minor associated with the International Studies Program. In this case, the policy pertaining to the “Dual Use of Courses” will apply.

Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Be sure to consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

I. Core Degree Requirements (24 Credit Hours)

Required International Studies Courses (12 credit hours)

☐ IS 1034 Introduction to International Studies and Political Science (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 1034)
☐ IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (3)
☐ IS 2084 Theoretical Approaches to Global 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

☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)  ☐ _________ (3)

The following courses are only offered as Pass/Fail and can be used toward fulfillment of this requirement:
SPAN 3125  SPAN 3126  FR 3125  FR 3126  GER 3125  GER 3126  RUS 3124

The following courses are excluded and cannot be used to fulfill this requirement:
ARBC 3304  FR 3954  GER 3414  GER 3474  RUS 3304  RUS 3314  RUS 3424
II. Requirements for the National Security & Foreign Affairs (NSFA) Major (33 Credit Hours)

NSFA Major Courses (18 credit hours)

- □ IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 1004)
- □ 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 4735 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4735)
  - OR
  - IS 4736 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)

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Select from the following to fulfill the Elective courses for the NSFA Major:\n
International Studies (IS)

- IS 2034 Geography of Global Conflict (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2034 and GEOG 2034)
- IS 3034 The CIA (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3034 and GEOG 3034)
- 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 3794 Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3794)
- 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 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 (cross-listed with PSCI 4744)
A maximum of 6 credits from the following can be used toward the 15 credits of required NSFA electives:\(^1\),\(^2\):

**International Studies (IS)**
- IS 2044  Food, War, and Conflict (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 2044 and FST 2044)*
- 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 *(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 3814  Human Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3814)*
- IS 3634  Human Rights: Global Issues (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3634)*
- IS 3944  International Enrollment
- IS 3954  Study Abroad
- IS 4014  Seminar in Grassroots Development (3)
- IS 4044  International Communication (3) *(cross-listed with COMM 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 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\(^3\)
- IS 4984  Special Study\(^3\)
- IS 4994  Undergraduate Research\(^3\)

**Political Science (PSCI)**
- PSCI 1014  Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 1024  Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 3324  The Presidency (3)
- PSCI 3344  Global Environmental Issues (3) *(cross-listed with UPA 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)

\(^1\)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.

\(^2\)Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog or the Timetable of classes for the most up to date course restrictions and pre-requisites.

\(^3\)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.
**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.

Complete one of the following options

- 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school.
- OR
- 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1106 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation)
- OR
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

**III. CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)**

*27 Credit Hours does not include the below courses that are already required by the major.*

- **Area 1**  Writing and Discourse (6 credits)
  Based on English placement, this requirement can be met by taking:
  ENGL 1105 and ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H

- **Area 2**  Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 credits)

- **Area 3**  Society and Human Behavior (6 credits)

- **Area 4**  Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (6 credits)
  No Labs are required

- **Area 5**  Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (6 credits)

- **Area 6**  Creative and Aesthetic Experience (3 credits)

- **Area 7**  Critical Issues in a Global Context

*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).*

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