

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Department of Political Science
Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science
Checksheet for Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2017

Name _____ ID# _____

Required Political Science Foundational Courses (18 credit hours).

- PSCI 1034 * Introduction to International Studies & Political Science (3) **OR**
- 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)

**PSCI 1034 for students entering Virginia Tech and/or the IS Major Summer I 2014 or after; LAHS 1004 for students entering Virginia Tech and/or the PSCI Major prior to Summer I 2014. Internal transfers to the Political Science major should discuss this requirement with an advisor to be sure they are taking the correct course.*

Political Science Electives (21 credit hours)

Minimum of 21 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 18 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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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 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 3015 Political Theory I (3)* | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4614 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 3016 Political Theory II (3)* | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4714 Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4214 Senior Seminar in Political Behavior (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4724 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4314 Senior Seminar in Political Institutions (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4754 Internship Program (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4324 Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4974 Independent Study (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4414 Senior Seminar in Public Administration (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSCI 4514 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3) | |

**Also counts as an Area 2*

Required Hours in a Related Field (12 credit hours)

12 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level in ONE of the following departments: Agriculture & Applied Economics, Communication, Economics, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion and Culture, Sociology (including Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Criminology, Women and Gender Studies, and/or Peace Studies and Violence Prevention), Urban Affairs & Planning, or a single Foreign Language

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

In major GPA: All of the courses mentioned above are included in the in-major GPA Calculation. The overall and in-major GPA's required for graduation are 2.0.

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.

