

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS)

Major – International Studies (IS)

Checksheet for students graduating in calendar year 2022 and date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021

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 International Studies 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 2004, 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 the Pathways to General 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; please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

I. Core Degree Requirements – 21 Credit Hours

Required International Studies Courses (9 credit hours)

- IS 1034 Introduction to International Studies and Political Science (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 1034)*
- 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.

See undergraduate course catalog for current course offerings.

- _____ (3) _____ (3) _____ (3) _____ (3)

The following courses are only offered as Pass/Fail and **can be used** toward fulfillment of this requirement:

ARBC 3124	FR 3125	FR 3126	GER 3125	GER 3126	JPN 3125	JPN 3126
RUS 3124	SPAN 3125	SPAN 3126				

The following courses are **excluded** and cannot be used to fulfill this requirement:

ARBC 3304	FR 3954	GER 3414	RUS 3304	RUS 3314	RUS 3424	RUS 3434
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II. Requirements for the International Studies (IS) Major – 36 Credit Hours



Required Courses for the IS Major (21 credit hours)

- IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 1004)*
- IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (3)
- 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 3114 Global Security (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3114; Pre: IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054)*
 - OR**
 - IS 3134 Global Conflict & War (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3134; Pre: IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054)*
 - OR**
 - IS 4044 International Communication (3) *(cross-listed with JMC 4044; Senior Standing in IS and instructor consent required)*

- _____ *Select one of the following:*
 - IS 3165 Global Economic Governance & Policy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3165; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)*
 - OR**
 - IS 3166 Global Economic Governance & Policy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3166; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)*
 - OR**
 - IS 3175 Global Development (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3175; Pre: (IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054) and (IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064))*
 - OR**
 - IS 3176 Global Development (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 3176; Pre: (IS 2054 or PSCI 2054 or GEOG 2054) and (IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064))*

- _____ *Select one of the following:*
 - IS 4004 Seminar in International Studies (3) *(Senior Standing in IS and instructor consent required)*
 - OR**
 - IS 4014 International Development (3)
 - OR**
 - IS 4034 Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4034; Pre: Junior Standing)*
 - OR**
 - IS 4054 Seminar in Global Political Economy (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4054; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)*
 - OR**
 - IS 4064 Seminar in Global Development (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4064; Pre: IS 2064 or PSCI 2064 or GEOG 2064)*

Elective Courses for the IS Major (15 credit hours)

- Fifteen (15) hours of elective courses are required (at least 6 hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level). Elective courses must be **EITHER** in a second foreign language **OR** from the courses listed below.^{1,2,3}
- Other courses with an international character and/or relevance may also be considered. These courses will be evaluated by the International Studies Program advisor.
- IS major courses selected will not double count toward IS major electives.

_____ (3) _____ (3) _____ (3) _____ (3) _____ (3)

Africana Studies (AFST)

- 1814 Introduction to African Studies
- 2144 African Religions (*cross-listed with RLCL 2144*)
- 2204 Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (*cross-listed with RLCL 2204 and WGS 2204*)
- 2454 Race and Racism (*cross-listed with SOC 2454*)

Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC)

- 1005 Economics of the Food and Fiber System
- 1006 Economics of the Food and Fiber System
- 1264 Peace Economics
- 3024 Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Economics (*Pre: 1005, 1006*)
- 3204 International Agricultural Development and Trade (*Pre: 1005, 1006*)
- 3324 Environment and Sustainable Development Economics (*Pre: 1005 or 1106 or ECON 2005*)
- 4135 International Economics (*cross-listed with ECON 4135; Pre: 3004 or ECON 3104 or ECON 2025H*)
- 4204 Food and Agricultural Policy (*Pre: 1005, 1006*)
- 4324 Rural and Regional Development Policy (*Pre: 1005, 3004*)
- 4344 Sustainable Development Economics (*Pre: 3324 or 3004 or ECON 4014*)
- 4464 Water Resources Policy and Economics (*cross-listed with FREC 4464 and WATR 4464; Pre: 1005*)

American Indian Studies (AINS)

- 2104 Oral Traditions and Culture (*cross-listed with HUM 2104*)
- 3684 Indigenous People in World Politics (*cross-listed with PSCI 3684*)

Arabic (ARBC)

- 2774 Arab Culture and Civilization
- 3304 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation

Communication (COMM)

- 2084 Media and Society

Economics (ECON)

