

APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES MAJOR OPTION

Code	Title	Credits
Degree Core Requirements		
<i>Required Political Science Courses</i>		
PSCI 1034	Introduction to International Studies and Political Science	3
PSCI 2014	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PSCI 2024	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PSCI 2054	Introduction to World Politics	3
or PSCI 2064	The Global Economy and World Politics	
<i>Required Political Science Core Elective Courses</i>		
Select nine hours of courses in Political Science, six of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level		9
Subtotal		21
Major Requirements		
<i>Political Science Major Courses</i>		
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	3
PSCI 1024	Comp Gov & Politics	3
<i>Advanced Theory and Practice in Political Science</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PSCI 3015	Political Theory	
PSCI 3016	Political Theory	
PSCI 4024	Seminar in Diplomacy and Security	
PSCI 4054	Seminar in Global Political Economy	
PSCI 4064	Seminar in Global Development	
PSCI 4074	The Politics of Cybersecurity	
PSCI 4164	Future of Security: Integrative Solutions for Complex Security Systems	
PSCI 4174	Climate Change and the International Policy Framework	
PSCI 4214	Senior Seminar in Political Behavior	
PSCI 4314	Senior Seminar in Political Institutions	
PSCI 4324	Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law	
PSCI 4414	Senior Seminar in Public Administration	
PSCI 4514	Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics	
PSCI 4614	Senior Seminar in International Relations	
PSCI 4714	Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis	
PSCI 4724	Senior Seminar in Political Theory	
PSCI 4754	Internship Program	
PSCI 4974	Independent Study	
PSCI 4994	Undergraduate Research	
Subtotal		9
Requirements for the Political Science Major (Applied Public Policy Studies Option)		
<i>Applied Public Policy Studies Political Science Courses</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
PSCI 3044	The Politics of Internet Governance	
PSCI 3064	Food Politics	
PSCI 3115	Selected World Problems	

PSCI 3116	Selected World Problems	
PSCI 3144	Global Governance and Public Policy	
PSCI 3154	Topics in Global Public Policies	
PSCI 3164	Global Trade: Structures and Policies	
PSCI 3174	Monetary Foundations of the World Economy	
PSCI 3344	Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	
PSCI 3414	Public Administration	
PSCI 3444	Administrative Law and Policy	
PSCI 3714	The U. S. Policy Process	
PSCI 3744	Public Policy Analysis	
PSCI 3384	Politics of Global and Comparative Migration	
PSCI 3394	Comparative Politics of Immigrant Inclusion	
PSCI 3594	Topics in Middle East Politics and International Relations	
PSCI 3624	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy	
PSCI 3625	US-Russia Foreign Policies	
PSCI 3626	US-Russia Foreign Policies	
PSCI 3724	Poverty and Welfare Policy	
PSCI 3735		
PSCI 3736		
PSCI 3814	The European Union: Institutions and Policies	
PSCI 3824	European Union's Foreign and Security Policy	
PSCI 4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab	
PSCI 4174	Climate Change and the International Policy Framework	
PSCI 4714	Senior Seminar in Policy Analysis	
<i>Political Science Electives</i>		
Select a minimum of six additional hours of courses in Political Science, 3 of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. ¹		6
<i>Required Hours in Applied Public Policy Studies Related Courses</i>		
Select four of the following:		12
AAEC 3324	Environment and Sustainable Development Economics	
AAEC 4204	Food and Agricultural Policy	
AAEC 4314	Environmental Economic Analysis and Management	
AAEC 4324	Rural and Regional Development Policy	
AAEC 4464	Water Resources Policy and Economics	
EDCI 3024	Issues of Schooling in the United States	
HD 3024	Community Analytics	
HD 4324	Advanced Family Relationships	
PHS 4044	Public Health Policy and Administration	
PM 4744	Housing Challenges and Policies in the United States	
SPIA 4374	Federal Cybersecurity Policy and Regulation	
SPIA 4464	Data and the Art of Policy-Making and Planning	
UAP 3014	Urban Policy and Planning	
UAP 3224	Policy Implementation	
UAP 3354	Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning	
UAP 4264	Environmental Ethics and Policy	
UAP 4374	Land Use and Environment: Planning and Policy	

