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## UVa Department of Politics

### Major Requirements Worksheet (Government)

#### STEP ONE: PREREQUISITES TO DECLARING A GOVERNMENT MAJOR

- ☐ I have completed TWO PL\*\* (PLAD, PLAP, PLCP, PLIR, PLPT) courses with an average Politics GPA of 2.5 or higher (see back of this sheet for GPA table):

PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Both grades are above C–
- ☐ My Politics courses GPA is: \_\_\_\_\_ (include ALL Politics courses)
- ☐ My cumulative GPA (all UVA courses) is: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be  $\geq 2.0$ )

#### STEP TWO: MY PLAN FOR COURSES (include completed courses) 30 credits PL\*\*; 12 credits related

##### 1. Distribution—one course from each subfield (12 credits)

PLAP \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

PLCP \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

PLIR \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

PLPT \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

##### 2. American Politics or Theory Track (9 credits)

*The PLAP or PLPT course listed in step 1 does NOT count here*

PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

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PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits)

##### 3. Politics Electives (9 credits)

Transfer/  
SA? ( $\leq 6-9$ )

PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

PL \_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

##### 4. Closely Related Courses\* (12 credits)

Transfer/  
SA? ( $\leq 6-9$ )

\_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

\_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 credits) ☐

##### PL Coursework Level Checklist

- no more than 9 credits at 1000-level
- at least 15 credits at or above 3000-level
- at least 3 credits 4000-level or above

1000 (0-3 classes) ☐ ☐ ☐

2000 (0-2 classes) ☐ ☐

3000+ (5+ classes) ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

4000+ (1+ classes) ☐ ☐

##### Closely Related Coursework Checklist

- no more than 6 credits below 3000-level
- at least 6 credits at or above 3000-level

1000/2000 (0-2 classes) ☐ ☐

3000+ (2+ classes) ☐ ☐ ☐

\* Closely related courses include:

AAS, AMST, ANTH, EAST, ECON, ETP, HIAF,  
HIEA, HIEU, HILA, HIME, HISA, HIST, HIUS,  
MDST, MEST, PHIL, PSYC, RELA, RELB, RELC,  
RELG, RELH, RELI, RELJ, RELS, SOC, WGS

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How to declare a Politics Department major:

1. Decide on either a Government or a Foreign Affairs major after reviewing the requirements for each major at <https://politics.virginia.edu/majoring-politics>. These majors are similar but have different areas of focus.
2. Fill out this worksheet to outline the courses you'll use to fulfill the major requirements, paying attention to the subfield and course level requirements. Remember that this is a *plan of study* that demonstrates your knowledge of our requirements and your plan to fulfill them. It is not a firm commitment to take particular courses because new courses may be added, others may not be offered in the term you planned, and your preferences may change. You should consider not just the courses offered in the current term, but our complete course catalog, available through SIS or Lou's List (<https://louslist.org/CC/Politics.html>).
3. Save and **rename** the file to lead with your last name (e.g., *Smith\_PoliticsMajorWorksheet-Government*).
4. Email this file to Ms. Marsh ([smm4g@viginia.edu](mailto:smm4g@viginia.edu)).
5. We will review your worksheet and return it to you, directing you to the College Forms site to fill out the DocuSign Declaration of Major form. Copy your PL\*\* list of courses from worksheet onto the College form and complete the DocuSign process. (The College form lists only PL\*\* courses; don't include your related courses.)

### How to fill out this worksheet:

#### PRIOR TO DECLARING THE MAJOR

1. To declare the major you must have taken two UVa Politics (PL) courses with a grade of "C" or better in each and an average GPA for the two of at least 2.5. These courses **will** count toward your major requirements.
2. Your cumulative GPA's in the Politics Department and at the University must be above 2.5.

#### FULFILLING THE 30 PL\*\*/ 12 RELATED CREDIT REQUIREMENT

This section of the worksheet asks you to make a plan for fulfilling the 42-credit requirement. Use SIS and/or Lou's Course Catalogue List to find courses you plan to take.

1. You must take at least one course from each of the four subfields: American Politics (AP), Comparative Politics (CP), International Relations (IR), and Political Theory (PT). Indicate the course number (e.g. 3700) and the term in which you plan to take the course. (We recognize that these plans may change.)
2. You must have nine credits from your chosen track (either American Politics or Political Theory). Note that any courses listed in the previous step cannot count here.
3. You must take nine credits of Politics electives, i.e. *any* course with a PL\*\* designation. Up to six transfer credits and/or study abroad credits can be counted toward the electives requirement. Students studying abroad for a full year can count up to nine transfer or study abroad credits.
4. You must also take twelve credits from closely related disciplines (see list on other side; a full list is available through SIS). Up to six credits for transfer or study abroad can be counted toward the closely related coursework requirement.

AP and dual-enrollment credits **do not count** toward the major.

The minimum grade required to receive Politics department credit is "C."

A+/A = 4.0 A- = 3.7 B+ = 3.3 B = 3.0 B- = 2.7 C+ = 2.3 C = 2.0 C- = 1.7 D+ = 1.3 D = 1.0 D- = .7 F = 0

### Need more information?

Politics major information: <https://politics.virginia.edu/majoring-politics>

Politics major requirements FAQ: [http://politics.virginia.edu/undergrad\\_faqs](http://politics.virginia.edu/undergrad_faqs)

Transfer students FAQ: <http://www.admission.virginia.edu/transfer/faq>

Transfer course requirements: <http://www.admission.virginia.edu/transfer/requirements>