

| <b><u>CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>                                |  | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| PPOG 500   | Introduction to Writing & Research                                 | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 502   | Economics & Public Policy  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 503   | Political Philosophy   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 504   | Leadership, Statesmanship & Governance <sup>1</sup>                | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 506   | Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy <sup>1</sup> | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOL 501   | Foundations of American Governance                                 | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOL 505   | Applied Public Policy Research Methods <sup>1</sup>                | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| <b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (9 hours)<sup>2, 3</sup></u></b>              |  |                   |                   |                     |
| _____  | _____  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| _____  | _____  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| _____  | _____  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| <b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>2, 3, 4</sup></u></b> |  |                   |                   |                     |
| PPOG 688   | Thesis Proposal  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 689   | Thesis Research <sup>5, 6</sup>                                    | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| PPOG 690   | Thesis Defense   | 0                 | _____             | _____               |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>   |  | <b>36</b>         |                   |                     |

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 hours  
 A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level  
 3.0 GPA  
 No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)  
 No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)  
 Degree must be completed within 5 years  
 Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Resident and Online Format

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Students are strongly encouraged to take PPOG 500, 502, 503 and PPOL 501 before these courses. The content of these courses will help set a foundation for the remaining Public Policy coursework

<sup>2</sup>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

<sup>3</sup>Students who have obtained or are pursuing a J.D. through Liberty University may substitute electives with up to six credit hours from the following courses: LAW 501, 502, 531, 532, 581, 585, 601, 605, 610, 645, 721, 725, 741, 743, 745, 755, 760, 761 or 765. Non-Liberty students pursuing a J.D. or who have a completed J.D. may be able to use up to 9 hours of Law Credit towards this degree pending review and approval by the Liberty University School of Law

<sup>4</sup>Students may take two additional elective courses<sup>2</sup> instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690

<sup>5</sup>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

<sup>6</sup>While PPOG 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements

*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

| First Semester          |          | Second Semester             |          |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| PPOG 500                | 3        | PPOG 502                    | 3        |
| PPOG 503                | 3        | PPOL 505 <sup>3</sup>       | 3        |
| PPOL 501                | <u>3</u> | Elective <sup>1,2</sup>     | <u>3</u> |
| Total                   | 9        | Total                       | 9        |
|                         |          |                             |          |
| Third Semester          |          | Fourth Semester             |          |
| PPOG 504 <sup>3</sup>   | 3        | PPOG 688                    | 3        |
| PPOG 506 <sup>3</sup>   | 3        | PPOG 689 <sup>4, 5, 6</sup> | 3        |
| Elective <sup>1,2</sup> | 3        | PPOG 690 <sup>6</sup>       | <u>0</u> |
| Elective <sup>1,2</sup> | <u>3</u> | Total                       | 6        |
| Total                   | 12       |                             |          |

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