UAP 4624	The Washington Semester: Seminar in American Politics and Public Policy	
UAP 4644	Washington Semester: Politics, Policy and Administration in A Democracy	
Subtotal		24
Free Electives		
Select remaining courses to complete 120 credit hour graduation requirement		30
Subtotal		30
Pathways to General Education ²		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing or COMM 1015 Communication Skills	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing or COMM 1016 Communication Skills	3
Select three credits in Pathway 1a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A)		3
<i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 2 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences (Met by Major Requirements)</i>		
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	
PSCI 1024	Comp Gov & Politics	
<i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 4 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 5f (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F)		6
Select three credits in Pathway 5a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A)		3
<i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>		
Select six credits: 3 design + 3 arts, or 6 integrated design & arts		6
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (Met by Major Requirements)</i>		
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	
Subtotal		36
Total Credits		120

¹ 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 Internship Program), undergraduate research (PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research), independent study (PSCI 4974 Independent Study).

² 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>.

Satisfactory Progress

To proceed satisfactorily toward a degree, a student must complete PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics, PSCI 1024 Comp Gov & Politics, and PSCI 2024 Research

Methods in Political Science 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.

Graduation Requirements

Hours Requirement

A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with a Political Science degree.

In major GPA

All of the courses in the Degree Core Requirements, Major Requirements, And Option Requirements are included in the in-major GPA. The overall and in-major GPAs required for graduation are 2.0.

Free Electives

Hours not required by the Pathways to General 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.

Regarding Double Majors and Minors

The Department of Political Science offers several majors and minors. Courses for the majors and minors overlap significantly. Therefore, Political Science majors may not pursue multiple majors and/or minors within the department.

Acceptable Substitutions

SOC 3204 for PSCI 2024

Foreign Language Requirement

Foreign Language

- Students who completed three years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed the requirement.
- Students who did not complete three years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school may complete the requirement as follows:
 - Complete two years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus an 1106 foreign language or the equivalent in college (these three hours do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculate into the GPA) **or**
 - Complete an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) grouping or the equivalent in college (these six hours do **not** count toward the 120 required for graduation)

Political Science: Applied Public Policy Studies Option

First Year		
Fall Semester		Credits
PSCI 1034	Introduction to International Studies and Political Science	3
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	3
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing	3
PW 5F	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 5F course	3
PW 4	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 4 course	3
Credits		15

Spring Semester		
PSCI 1024	Comp Gov & Politics	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing	3
PW 5F	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 5F course	3
PW 4	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 4 course	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
PSCI 2014	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PSCI 2024	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PW 2	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 2 course	3
PW 1A	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 1A course	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Spring Semester		
PSCI 2054 or PSCI 2064	Introduction to World Politics or The Global Economy and World Politics	3
PSCI 1XXX/2XXX/3XXX	Choose any PSCI elective at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 level	3
PW 2	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 2 course	3
FREE ELECTIVE		3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
PSCI APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES COURSE	Choose any course from the approved list	3
APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY S	Choose any course from the approved list	3
PW 6A	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 6A course	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Spring Semester		
PSCI APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES COURSE	Choose any course from the approved list	3
APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY S	Choose any course from the approved list	3
PSCI 1XXX/2XXX/3XXX	Choose any PSCI elective at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 level	3
PW 5A	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 5A course	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES COURSE	Choose any course from the approved list	3
PSCI 3XXX/4XXX	Choose any 3000 or 4000 level PSCI elective	3
PSCI 3XXX/4XXX	Choose any 3000 or 4000 level PSCI elective	3
PW 6D	Choose any 3 credit hour PW 6D course	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Spring Semester		
PSCI ADVANCED THEORY AND ANALYSIS	Choose any course from the approved list	3
PSCI 3XXX/4XXX	Choose a 3000 or 4000 level PSCI elective	3
APPLIED PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES COURSE	Choose any course from the approved list	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
FREE ELECTIVE	Choose any 3 credit hour free elective	3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

This assumes that you have NO AP, IB, or TRANSFER credit

This assumes that you do NOT take summer courses

This assumes you have completed the CLAHS foreign language admission requirement (3 years+ of a single foreign language from high school)

Elective courses may be applied to a second major, a minor, and/or courses required for ROTC, leadership, athletics, etc.

This is an EXAMPLE of a course of study; you do NOT have to follow it

We recommend that you take your math courses early so that you will recall more from your previous coursework