

College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Department of Political Science Major
Checksheet Graduating in Calendar Year 2011
Bachelor of Arts

Name _____ ID# _____

[] Required Political Science Courses

- _____ PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics
- _____ PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics
- _____ PSCI 2014 Introduction to Political Theory
- _____ PSCI 2024 Research Methods in Political Science
- _____ PSCI 2054 Introduction to World Politics or
PSCI 2064 Global Economy and World Politics

[] Political Science Electives: (Minimum of 24 additional hours of courses in Political Science, of which 21 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level):

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[] Required Hours in a Related Field.

12 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level in one of the following departments:
Agricultural Economics, Communication, Economics, English, Geography,
History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Urban Affairs & Planning or a
single foreign language.

Course and Grade: _____

Satisfactory Progress Requirement: To make satisfactory progress 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. To graduate, a student must successfully complete a total of 120 hours, of which at least 39 must be in Political Science and 12 in an approved related field. All PSCI courses taken, including cross-listed courses, are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA. Hours not required for the Core Curriculum, the major, or the related field are "free electives". All students in the major must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. Students failing to do so will be notified

to leave the major and registration will be blocked until a transfer to a new major is complete. PSCI 1014 and 1024 are prerequisites for all other courses in Political Science. Check the university catalogue for prerequisites for specific courses.

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.

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM

Area 1 [] WRITING AND DISCOURSE

ENGL 1105-1106 or H1204 _____

ViEWS - (Visual Expression, Writing and Speaking):

This requirement is met through PSCI 2024 (Research Methods).
ALL majors in Political Science must take this course, whether
they are double majors or not.

Area 2 [] HUMAN IDEAS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND VALUES

This area requires six hours from the University Core list.
PSCI 3015 and 3016 are on this list. _____

Area 3 [] SOCIETY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

This area is met by the requirements for the major.

Area 4 [] SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND DISCOVERY

This area requires six hours from a single science: Biology,
Chemistry, Geology or Physics. _____

Area 5 [] QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING

This area requires six hours from the University Core Curriculum
list. MATH 1015 and STAT 2004 are recommended. _____

Area 6 [] CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

This area requires a three-hour course from the University Core
Curriculum list. _____

Area 7 [] CRITICAL ISSUES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

This area is met by the requirements for the major.

Foreign Language: The requirement is three years of a single language in high

school or the equivalent of one year of one language in university. Credits taken in lieu of the university's language requirement do not count towards graduation.

Lists of approved courses for each area of the Core Curriculum are given on the Provost's web page (www.provost.vt.edu).