- 2005 Principles of Economics
- 2006 Principles of Economics
- 3004 Contemporary Economic Issues (*Pre: 2006 or 2115 or 2125 or 2026H*)
- 3024 Economic Justice (*Pre: (2005 or 2025H), (2006 or 2006H)*)
- 3214 Money and Banking (*Pre: 2005 or 2025H, 2006*)
- 4124 Growth and Development (*Pre: 2006, (2025H or 3104)*)
- 4135 International Economics (*cross-listed with AAEC 4135; Pre: 3104 or 2025H*)
- 4136 International Economics (*Pre: 3204 or 4204H*)
- 4144 Economics of China (*Pre: 3104 or 2025H*)

French (FR)

- 2714 Introduction to French Culture & Civilization
- 3205/3206 French Culture & Civilization (*Pre: 3105 and 3106*)
- 3304 Introduction to French Literature (*Pre: 3105*)
- 3305 Survey of French Literature (*Pre: 3304, 3105, 3106*)
- 3306 Survey of French Literature (*Pre: 3304, 3105, 3106*)
- 3314 Introduction to Francophone Studies (*Pre: 3105, 3106, 3304*)
- 4314 Studies in French Literature (*Pre: 3304, (3305, 3306 or 3314)*)
- 4324 Special Topics in French Life, Literature, and Language (*Pre: 3105, 3106, 3304, 3314 or 3424 or 3444 or 3454*)

Geography (GEOG)

- 1004 Introduction to Human Geography
- 1014 World Regions

- 1115/1116 Seeking Sustainability (cross-listed with NR 1115 and 1116; Pre: 1115 for 1116)
- 2004 Water, Environment, and Society (*cross-listed with NR 2004 and WATR 2004*)
- 2034 Geography of Global Conflict (*cross-listed with IS 2034 and PSCI 2034*)
- 2134 Geography of the Global Economy (*cross-listed with IS 2134 and PSCI 2134*)
- 3034 The CIA: Its Capabilities in Today's Geo-political World (*cross-listed with IS 3034 and PSCI 3034*)
- 3104 Environmental Problems, Population & Development
- 3254 Geography of East Asia
- 3274 Geography of Subarctic and Arctic Environments
- 4054 Geography of Wine
- 4074 Medical Geography (*Pre: Junior Standing*)
- 4204 Geography of Resources (*Pre: Junior Standing*)
- 4214 Women, Environment and Development in a Global Perspective (*cross-listed with UAP 4214 and WGS 4214; Pre: Junior Standing*)
- 4764 International Development Policy and Planning (*cross-listed with SOC 4764 and UAP 4764; pre: Junior Standing*)

German (GER)

- 2724 Introduction to German Culture and Civilization
- 3204 Culture of the German-Speaking Countries (*Pre: 3104 or 3105 or 3106*)
- 3305/3306 Survey of German Literature [*Pre: (3105, 3106) or (3105, 3204) or (3105, 3306) or (3106, 3204) or (3106, 3306) for 3305; 3105 or 3106 for 3306*]
- 3474 Topics in German Cinema
- 4304 Age of Goethe (*Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306*)
- 4314 Studies in 19th-Century German Literature (*Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306*)
- 4324 Studies in 20th-Century German Literature (*Pre: 3105, 3106, 3306*)
- 4334 Special Topics in German Life, Literature, and Language [*Pre: (3105 or 3106), (3305 or 3306)*]

History (HIST)

- 1025/1026 Introduction to European Civilization
- 1214 History of the Modern World
- 1215/1216 Introduction to World History
- 1224 Introduction to Latin America
- 1354 Conflict and Security in Modern East Asia
- 1515/1516 History of Africa
- 2124 Topics and Critical Issues in World History
- 2165/2166 History of France
- 2184 History of the Balkans
- 2304 Africa in the Modern World
- 2345/2346 History of the Middle East
- 2355/2356 History of China
- 2364 History of Japan
- 3254 The Vietnam War
- 3324 The Medieval World
- 3334 The Renaissance
- 3344 The Era of the Reformation
- 3364 The Age of Revolution and Napoleon
- 3394 Europe Since World War II
- 3484 Nazi Germany: History and Memory
- 3494 The Holocaust (*cross-listed with JUD 3494 and RLCL 3494*)
- 3504 The Age of the Crusades (*cross-listed with RLCL 3504*)
- 3524 European Military History to 1789
- 3534 Modern Military History
- 3544 World War II

