

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Department of Political Science
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS)
Major - International Relations (IREL)
Checksheet for students entering under UG catalog 2023-2024

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 Relations 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: 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 cannot pursue another major within the Department of Political Science. However, they can pursue any of the minors offered by the department except the Minor in Political Science.

***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 The Evolution of World 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:

If a student wishes to use an excluded course toward this requirement: Requests for exceptions must be made in writing to the Director of the International Studies Program and the student's assigned advisor. No more than one course exception will be granted.

ARBC 3304 ARBC 3474 CHN 3474 FR 3954 RUS 3304 RUS 3314 RUS 3424 RUS 3434

II. Requirements for the International Relations (IREL) Major (36 Credit Hours)**IREL Major Courses (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)*
- IS 3615* International Relations
- IS 3616* International Relations

- _____ (3) Choose one of the following courses:
 - IS 4034* Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4034)*
 - or
 - PSCI 4514* Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
 - or
 - IS 4614* Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4614)*
 - or
 - PSCI 4724* Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)
 - or
 - IS 4734* Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) *(cross-listed with PSCI 4734)*

Elective Courses for the IREL Major (15 credit hours)

IREL major courses selected will not double count toward IREL major electives.

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

Select from the following to fulfill the Elective courses for the IREL Major²:**Political Science (PSCI)**

- PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3) *(cross-listed with IS 1024)*
- PSCI 2014 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 2024 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
- PSCI 3015 Political Theory (3) *(cross-listed with PHIL 3015)*
- PSCI 3016 Political Theory (3) *(cross-listed with PHIL 3016)*
- PSCI 3255* The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3)
- PSCI 3256* The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender (3)
- PSCI 3344 Global Environmental Issues (3) *(cross-listed with UAP 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 3764* Contemporary Democratic Theory (3)
- PSCI 3774* Marxian Political Analysis (3) *(Cross-listed with UAP 3774)*
- PSCI 3784* The Origins of the State (3)
- PSCI 4514* Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
- PSCI 4724* Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)

International Studies (IS)

IS 1114	Introduction to Transatlantic Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 1114)
IS 2104	Europe Country Analysis (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2104)
IS 2114*	Transatlantic Political Frameworks (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2114)
IS 2224	Geography of Europe (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2224 and GEOG 2224)
IS 3594*	Topics in Middle East Politics & International Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3594)
IS 3804	European Integration (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3804)
IS 3814*	The European Union: Institutions & Policies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3814)
IS 3824*	European Foreign & Security Policy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3824)
IS 3825*	European Union's Foreign Relations: EU-Great Powers Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3825)
IS 3826*	European Union's Foreign Relations: EU Global Strategy and Inter-regional Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3826)
IS 3834*	European Security Governance (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3834)
IS 3844*	European Geopolitics (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3844 and GEOG 3844)
IS 3854*	European Political Economy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3854)
IS 3884*	Culture & Society in Contemporary Europe (3) (cross-listed with SOC 3884 and RLCL 3884)
IS 3894*	Transatlantic Relations Since 1945 (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3894)
IS 3914*	European Economics (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3914)
IS 3924*	Theories of Transatlantic Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3924)
IS 3934*	NATO and European Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3934)
IS 4104*	Topics in European Studies (3) (pre: senior standing and 1104)
IS 4114*	Topics in EU Policies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4114)
IS 4124*	Topics in European Integration (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4124)
IS 4134*	Capstone Research Project in European Studies (3)
IS 4144*	Topics in Transatlantic Relations (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4144)
IS 4154*	Topics in Transatlantic Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4154)
IS 4184*	Capstone Project in Transatlantic Studies (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4184)
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 4964	Field Study ⁴

A maximum of 6 credits from the following can be used toward the 15 credits of required IREL electives^{1, 2}:

International Studies (IS)

IS 2034	Geography of Global Conflict (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 2034 and GEOG 2034)
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 (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3004)
IS 3104*	Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3104)
IS 3114*	Global Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3114)
IS 3134*	Global Conflict and War (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3134)
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 3184*	Human Security (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3184)
IS 3194*	Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3194)
IS 3374*	The Politics of Energy (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3374)
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*	Foreign Policies of the Super Powers (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3626)
IS 3634*	Human Rights: Global Issues (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3634)
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 3795*	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3795)
IS 3796*	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 3796)
IS 3944	International Enrollment
IS 3954	Study Abroad
IS 4014*	International Development (3)
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 4044*	International Communication (3) (cross-listed with JMC 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 4735*	Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4735)
IS 4736*	Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) (cross-listed with PSCI 4736)
IS 4974	Independent Study ³
IS 4984	Special Study ³
IS 4994	Undergraduate Research ³

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.

*Indicates the course has a pre-requisite. Please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

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)

- IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies (major requirement)

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)