

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

**GENERAL EDUCATION/
 FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS REQUIREMENTS (43-46 hours)**

Course	Hrs	Sem	Grade
Communication & Information Literacy (15 hours)¹			
ENGL 101	Composition & Rhetoric	3	_____
_____	Communications Elective	3	_____
_____	Composition Elective	3	_____
_____	Information Literacy Elective	3	_____
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Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning (4-7 hours)¹			
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1	_____
MATH _____	Math Elective (MATH 114 or higher)	3	_____
_____	Technology Competency ²	0-3	_____
Critical Thinking (5 hours)¹			
RLGN 105	Intr Bwvw/Contemp Moral Issues ³	2	_____
_____	Critical Thinking Elective	3	_____
Civic & Global Engagement (5 hours)¹			
EVAN 101	Evangelism & Christian Life ³	2	_____
_____	Cultural Studies Elective	3	_____
Social & Scientific Inquiry (6 hours)¹			
_____	Natural Science Elective	3	_____
_____	Social Science Elective	3	_____
Christianity & Contexts (8 hours)¹			
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2	_____
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2	_____
THEO 201	Theology Survey I ³	2	_____
THEO 202	Theology Survey II ³	2	_____
Liberal Arts Focus (15 hours)⁴			
_____	Language Elective	3	_____
_____	Language Elective	3	_____
_____	Language Elective	3	_____
_____	Language Elective	3	_____
_____	Integrative Elective	3	_____
BA in Government – Major Foundational Courses (3-12 hours)			
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography ⁵	3	_____
GOVT 200	Constitutional Govt. & Free Enterprise ⁵	3	_____
GOVT 220	American Government ⁵	3	_____
MATH 201	Introduction to Probability & Statistics ⁵	3	_____

Course	Hrs	Sem	Grade
BA IN GOVERNMENT: POLITICS & POLICY MAJOR			
Core (18 hours)			
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research & Writing	3	_____
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	_____
GOVT 350	Political Economy & Public Policy	3	_____
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3	_____
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3	_____
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3	_____
Concentration (39 hours)			
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3	_____
GOVT 301	Ancient Political & Economic Ideas	3	_____
GOVT 302	Modern Political & Economic Ideas	3	_____
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes & Inst.	3	_____
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3	_____
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3	_____
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3	_____
GOVT 327	State & Local Government	3	_____
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3	_____
GOVT 340	International Relations	3	_____
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3	_____
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3	_____
PPOG 500	Introduction to Writing & Research	3	_____
FREE ELECTIVES (0-4 hours)			

MAPP – THINK TANK & POLICY RESEARCH CORE (15 HOURS)

PPOG 502	Economics & Public Policy	3	_____
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship, & Governance	3	_____
PPOG 506	Intro. to Geopolitics & Int'l Diplomacy	3	_____
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance	3	_____
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3	_____

MAPP – THINK TANK & POLICY RESEARCH COGNATE (9 HOURS)

PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Train., & Pol. Dev.	3	_____
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MAPP-TH. TANK & POL. RES. THES. OR ELECT. COUR. (6 HOURS)^{6,7}

PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal ⁶	3	_____
PPOG 689	Thesis Research ^{6,7,8}	3	_____
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense ^{6,7}	0	_____

Graduation Requirements	
152	Total Credit Hours
122	Credit hours must be 100-400 level courses (PPOG 502 and 503 included)
2.0	Overall grade point average required for undergraduate degree
3.0	Overall grade point average required for graduate degree
30.5	Credit hours of undergraduate courses must be upper-level (300-400 level)
Grade of 'C'	Minimum required for all upper level courses in the major (300-400 level)
Grade of 'C'	No more than two grades of C may be applied to Masters level courses (includes grades of C+ & C-)
Grade of 'D'	No grades of D may be applied to Masters level courses (including grades Of D+ and D-)
25%	Of the undergraduate courses in the major must be taken through Liberty University
50%	Of Graduate Cognate taken through Liberty University
30.5	Credit hours of undergraduate courses must be taken through Liberty University
6 years	Degree must be completed within 6 years
Grad App	Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date
CSER	All requirements must be satisfied before a degree will be awarded

Notes	
<i>All applicable prerequisites must be met</i>	
¹ Refer to the list of approved General Education Electives at www.liberty.edu/gened before enrolling in foundational skills requirements	
² All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course; refer to www.liberty.edu/computerassessment for more information	
³ Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived	
⁴ Must be the same language, 6 hours must be 200-400 level	
⁵ Courses may also fulfill select General Education Requirements. Please refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened	
⁶ Students may take two electives ⁹ instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690	
⁷ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PPOG 690 after completing PPOG 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat PPOG 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in PPOG 690.	
⁸ While PPOG 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements.	
⁹ Choose from the following courses: Any 500-600 level course offered by the Helms School of Government. Other 500-600 level courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	
<i>Suggested Course Sequence on second page</i>	

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Semester	
BIBL 105	2	BIBL 110	2	Composition Elective ¹	3
THEO 201	2	Language Elective ²	3	Critical Thinking Elective ¹	3
UNIV 101	1	Cultural Studies Elect. ¹ [GOVT 220]	3	Info. Literacy Elective ¹ [GEOG 200]	3
Language Elective ²	3	GOVT 302	3	Social Science Elective ¹	3
GOVT 200	3	GOVT 321	3	Technology Competency ³	0-3
GOVT 230	3	GOVT 322	3	Total	12-15
Elective	1	CSER	0		
Elective	1	Total	17		
CSER	0				
Total	16				

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Semester	
Language Elective ²	3	Integrative Elective ²	3	Communication Elective ¹	3
GOVT 210	3	Language Elective ²	3	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
GOVT 301	3	EVAN 101	2	Natural Science Elective ¹	3
GOVT 320	3	RLGN 105	2	Total	9
GOVT 327	3	THEO 202	2		
Elective	3	GOVT 324	3		
CSER	0	GOVT 350	3		
Total	18	CSER	0		
		Total	18		

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
GOVT 329	3	Math Elective ¹ [MATH 201]	3
GOVT 330	3	GOVT 421	3
GOVT 340	3	GOVT 492	3
GOVT 425	3	PPOG 500	3
GOVT 474	3	PPOG 503	3
CSER	0	CSER	0
Total	15	Total	15

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PPOG 502	3	PPOG 504	3
PPOL 501	3	PPOG 506	3
PPOL 505	3	PPOG 600	3
PPOG 600	3	PPOG 600	3
PPOG 688 ⁴	3	PPOG 689 ^{4,5,6}	3
Total	15	PPOG 690 ^{4,5}	0
		Total	15

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²Must be the same language; 6 hours must be 200-400 level

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⁴Students may take two additional elective courses⁷ instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690

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