3554	Age of Globalization
3584	Colonial Latin America
3594	The Rise of Modern Latin America
3614	Imperial Russia
3624	Health and Illness in African History
3634	Mau Mau: Colonialism and Rebellion in Kenya
3644	Twentieth-Century Russia
3654	The Arab-Israeli Dispute
3664	Revolutionary China
3674	Topics in Chinese History
3684	Cultural History of the Soviet Union and the Successor States
4004	Topics in Social and Cultural History (<i>Pre: 2004 with a grade of C or higher and 3 other credit hours of History; Junior Standing</i>)

Humanities (HUM)

1324	Introduction to Humanities: The Modern World
2104	Oral Traditions and Culture (<i>cross-listed with AINS 2104</i>)
3204	Multicultural Communication (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 3204</i>)

International Studies (IS)

3004	Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3004: Pre: Junior Standing</i>)
4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 4034: Pre: Junior Standing</i>)
4964	Field Study ⁴

Italian (ITAL)

3305/3306	Introduction to Italian Literature in Context (<i>Pre: 3105 or 3106</i>)
3474	Topics in Italian Cinema

Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC)

4044	International Communication (<i>cross-listed with IS 4044; Pre: Senior Standing</i>)
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Judaic Studies (JUD)

2134	Judaism: A Survey of History, Culture, and Heritage (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 2134</i>)
3494	The Holocaust (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 3494 and HIST 3494</i>)
3544	The State of Israel: A Political History (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3544 and RLCL 3544; Pre: 2134 or PSCI 1024</i>)
4424	Advanced Topics in Jewish Culture, History, and Thought (<i>Pre: 2 JUD courses or Senior standing</i>)

Peace Studies and Violence Prevention (PSVP)

2044	Peace and Violence
4104	Global Society, Violence and the Prospects for Peace (<i>Pre: 2044 or SOC 2044</i>)

Political Science (PSCI)

1014	Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
1024	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3) (<i>cross-listed with IS 1024</i>)
4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab (<i>cross-listed with IS 4034: Pre: Junior Standing</i>)

Religion and Culture (RLCL)

1004	Investigations in Religion and Culture
1024	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
1034	Religion and the Modern World
1044	Religious Ethics
1214	The Medieval World

1904	Religion and Culture in Asia
2004	Case Studies in Religion and Culture
2054	Ethnography: Studying Culture (<i>cross-listed with SOC 2054</i>)
2134	Judaism: A Survey of History, Culture, and Heritage (<i>cross-listed with JUD 2134</i>)
2144	African Religions (<i>cross-listed with AFST 2144</i>)
2204	Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (<i>cross-listed with AFST 2204 and WGS 2204</i>)
2324	Islam
2474	Religion and Violence (<i>cross-listed with IS 2474</i>)
3014	Women and Gender in Islam (<i>cross-listed with WGS 3014</i>)
3204	Multicultural Communication (<i>cross-listed with HUM 3204</i>)
3214	Religion and Culture in India
3224	Religions of China and Japan
3494	The Holocaust (<i>cross-listed with JUD 3494 and HIST 3494</i>)
3504	The Age of the Crusades (<i>cross-listed with HIST 3504</i>)
3544	The State of Israel: A Political History (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3544 and JUD 3544: Pre: JUD 2134 or PSCI 1024</i>)
3604	Islam and the Modern World
4024	Sociology of Religion (<i>cross-listed with SOC 4024; Pre: SOC 1004</i>)
4124	Topics in Culture (<i>cross-listed with SOC 4124; Junior or Senior standing; Pre: SOC 1004 or SOC 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824</i>)
4324	Topics in Religion and Culture (<i>Pre: 2004</i>)

Russian (RUS)

2734	Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization
3304	Survey of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (<i>Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H</i>)
3314	Survey of Twentieth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (<i>Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H</i>)
3424	Russian Literature in English (<i>cross-listed with ENGL 3424; Pre: ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H or COMM 1016</i>)
4204	Topics in Russian Culture & Civilization (<i>Pre: 3106</i>)
4304	Studies in Russian Literature (<i>Pre: 3106</i>)

Sociology (SOC)

