

# INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY MAJOR

## Program Curriculum

| Code   | Title  | Credits |
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| <b>Degree Core Requirements</b>  |  |         |
| <i>Required International Studies Courses</i>  |  |         |
| IS 1034  | Introduction to International Studies and Political Science    | 3       |
| IS 2084  | The Evolution of World Order                                   | 3       |
| Select one of the following:   |  | 3       |
| IS 3115  | Selected World Problems  |         |
| IS 3116  | Selected World Problems  |         |
| <i>Required Foreign Language</i>   |  |         |
| Select 12 credits of a single foreign language at the 3000-4000 level <sup>1</sup>                                 |  | 12      |
| The following courses are only offered as Pass/Fail and <b>can be used</b> toward fulfillment of this requirement: |  |         |
| ARBC 3124  | Arabic for Oral Proficiency                                    |         |
| FR 3125  | French for Oral Proficiency                                    |         |
| FR 3126  | French for Oral Proficiency                                    |         |
| GER 3125   | German Oral Proficiency  |         |
| GER 3126   | German Oral Proficiency  |         |
| JPN 3125   | Japanese for Oral Proficiency                                  |         |
| JPN 3126   | Japanese for Oral Proficiency                                  |         |
| RUS 3124   | Russian for Oral Proficiency                                   |         |
| SPAN 3125  | Spanish for Oral Proficiency                                   |         |
| SPAN 3126  | Spanish for Oral Proficiency                                   |         |
| The following courses are <b>excluded</b> and cannot be used to fulfill this requirement:                          |  |         |
| ARBC 3304  | Modern Arabic Literature in Translation                        |         |
| FR 3954  | Study Abroad   |         |
| RUS 3304   | Survey of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature in Translation |         |
| RUS 3314   | Survey of Twentieth-Century Russian Literature in Translation  |         |
| RUS 3424   | Topics in Russian Literature in English                        |         |
| RUS 3434   | The Works of Vladimir Nabokov                                  |         |
| Subtotal   |  | 21      |
| <b>Major Requirements</b>  |  |         |
| <i>Major Courses</i>   |  |         |
| IS 1004  | Nations and Nationalities                                      | 3       |
| IS 2004  | Research and Writing in International Studies                  | 3       |
| IS 2054  | Introduction to World Politics                                 | 3       |
| IS 2064  | The Global Economy and World Politics                          | 3       |
| Select one of the following:   |  | 3       |
| IS 3154  | Topics in Global Public Policies <sup>2</sup>                  |         |
| PSCI 3344  | Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives    |         |
| Select one of the following:   |  | 3       |
| IS 3144  | Global Governance and Public Policy <sup>2</sup>               |         |
| IS 3184  | Human Security <sup>2</sup>                                    |         |

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| Select one of the following: |  | 3 |
| IS 4014                      | International Development                        |   |
| IS 4034                      | Topics in Diplomacy Lab <sup>2</sup>             |   |
| IS 4054                      | Seminar in Global Political Economy <sup>2</sup> |   |
| IS 4064                      | Seminar in Global Development <sup>2</sup>       |   |

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| <i>Major Electives</i>                                  |  |    |
| Select 15 credit hours from the list below <sup>3</sup> |  | 15 |
| Subtotal  |  | 36 |

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| <b>Free Electives</b>   |  |    |
| Select remaining credit hours to fulfill 120 credit hour requirement. |  | 30 |
| Subtotal  |  | 30 |

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| <b>Pathways to General Education</b>  |  |   |
| <i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i> |  |   |
| ENGL 1105                             | First-Year Writing (Pathway 1f ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01F">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01F</a> ))  | 3 |
| ENGL 1106                             | First-Year Writing (Pathway 1f ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01F">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01F</a> ))  | 3 |
| IS 2004                               | Research and Writing in International Studies (Pathway 1a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A</a> ) major requirement) | 3 |

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| <i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i> |   |   |
| Select six credits  |   | 6 |
| <i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</i>    |   |   |
| IS 2054   | Introduction to World Politics (major requirement)        | 3 |
| IS 2064   | The Global Economy and World Politics (major requirement) | 3 |

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| <i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>   |  |   |
| Select six credits  |  | 6 |
| <i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>   |  |   |
| Select six credits in Pathway 5f ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F</a> )                |  | 6 |
| Select three credits in Pathway 5a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A</a> ) <sup>4</sup> |  | 3 |

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| <i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>   |  |   |
| Select three credits in Pathway 6a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A</a> ) |  | 3 |
| Select three credits in Pathway 6d ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D</a> ) |  | 3 |

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| <i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i> |   |    |
| IS 1004   | Nations and Nationalities (major requirement) | 3  |
| Subtotal  |   | 33 |

**Total Credits** 120

<sup>1</sup> See undergraduate course catalog for current course offerings.

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites; please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

<sup>3</sup> IPPL major courses selected will not double count toward IPPL major electives

<sup>4</sup> Prerequisites of MATH 1014 Precalculus with Transcendental Functions or higher may be required.

