

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science

National Security Studies Option (NSEC)

Checksheet for Students Entering Under UG Catalog 2023-2024

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I. Core Degree Requirements (21 Credit Hours)

Required Political Science Courses (12 credit hours)

- PSCI 1034 Introduction to International Studies & Political Science (3) [cross listed IS 1034]
- PSCI 2014 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 2024* Research Methods in Political Science (3)
- PSCI 2054 Introduction to World Politics (3) [cross listed GEOG 2054 and IS 2054] **OR**
- PSCI 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics [cross listed GEOG 2064 and IS 2064] (3)

Required Political Science Core Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

9 hours of courses in Political Science, 6 of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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II. Requirements for the Political Science Major (9 Credit Hours)

Political Science Major Courses (6 credit hours)

- PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics (3)
- PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3) [cross listed IS 1024]

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

- PSCI 3015* Political Theory (3) [cross listed PHIL 3015]
- PSCI 3016* Political Theory (3) [cross listed PHIL 3016]
- PSCI 4024* Seminar in Diplomacy and Security (3) [cross listed IS 4024]
- PSCI 4054* Seminar in Global Political Economy (3) [cross listed IS 4054]
- PSCI 4064* Seminar in Global Development (3) [cross listed IS 4064]
- PSCI 4074* Politics of Cybersecurity (3) [cross listed IS 4074]
- PSCI 4164* Future of Security (3) [cross listed BIT 4164 and CS 4164]
- PSCI 4174* Climate Change and the International Policy Framework (3) [cross listed IS 4174 and FREC 4174]
- 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 (3)
- PSCI 4614* Senior Seminar in International Relations (3) [cross listed IS 4614]
- PSCI 4714* Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis (3) [cross listed IS 4714]
- PSCI 4724* Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)
- PSCI 4754* Internship Program (3)
- PSCI 4974 Independent Study (3)
- PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research (3)

III. Requirements for the Political Science Major (National Security Studies Option) (24 Credit Hours)

National Security Studies Political Science Courses (9 credit hours)

Choose three courses from the list below:

- PSCI 3104* Security Studies: Theories and Concepts (3) [cross listed IS 3104]
- PSCI 3114* Global Security (3) [cross listed IS 3114] [cross listed IS 3114]
- PSCI 3125* Intelligence and National Security I (3) [cross listed IS 3125]
- PSCI 3126* Intelligence and National Security II (3) [cross listed IS 3126]
- PSCI 3134 Global Conflict and War (3)
- PSCI 3135* Strategies of Modern Warfare I (3) [cross listed IS 3135]
- PSCI 3136* Strategies of Modern Warfare II (3) [cross listed IS 3136]
- PSCI 3194* Nuclear Strategy and Politics (3) [cross listed IS 3194]
- 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) [cross listed IS 3625]
- PSCI 3626* US-Russia Foreign Policies II (3) [cross listed IS 3626]
- PSCI 3694* Far Right Violence in the United States (3) [cross listed IS 3694]
- PSCI 3704* National Security Strategy (3)
- PSCI 3734* National Security (3) [cross listed IS 3734]
- PSCI 3735* National Security Policies I (3) [cross listed IS 3735]
- PSCI 3736* National Security Policies II (3) [cross listed IS 3736]
- PSCI 3795* Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) [cross listed IS 3795]
- PSCI 3796* Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism (3) [cross listed IS 3796]
- PSCI 3824 European Foreign and Security Policy (3) [cross listed IS 3824]
- PSCI 3825 European Foreign Relations: EU-Great Power Relations (3) [cross listed IS 3825]
- PSCI 3826 European Foreign Relations: EU Global Strategy and Inter-Regional Relations (3) [cross listed IS 3826]
- PSCI 3834 European Security Governance (3) [cross listed IS 3834]
- PSCI 3844 European Geopolitics (3) [cross listed IS 3844]
- PSCI 3934* NATO and European Security (3) [cross listed IS 3934]
- PSCI 4034* Topics in Diplomacy Lab (3) [cross listed IS 4034]
- PSCI 4074* Politics of Cybersecurity (3)
- PSCI 4734* Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management (3) [cross listed IS 4734]
- PSCI 4735* Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) [cross listed IS 4735]
- PSCI 4736* Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop (3) [cross listed IS 4736]
- PSCI 4744* Intelligence Analysis Workshop (3) [cross listed IS 4744]

Political Science Electives (3 credit hours)

Minimum of 3 additional hours of courses in Political Science.

