NEEDED  Requirement (credits)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMM 100 or 101 (3)
ENGL 101(100) and 302 (3 + 3 upper)
Information Technology (take GOVT 300) (4)
Quantitative Reasoning (3) (see #2 on reverse)
Fine Arts (3)
Literature (6 credits = two courses)
Natural Science lab sequence (8) (see #3 on reverse)
Social & Behavioral Science (9) (take GOVT 101 and 103; AND 3 credits outside of GOVT)
Western Civilization: HIST 100 or 125 (3)
Foreign Language (0-12) (see #4 on reverse)
  Elementary (6)
  Intermediate (6)
PHIL or RELI (3)
Non-western Culture (3) (see #5 on reverse)
Global Understanding (3) (take GOVT 132 or 133)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

GOVT 101, 103 (6)
GOVT 132, 133 (6)
GOVT 300 (4)

Field Requirements: 24 credits; at least 3 credits from each field (includes GOVT 490; see below). Concentration optional (see reverse). Internship, independent study and other select courses may be used for fields with adviser’s approval (see reverse).

  Field A, American Politics: GOVT 301-319 and 401-419
  Field B, Political Theory and Law: GOVT 320-329, 420-429 and 446 (see #6 & #7 on reverse)
  Field C, International and Comparative Politics: GOVT 330-349 and 430-449 (see #6 & #7)
  Field D, Public Policy and Administration: GOVT 350-369 and GOVT 450-469

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8. Synthesis GOVT 490 (GOVT 490 does not count for a Field or Concentration if taken Fall 2007 or later).

Advanced Competency Skill (3)
GOVT 359 (see #8), GOVT 400 (see #8), GOVT459 (see #8); ECON 103 or 104; SOCI 313 or 405;
or any 3 credits in CS, INFS, IT, MIS, STAT; or upper level foreign language taught in the language

UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVE CREDITS (as needed to reach a total of 45 upper level credits).
To calculate: 45 credits
  minus _____ met upper level credits (see last page of degree evaluation)
  minus _____ number of upper level credits in requirements not yet taken
  equals _____ Upper Level Electives needed (none if result is 0 or negative number)

OTHER ELECTIVES (as needed to reach a total of 120 credits) (see #9 on reverse)

Total Hours (120 required)
SPECIAL NOTE: This worksheet is used to chart your progress toward your chosen degree and does not constitute official policy regarding graduation requirements. For the official statement of requirements consult the 2006-07 Catalog. In case of a discrepancy between the worksheet and the catalog, you must follow the catalog's requirements. Your faculty advisor and departmental staff try to provide accurate information concerning your academic program. However, you are personally responsible for knowing and following all catalog requirements and regulations affecting your program.

How To Use This Sheet: Only students with Catalog terms of fall 2006 or spring 2007 should use this sheet. On the front page are the 2006-07 Catalog requirements for the BA in Government and International Politics. The faculty recommends taking electives after the specific requirements for general education and the major have been fulfilled. Electives are any courses which complete the requirements for 45 hours of upper level courses and/or 120 total hours. If in doubt, consult your faculty advisor or the department. Do not enroll in a course unless you are sure it will satisfy your degree requirements.

General Requirements: 120 credit hours are required for the degree, of which 45 must be numbered 300 or above. All major requirements must be passed with a "C" or better. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation.

Transfer Students: If you have an AA, AS, or AA&S degree from VCCS, which was completed before you enrolled at George Mason, then you meet all university and college general education requirements except for ENGL 302, foreign language through the intermediate level and a Synthesis course. Please be sure that the Admissions Office has received an official transcript showing your VCCS AA, AS, or AA&S degree.

GOVT Field Requirements: In addition to the Field courses listed on the front, a maximum of 9 credits of select courses may be substituted with permission of an adviser. The adviser determines field designation. These select courses include up to 6 credits of independent study (GOVT 496). 3 credits of internship (GOVT 480) may be used as a field course (an additional 3 may be applied outside of the major as upper level electives). Students in the department honors program may substitute GOVT 491 for GOVT 490. GOVT 399 and 400 may also be approved as field courses.

Concentration: You may choose to take a concentration in one of the Fields within the major. A concentration is optional; you can complete the major without having a concentration. To pursue a concentration in one field take 5 courses (15 credits) in that field, as well as one course (3 credits) from each of the other fields; this provides you with 8 Field courses (24 credits) in the major. For example, to pursue a concentration in Field C, International and Comparative Politics, take 15 credits in Field C, 3 in Field A, 3 in Field B, and 3 in Field D. Please see the FAQ-page for instructions on how to declare the concentration, so that it is reflected in your degree.

Minors: It is possible to combine a major in Government & International Politics with a minor in American Government, International and Comparative Politics, Public Policy and Management or Legal Studies. However, at least 8 credits must be unique for each minor. This rule also applies to interdisciplinary minors, which use GOVT courses.

Notes:
(1) Your Catalog Term is listed at the top right corner of your detailed requirements view Patriotweb degree evaluation.
(2) Appropriate Math placement test score is required for signing up for analytical reasoning courses. Approved course choices: MATH 106, 108, 110, 111, 113, 115, 125, or IT/STAT 250.
(3) A two-semester sequence in the same lab science (e.g. Biology) is required for the Natural Science Requirement.
(4) The Foreign Language requirement is fulfilled by demonstration of competency through the intermediate level (i.e., by completion of the intermediate course sequence (201-202) or a placement test administered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages) or through waiver for students whose native language is not English.
(5) Courses that fulfill the Non-Western Culture requirement are listed in the catalog. Some courses can fulfill more than one requirement (e.g., ANTH 114 fulfills both the Non-Western Culture and Social Science requirements), but you receive credit for the course only once. Some GOVT courses can also be used. See our Frequently Asked Questions page.
(6) GOVT 446 may only be used for either Field B or Field C, but not for both at the same time.
(7) No more than 9 credits of GOVT 329 and no more than 9 credits of GOVT 444 can be applied to the 120 credits.
(8) GOVT 359, 400, and 459 may not be used to fulfill both a field and an advanced competency requirement.
(9) All PHED, all activity classes in PRLS, and MLSC courses below the 400-level cannot be counted toward the degree requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences. They award 0 credits toward the 120 required credits.

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