

**College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences**  
Department of Political Science  
Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science Option: Legal Studies  
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)
- 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)

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

**Legal Studies Political Science Courses (6 credit hours)**

Choose two courses from the list below:

- PSCI 3334 Judicial Processes (3)
- PSCI 3354 Constitutional Law: Structures and Relationships (3)
- PSCI 3364 Constitutional Law: Civil and Political Rights (3)
- PSCI 3444 Administrative Law and Policy (3)
- PSCI 4324 Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law (3)

**Legal Studies Philosophy Courses (6 credit hours)**

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

**Political Science Electives (15 credit hours)**

Minimum of 15 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 9 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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

- Limit on Repeatable Courses: No more than six credit hours in any one of the following courses may contribute toward the 54 hours required by the major: internship (PSCI 4754), undergraduate research (PSCI 4994), independent study (PSCI 4974).
- PSCI/IS 1034 may not be used as a Political Science elective.

**Advanced Theory and Practice in Political Science (3 credit hours)**

Choose one course from the list below:

- PSCI 3015 Political Theory I (3)
- PSCI 3016 Political Theory II (3)
- PSCI 4024 Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3)
- PSCI 4054 Seminar in Global Political Economy (3)
- PSCI 4064 Seminar in Global Development (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
- PSCI 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3)
- PSCI 4714 Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis (3)
- PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 4754 Internship Program (3)
- PSCI 4974 Independent Study (3)
- PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research (3)

**Required Hours in Law Related Courses (12 credit hours)**

Choose four courses from the list below:

- AAEC 3314 Environmental Law (3)
- AAEC 3604 Agricultural Law (3)
- AAEC 4754 Real Estate Law (3)
- COMM 4024 Communications Law and Ethics (3)
- CRIM 3434 Systems of Justice (3)
- CRIM 3474 Women and Crime (3)
- CRIM 4424 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
- ECON 4894 Law and Economics (3)
- ENGL 3684 Literature and the Law (3)
- FIN 3054 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business (3)
- FIN 4004 Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3)
- FIN 4014 Internet, Electronic, and Online Law (3)
- HD 4354 Family, Law, and Public Policy (3)
- PHIL 4334 Jurisprudence (3)
- SOC 3414 Criminology (3)
- SOC 4404 Sociology of Law (3)
- SOC 4434 Advanced Topics in Criminology (3)
- STL 4314 Current Topics in Science, Technology, and the Law (3)
- STL 4324 Global Aspects of Intellectual Property Law (3)
- UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas (3)
- UAP 4754 Legal Foundations of Planning (3)

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

**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)<sup>1</sup>

### Area 1: WRITING AND DISCOURSE

*6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses*

- ENGL 1105      OR       COMM 1015\*                      OR       ENGL 1204H<sup>2</sup>  
 ENGL 1106                       COMM 1016\*

\*Please check with the Department of Communication regarding the current course restrictions/requirements for the COMM 1015/1016 course sequence.

### ViEWS: Visual Expression, Writing and Speaking

- This requirement is met through PSCI 2024 (Research Methods in Political Science). ALL majors in Political Science must take this course, whether they are double majors or not.

### Area 2: IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND VALUES

*6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses*

- PHIL 1204      Knowledge and Reality (3) (Required by the PSCI Major – Legal Studies Option)  
 PHIL 1304      Morality and Justice (3) (Required by the PSCI Major – Legal Studies Option)

### 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 CLE<sup>1</sup> courses.*

*No labs are required.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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### Area 5: QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

*6 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> courses.*

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

### Area 6: CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

*3 Credits from approved CLE<sup>1</sup> 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

- <sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.provost.vt.edu)).
- <sup>2</sup> 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.