College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
Department of Political Science
Bachelor of Arts: Major – Political Science
Legal Studies Option (LS)
Checksheet for Students Entering Under UG Catalog 2021-2022

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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 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 (Legal Studies Option) (30 Credit Hours)

Legal Studies Philosophy Courses (6 credit hours)
- ☐ PHIL 1204 Knowledge and Reality (3)
- ☐ PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (3)

Legal Studies Political Science Courses (6 credit hours)

Choose two courses from the list below:

- ☐ PSCI 3334* Judicial Process (3)
- ☐ PSCI 3354* Constitutional Law: Structures and Relationships (3)
- ☐ PSCI 3364* Constitutional Law: Civil and Political Rights (3)
- ☐ PSCI 3444* Administrative Law and Policy (3) [cross listed UAP 3444]
- ☐ PSCI 4324* Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law (3)

Political Science Electives (6 credit hours)

Minimum of 6 additional hours of courses in Political Science, 3 of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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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 Legal Studies Related Courses (12 credit hours)

Choose four courses from the list below:

- ☐ AAEC 3314 Environmental Law (3)
- ☐ AAEC 3604 Agricultural Law (3)
- ☐ AAEC 4754* Real Estate Law (3)
- ☐ COMM 4024* Communication Law (3)
- ☐ CRIM 3414* Criminology (3)
- ☐ CRIM 3434* Systems of Justice (3)
- ☐ CRIM 3474 Women and Crime (3)
- ☐ CRIM 4424* Juvenile Delinquency (3)
- ☐ CRIM 4434* Advanced Topics in Criminology (3)
- ☐ CRIM 4454* Topics in Criminology (3)
- ☐ CRIM 4474* Cyber Criminology (3)
- ☐ ECON 4894* Law and Economics (3)
- ☐ ENGL 3684* Literature and the Law (3)
- ☐ FIN 3054* Legal and Ethical Environment of Business (3)
- ☐ FIN 4004 Wills, Trusts, and Estates (3)
- ☐ FIN 4014* Cyberlaw and Policy (3)
- ☐ HD 4354 * Family, Law, and Public Policy (3)
- ☐ PHIL 4334* Jurisprudence (3)
- ☐ SOC 4404* Sociology of Law (3)
- ☐ STL 4304 Intellectual Property Law (3)
- ☐ STL 4314 Current Topics in Science, Technology, & Law (3)
- ☐ STL 4324* Global Aspects of Intellectual Property Law (3)
- ☐ STL 4334* Patent Prep and Prosecution (3)
- ☐ UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas (3)
- ☐ UAP 4754* Legal Foundations of Planning (3)

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

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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 CLO 1F: Discourse *foundational* (6 Credits Required)

(ENGL 1105 First Year Writing and 1106 First Year Writing recommended)

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

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

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Pathways CLO 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 Credits Required) [Met by Major Requirements]

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

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

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

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

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Pathways CLO 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 CLO 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:
    - o 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
    - o 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.