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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).

Required Hours in National Security Related Courses (12 credit hours)

Choose four courses from the list below:

- AS 4215* National Security Forces in Contemporary American Society (3)
- AS 4216* National Security Forces in Contemporary American Society (3)
- GEOG 3034 The CIA in Today's World (3) [cross listed IS 3034 and PSCI 3034]
- GEOG 4084* Modeling with Geographic Information Systems (3) [cross listed GEOS 4084]
- GEOG 4314* Spatial Analysis in Geographic Information Systems (3)
- GEOG 4354 Introduction to Remote Sensing (3) [cross listed GEOS 4354]
- HIST 3254 The Vietnam War (3)

- HIST 3264 The United States in Latin America (3)
- HIST 3374 French Empire (3)
- HIST 3394 Europe Since World War II (3)
- HIST 3484 Nazi Germany: History and Memory (3)
- HIST 3524 European Military History to 1789 (3)
- HIST 3534 Modern Military History (3)
- HIST 3544 World War II (3)
- HIST 3554 Age of Globalization (3)
- HIST 3564 The Cold War (3)
- HIST 3594 The Rise of Modern Latin America (3)
- HIST 3644 Twentieth-Century Russia (3)
- HIST 3654 Arab-Israeli Conflict (3)
- HIST 3664 Revolutionary China (3)
- HIST 3684 Cultural History of the Soviet Union and Successor States (3)
- HUM 3204 Multicultural Communications (3) [cross listed HUM 3204 and RLCL 3204]
- JMC 4004 International Communication (3)
- MGT 3804 Topics for Cadet Global Leadership Studies (3)
- MN 3005* Navigation and Naval Operations (3)
- MN 3006* Navigation and Naval Operations (3)
- MN 3204* Evolution of Warfare (3)
- MN 4204* Evolution of Warfare (3)
- MS 3005* Military Science III (3)
- MS 3006* Military Science III (3)
- RLCL 3494 The Holocaust (3) [cross listed with HIST 3494 and JUD 3494]
- SOC 3504* Population Trends and Issues (3)

Limit on Related Courses: No more than six (6) credit hours in any of the following courses may count toward the 12 Required Hours in National Security
Related Courses: AS 4215, AS 4216, MGT 3804, MS 3005, MS 3006, MN 3005, MN 3006, MN 3204, MN 4204.

IV. PSCI Pathways to General Education Requirements and Recommendations (45 hours)

PSCI majors (all options) must complete the 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>.

Pathways Concept 1F: Discourse *foundational* (6 Credits Required)

(ENGL 1105 First Year Writing and ENGL 1106 First Year Writing OR COMM 1015 and COMM 1016 Communication Skills Required)

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Pathways ConceptO 1A: Discourse *advanced* (3 Credits Required)

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

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

PSCI 1014 US Gov & Politics PSCI 1024 Comp Gov & Politics

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

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Pathways Concept 5F: Quantitative and Computational Thinking *Foundational* (6 Credits Required)

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Pathways Concept 5A: Quantitative and Computational Thinking *Advanced* (3 Credits Required)

Pathways Concept 6A & 6D: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credits: 3 design + 3 arts, or 6 integrated design & arts)

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Pathways Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credits) [Met by Major Requirements]

PSCI 1014 US Gov & Politics

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:
 - Complete 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college (these 3 hours do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculate 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)

V. Free Electives (Remaining courses to complete 120 credit hour graduation requirement)

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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 used in Sections I, II, and III are included in the in-major GPA. The overall and in-major GPAs 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 required for this major have pre-/co-requisite and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about pre-/co-requisite and enrollment requirements. These courses are noted with an asterisk (*).

Regarding Double Majors and Minors: The Department of Political Science offers majors in Political Science, International Studies, International Relations, National Security and Foreign Affairs, and International Public Policy as well as minors in Political Science, International Studies, International Relations, National Security and Foreign Affairs, and International Public Policy. Courses for the majors and minors overlap significantly. Therefore, Political Science majors may not pursue multiple majors and/or minors within the department.