

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR WITH SOCIAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE OPTION

Program Curriculum

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
PSCI 2064	The Global Economy and World Politics	3
<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		24
Political Science Major Requirements		
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	3
PSCI 1024	Introduction to Comparative Government and 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 (Social and Political Justice Option)		
Select three of the following:		9
PSCI 3064	Food Politics	

PSCI 3154	Topics in Global Public Policies	
PSCI 3175	Global Development	
PSCI 3176	Global Development	
PSCI 3255	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender	
PSCI 3256	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender	
PSCI 3264	Interest Groups	
PSCI 3334	Judicial Process	
PSCI 3344	Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	
PSCI 3364	Constitutional Law: Civil and Political Rights	
PSCI 3384	Politics of Global and Comparative Migration	
PSCI 3394	Comparative Politics of Immigrant Inclusion	
PSCI 3424	State and Local Government	
PSCI 3434	Urban Politics	
PSCI 3444	Administrative Law and Policy	
PSCI 3634	Human Rights: Global Issues	
PSCI 3684	Indigenous Peoples and World Politics	
PSCI 3714	The U. S. Policy Process	
PSCI 3724	Poverty and Welfare Policy	
PSCI 3744	Public Policy Analysis	
PSCI 3754	American Political Theory	
PSCI 3764	Contemporary Democratic Theory	
PSCI 3774	Marxian Political Analysis	
PSCI 3784	Origins of the State	
PSCI 4054	Seminar in Global Political Economy	
PSCI 4064	Seminar in Global Development	
PSCI 4324	Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law	
PSCI 4414	Senior Seminar in Public Administration	
Select a minimum of 3 additional hours of courses in Political Science ¹		3
Select four of the following:		12
AFST 3444	African American Images in Film	
AFST 3454	African American Leadership for Social Change	
AFST 3864	Development and Humanitarianism in Africa	
ALCE 4304	Community Education and Development	
CRIM 3434	Systems of Justice	
ECON 3024	Economic Justice	
ECON 3034	Economics of Poverty and Discrimination	
ECON 4014	Environmental Economics	
ECON 4044	Public Economics	
ECON 4214	Economics of Health Care	
ENGL 3134	Gender and Linguistics	
ENGL 3624	Appalachian Literature	
ENGL 3644	The Postcolonial Novel	
ENGL 3654	Ethnic American Literature	
ENGL 3684	Literature and the Law	
ENGL 3694	Topics in World Novels	
ENGL 3734	Community Writing	
ENGL 3834	Intercultural Issues in Professional Writing	
GEOG 3104	Environmental Problems, Population, and Development	
GEOG 3244	The U.S. City	
HD 3024	Community Analytics	

HD 3114	Issues in Aging	
HD 4324	Advanced Family Relationships	
HD 4364	Gender And Family Diversity	
HIST 3105	Women in U S History	
HIST 3106	Women in U S History	
HIST 3114	History of Capitalism	
HIST 3144	American Environmental History	
HIST 3174	Native American History	
HIST 3494	The Holocaust	
HIST 3554	Age of Globalization	
JMC 4044	International Communication	
JMC 4064	Social Media Analytics	
JMC 4264	Social Media Theory and Practice	
JMC 4334	Communication Ethics	
JMC 4344	Free Speech in Cyberspace	
PHIL 3314	Ethical Theory	
PHIL 3324	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 3334	Ethical Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence	
PHS 4044	Public Health Policy and Administration	
PSVP 4104	Global Society, Violence and the Prospects for Peace	
PSVP 4444	Schools, Violence, and Justice	
SOC 3004	Social Inequality	
SOC 3014	Gender Relations	
SOC 3314	Social Movements	
SOC 3404	Environmental Justice	
SOC 3464	Appalachian Communities	
SOC 3614	Gender and Work in the U.S.	
SOC 4094	Appalachian Community Research	
SOC 4404	Sociology of Law	
SOC 4704	Medical Sociology	
SOC 4714	Sociology of Mental Illness	
SPIA 4454	Future of Cities	
SPIA 4464	Data and the Art of Policy-Making and Planning	
STS 3104	Science and Technology in Modern Society	
STS 3284	Technology and Disability	
STS 3314	Medical Dilemmas and Human Experience	
STS 3334	Energy and Society	
STS 4304	Topics: Contemporary Issues in Science, Technology, and Society	
STS 4314	Narrative Medicine	
STS 4704	Gender and Science	
UAP 3354	Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning	
UAP 4214	Gender, Environment, and International Development	
UAP 4344	Law of Critical Environmental Areas	
UAP 4374	Land Use and Environment: Planning and Policy	
UAP 4754	Legal Foundations of Planning	
WGS 3214	Global Feminisms	
Subtotal		24
Free Electives		
Select remaining courses to complete 120 credit hour graduation requirement		27

Subtotal		
Pathways to General Education		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
Select one of the following:		6
ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing & ENGL 1106 and First-Year Writing		
COMM 1015 Communication Skills & COMM 1016 and Communication Skills		
Select 3 credit hours 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</i>		
PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics (Met by Major Requirements)		
PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (Met by Major Requirements)		
<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 in Pathway 6d (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D) and Pathway 6a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A)		6
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i>		
PSCI 1014 Introduction to United States Government and Politics (Met by Major Requirements)		
Subtotal		63
Total Credits		120

Footnotes:

¹ No more than six credit hours in any one of the following courses may contribute toward the 54 hours required by the major: PSCI 4754 Internship Program, PSCI 4974 Independent Study, and PSCI 4994 Undergraduate Research.

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 an 1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) or the equivalent in college (these 3 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 6 hours do **not** count toward the 120 required for graduation)

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 Introduction to United States Government and Politics, PSCI 1024 Introduction to Comparative Government and 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.

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 Footnote 1.

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.