Paths is the general education curriculum at Virginia Tech. As a central component of
the undergraduate experience, the Pathways curriculum will allow you to examine the
world from multiple perspectives and integrate your knowledge across various
disciplines. Along with the coursework required for your major, you will complete credits
from nine Pathways concepts (seven core concepts and two integrative concepts).

**Core Concepts**

*You will complete a total of 45 credits across seven Pathways core concepts. The number
of credits required per concept is listed below.*

1. **Discourse**
   - 9 credits
   - 6 Foundational (1f)
   - 3 Advanced (1a)

2. **Critical Thinking in the Humanities**
   - 6 credits

3. **Reasoning in the Social Sciences**
   - 6 credits

4. **Reasoning in the Natural Sciences**
   - 6 credits

5. **Quantitative and Computational Thinking**
   - 9 credits
   - 3 Foundational (5f)
   - 3 Advanced (5a)
   - 3 Foundational OR Advanced

6. **Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts**
   - 6 credits
   - 3 Design (6d)
   - 3 Arts (6a)

7. **Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States**
   - 3 credits
   - may be double-counted with another core concept

**Integrative Concepts**

*Each Pathways course also meets at least one integrative concept, ensuring that you complete your
general education with competency in both ethical reasoning and intercultural and global awareness.*

- **Ethical Reasoning**
  - Throughout

- **Intercultural and Global Awareness**
  - Throughout

**Pathways Requirements for the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Major**

Some Pathways requirements are likely to be met through your in-major classes, and those not
satisfied within your major can be fulfilled by a Pathways minor!

**Which general education requirements are likely to be satisfied by your major?**

- Critical Thinking in the Humanities (2)
- Reasoning in the Social Sciences (3)
- Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in the US (7)

**But what about your other requirements?**

- Discourse (1f & 1a)
- Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (4)
- Quantitative and Computational Thinking (5f & 5a)
- Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6d & 6a)
How to Choose a Pathways Minor for a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Major

Wondering how a Pathways minor can complement your major? The chart below maps out which credits are likely to be met within your major.* See the section below for Pathways minors that can help you fill in the gaps.

*Requirements may vary by degree option. Consult the checksheet or speak with your advisor

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Concepts likely fulfilled by major requirements

Concepts not fulfilled by major requirements

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**Students must fulfill 3 credits of both 5f and 5a, and an additional 3 credits of either 5f or 5a, for a total of 9 credit hours.

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Minors That Are a Good Fit for Your Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Major

The Pathways minors listed below offer the most opportunity to fulfill the concepts not met within your major. Click on the name to learn more about each minor, or explore all Pathways minors at pathways.prov.vt.edu/minors/showcase.

- Climate and Society
- Ecological Cities
- Integrated Security
- Organizational Leadership
- Science, Technology, and Law
- Strategic Communication