College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Department of Political Science
Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science Option: National Security 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.

**National Security Studies Political Science Courses (9 credit hours)**

Choose three courses from the list below:

- □ PSCI 3104 Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3)
- □ PSCI 3114 Global Security (3)
- □ PSCI 3125 Intelligence and National Security I (3)
- □ PSCI 3126 Intelligence and National Security II (3)
- □ PSCI 3134 Global Conflict and War (3)
- □ PSCI 3135 Strategies of Modern Warfare I (3)
- □ PSCI 3136 Strategies of Modern Warfare II (3)
- □ PSCI 3194 Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3)
- □ PSCI 3314 Congress (3)
- □ PSCI 3324 The Presidency (3)
- □ PSCI 3564 Violent Political Change (3)
- □ PSCI 3624 Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (3)
- □ PSCI 3625 US-Russia Foreign Policies I (3)
- □ PSCI 3626 US-Russia Foreign Policies II (3)
- □ PSCI 3704 National Security Strategy (3)
- □ PSCI 3734 National Security (3)
- □ PSCI 3735 National Security Policies I (3)
- □ PSCI 3535 National Security Policies II (3)
- □ PSCI 3794 Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3)
- □ PSCI 4734 Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3)
- □ PSCI 4735 Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3)
- □ PSCI 4744 Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3)

**Political Science Electives (12 credit hours)**

*Minimum of 12 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 6 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.*

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**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)
Required Hours in National Security Related Courses from other disciplines (12 credit hours)

Choose four courses from the list below:

- COMM 4044 International Communication (3)
- GEOG 3034 The CIA in Today's World (3) (cross-listed with IS/PS4 3034)
- 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 3254 The Vietnam War (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 (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 Communications (3)
- SOC 3504 Population Trends and Issues (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).
- **Hours Requirement:** A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with a Political Science degree.
- **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)¹

Area 1: WRITING AND DISCOURSE

☐ ENGL 1105 OR ☐ COMM 1015
☐ ENGL 1106 OR ☐ COMM 1016

Or ☐ ENGL 1204H²

*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

☐ _________ (3)
☐ _________ (3)

Area 3: SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

Met by Major Requirements

☐ 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

No labs are required.

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Area 5: QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

☐ _________ (3)
☐ _________ (3)

Area 6: CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

3 Credits from approved CLE³ courses.

One 3 credit class.

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Area 7: CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Met by Major Requirements

☐ 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 of 1106 do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculates into the GPA) OR
  o Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation)

Footnotes

¹ 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).

² 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.