

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 (40-43 hours)

Course		Hrs	Sem	Grade
Communication & Information Literacy (12 hours)¹				
ENGL 101	Composition & Rhetoric	3	_____	_____
_____	Communications 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	_____	_____
BS in Government – Major Foundational Courses (3-12 hours)				
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography ⁴	3	_____	_____
GOVT 200	Constitutional Govt. & Free Enterprise ⁴	3	_____	_____
GOVT 220	American Government ⁴	1	_____	_____
MATH 201	Introduction to Probability & Statistics ⁴	3	_____	_____

Course		Hrs	Sem	Grade
BS 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	_____	_____

BS IN GOVERNMENT: POLITICS & POLICY FREE ELECTIVES (8-20 hrs.)

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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PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Train., & Pol. Dev.	3	_____	_____

MAPP–TH. TANK & POL. RES. THES. OR ELECT. COUR. (6 HOURS)

PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal ⁵	3	_____	_____
PPOG 689	Thesis Research ^{5,6,7}	3	_____	_____
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense ^{5,6}	0	_____	_____

Graduation Requirements	
150	Total Credit Hours
120	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	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	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 requirements of RLGN 105 and EVAN 101 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirements of THEO 201 and THEO 202 waived	
⁴ Courses may also fulfill select General Education Requirements. Please refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened	
⁵ Students may take two electives ³ instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690	
⁶ 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.	
⁷ While PPOG 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements.	
⁸ 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	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
ENGL 101	3	Critical Thinking Elective ¹	3	Social Science Elective ¹	3
THEO 201	2	Cultural Studies Elect. ¹ [GOVT 220]	3	Technology Competency ²	0-3
UNIV 101	1	GOVT 302	3	Elective	1
Info. Literacy Elective ¹ [GEOG 200]	3	GOVT 321	3	Total	7-10
GOVT 200	3	GOVT 322	3		
GOVT 230	3	CSER	0		
Elective	1	Total	17		
CSER	0				
Total	18				

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Semester	
GOVT 210	3	EVAN 101	2	Communication Elective ¹	3
GOVT 301	3	RLGN 105	2	Natural Science Elective ¹	3
GOVT 320	3	THEO 202	2	Total	6
GOVT 327	3	GOVT 324	3		
Elective	3	GOVT 350	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
CSER	0	Elective	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
Elective	3	Elective	3
CSER	0	CSER	0
Total	18	Total	18

FOURTH YEAR

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

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³Students may take two additional elective courses⁶ instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690

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