## Elective Courses for the Major <sup>1,2</sup>

IPPL major courses selected will not double count toward /PPL major electives.

| Code   | Title  | Credits |
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| <b>International Studies (IS)</b>  |  |         |
| IS/PSCI/GEOG 2134  | Geography of the Global Economy  | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3044   | The Politics of Internet Governance <sup>3</sup>                         | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3144   | Global Governance and Public Policy                                      | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3154   | Topics in Global Public Policies <sup>3</sup>                            | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3165   | Global Economic Governance and Policy <sup>3</sup>                       | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3166   | Global Economic Governance and Policy <sup>3</sup>                       | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3175   | Global Development <sup>3</sup>  | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3176   | Global Development <sup>3</sup>  | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3184   | Human Security <sup>3</sup>  | 3       |
| IS 3374  | The Politics of Energy   | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3634   | Human Rights: Global Issues <sup>3</sup>                                 | 3       |
| IS 3804  | European Integration   | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3814   | The European Union: Institutions and Policies <sup>3</sup>               | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3824   | European Union's Foreign and Security Policy <sup>3</sup>                | 3       |
| IS 3834  | European Security Governance   | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 3854   | European Political Economy <sup>3</sup>                                  | 3       |
| IS/PSCI/MGT 3874   | The European Business Environment  | 3       |
| IS/PSCI/ECON 3914  | European Economics <sup>3</sup>  | 3       |
| IS 4014  | International Development  | 3       |
| IS/JMC 4044  | International Communication <sup>3</sup>                                 | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 4054   | Seminar in Global Political Economy <sup>3</sup>                         | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 4064   | Seminar in Global Development <sup>3</sup>                               | 3       |
| IS 4114  | Topics in European Union Policies <sup>3</sup>                           | 3       |
| IS 4134  | Capstone Research Project in European Studies                            | 3       |
| IS/FREC/PSCI 4174  | Climate Change and the International Policy Framework <sup>3</sup>       | 3       |
| IS/PSCI 4734   | Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management <sup>3</sup> | 3       |
| IS 4964  | Field Study <sup>4</sup>   | 1-19    |
| <b>Political Science (PSCI)</b>  |  |         |
| PSCI/UAP 3344  | Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives              | 3       |
| PSCI 3554  | Comparative Political Economy <sup>3</sup>                               | 3       |
| PSCI 3744  | Public Policy Analysis <sup>3</sup>                                      | 3       |
| or UAP 3744  | Public Policy Analysis   |         |
| PSCI 4714  | Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis <sup>3</sup>                           | 3       |
| <b>International Studies (IS)</b>  |  |         |
| A maximum of six credits from the following can be used toward the 15 credits of required electives: |  |         |
| IS 1114  | Introduction to Transatlantic Studies                                    | 3       |
| IS/PSCI/GEOG 2034  | Geography of Global Conflict   | 3       |

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| IS/PSCI/FST 2044                | Food, War and Conflict  | 3    |
| IS 2114                         | Transatlantic Political Frameworks  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 3004                    | Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies <sup>3</sup> | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 3104                    | Security Studies: Theories and Concepts <sup>3</sup>                                    | 3    |
| IS 3114/<br>PSCI 3134           | Global Security <sup>3</sup>  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 3134                    | Global Conflict and War <sup>3</sup>  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 3624                    | Foreign Policy and Diplomacy <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| IS 3934                         | NATO & European Security  | 3    |
| IS 3944                         | International Enrollment  | 0    |
| IS 3954                         | Study Abroad  | 1-19 |
| IS/PSCI 4034                    | Topics in Diplomacy Lab <sup>3</sup>  | 3    |
| IS 4184                         | Capstone Project Transatlantic Studies  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 4614                    | Senior Seminar in International Relations <sup>3</sup>                                  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 4735                    | Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop <sup>3</sup>                                  | 3    |
| IS/PSCI 4736                    | Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop <sup>3</sup>                                  | 3    |
| IS 4974                         | Independent Study <sup>5</sup>  | 1-19 |
| IS 4984                         | Special Study <sup>5</sup>  | 1-19 |
| IS 4994                         | Undergraduate Research <sup>5</sup>   | 1-19 |
| <b>Political Science (PSCI)</b> |   |      |
| PSCI 1014                       | Introduction to United States Government and Politics                                   | 3    |
| PSCI/IS 1024                    | Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics                                     | 3    |
| PSCI 3255                       | The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender <sup>3</sup>                                 | 3    |
| PSCI 3256                       | The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender <sup>3</sup>                                 | 3    |
| PSCI 3414                       | Public Administration <sup>3</sup>  | 3    |
| PSCI 3514                       | Latin American Government and Politics <sup>3</sup>                                     | 3    |
| PSCI 3524                       | Politics of Post-Communist Systems <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| PSCI 3534                       | African Government and Politics <sup>3</sup>  | 3    |
| PSCI 3564                       | Violent Political Change <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| PSCI 3584                       | Governments and Politics of Asia <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| PSCI/AINS 3684                  | Indigenous Peoples and World Politics <sup>3</sup>                                      | 3    |
| PSCI 3724                       | Poverty and Welfare Policy <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| PSCI/UAP 3774                   | Marxian Political Analysis <sup>3</sup>   | 3    |
| PSCI 4414                       | Senior Seminar in Public Administration <sup>3</sup>                                    | 3    |
| PSCI 4514                       | Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics <sup>3</sup>                                     | 3    |

<sup>1</sup> Please 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> Indicates the course has a pre-requisite. Please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

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

<sup>5</sup> The 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.

## 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 Public Policy 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 Nations and Nationalities, IS 1034 Introduction to International Studies and Political Science, IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies, IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics, IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics, IS 2084 The Evolution of World Order, 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 Nations and Nationalities, IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies, IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics and IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics. 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 checklist have prerequisites; please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

## University and Admissions Foreign Language Requirement

*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 an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) grouping or the equivalent. (these 6 hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation)

## Pathways to General Education

More details and course listings can be found at the following link: <https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu>.