1004	Introductory Sociology
1014	Introduction to Social Anthropology
2004	Social Problems
2034	Diversity and Community Engagement
2054	Ethnography: Studying Culture (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 2054</i>)
2454	Race and Racism (<i>cross-listed with AFST 2454</i>)
3004	Social Inequality (<i>pre: 1004</i>)
3014	Gender Relations (<i>Pre: 1004</i>)
3314	Social Movements (<i>Pre: 1004</i>)
3304	Collective Action (<i>Pre: 1004</i>)
3504	Population Trends and Issues (<i>Pre: 1004</i>)
4024	Sociology of Religion (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 4024; Pre: 1004</i>)
4044	Military Sociology (<i>Junior Standing; Pre: 1004</i>)
4124	Topics in Culture (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 4124; Junior or Senior standing; Pre: SOC 1004 or SOC 1014 or AFST 1714 or AINS 1104 or RLCL 1004 or RLCL 2004 or WGS 1824</i>)
4764	International Development Policy & Planning (<i>cross-listed with UAP 4764 and GEOG 4764; Pre: Junior Standing</i>)

Spanish (SPAN)

2744	Introduction to Spanish Culture and Civilization
2754	Topics in Spanish-American Culture and Civilization
2764	Introduction to Latino American Studies
2774	Minority Languages in the Spanish-Speaking Context
3304	Introduction to Hispanic Literature (<i>Pre: 3106</i>)

3404	Early Peninsular Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
3414	Modern Peninsular Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
3444	Early Spanish-American Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
3464	Modern Mexican and Central American Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
3474	Modern Spanish-Caribbean Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
3484	Modern Andean and Southern Cone Culture and Literature (<i>Pre: 3304</i>)
4304	Topics in Early Modern Literature and Culture (<i>Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484</i>)
4314	Studies in 18 th and 19 th Century Literature (<i>Pre: 3414 or 3404 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484</i>)
4324	Studies in 20 th and 21 st Century Hispanic Literature (<i>Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484</i>)
4334	Special Topics in Hispanic Life, Literature, and Language (<i>Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484</i>)
4344	Hispanic Literature and the Representation of History (<i>Pre: 3404 or 3414 or 3444 or 3464 or 3474 or 3484</i>)

Urban Affairs and Planning (UAP)

1024	Public Issues in an Urban Society
2014	Urbanization and Development
3014	Urban Policy and Planning (<i>Pre: 1024 with a grade of B- or higher</i>)
3224	Policy Implementation (<i>Pre: 3014, STAT 3604</i>)
3344	Global Environmental Issues (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3344; Pre: Completion of Area 4 of University Core</i>)
3354	Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning
3744	Public Policy Analysis (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3744; pre: PSCI 1014 or 1014H</i>)
3774	Marxian Political Analysis (<i>cross-listed with PSCI 3774; Pre: PSCI 1014 or PSCI 1014H</i>)
4184	Community Involvement (<i>Pre: Senior Standing</i>)
4214	Women, Environment & Development in a Global Perspective (<i>cross-listed with WGS 4214 and GEOG 4214; Pre: Junior Standing</i>)
4264	Environmental Ethics and Policy (<i>Pre: Junior, Senior or Graduate Standing</i>)
4764	International Development Policy and Planning (<i>cross-listed with GEOG 4764 and SOC 4764; pre: Junior Standing</i>)

Women & Gender Studies (WGS)

2204	Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 2204 and AFST 2204</i>)
3014	Women and Gender in Islam (<i>cross-listed with RLCL 3014</i>)
3214	Global Feminisms (<i>Pre: 2264</i>)
4214	Women, Environment and Development in a Global Perspective (<i>cross-listed with GEOG 4214 and UAP 4214; Pre: Junior Standing</i>)

¹Please 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.

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

³The 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.

⁴ IS 4964 is only offered as Pass/Fail and **can be used** toward fulfillment of a major elective from the corresponding list.

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.

- 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:
 - 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**
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college (these 6 hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation)

III. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION¹

For the IPPL, IREL, IS, or NSFA majors you must complete the following requirements for the Pathways to General Education. More details and course listings can be found at the following link: <https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu>.

You must complete each requirement listed - check every box.

Pathways 1f: Foundational Discourse (6 Credits Required)

- ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing
- ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing

Pathways 1a: Advanced Discourse (3 Credits Required)

Pathways 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 Credits Required)

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Pathways 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 Credits Required)

- IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics (*cross-listed with PSCI 2054 and GEOG 2054*) (major requirement)
- IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics (*cross-listed with PSCI 2064 and GEOG 2064*) (major requirement)

Pathways 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 Credits Required)

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Pathways 5f: Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking (6 Credits Required)

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Pathways 5a: Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking (3 Credits Required)

_____ * Prerequisites of MATH 1014 or higher may be required

Pathways 6a/6d: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts 6 credits: 3 credits 6a (arts) and 3 credits 6d (design)

6a _____ 6d _____

Pathways 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credits)

IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities (major requirement)