

<b><u>CORE COURSES (27 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hr</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
PLCY 700	Foundations of Statesmanship & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 701	Natural Law, The State & The Gospel	3	_____	_____
PLCY 702	The Founding Era & Constitution	3	_____	_____
PLCY 703	Contemporary Challenges to Const. Order & the Role of the State	3	_____	_____
PLCY 704	Economics & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 800	Statesmanship & National Security			
or PLCY 801	Foreign Policy, Globalization & Statesmanship	3	_____	_____
PLCY 802	Competing Visions of Statesmanship	3	_____	_____
PLCY 804	Statesmanship, Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations	3	_____	_____
PLCY 805	Policy Analysis & Statesmanship	3	_____	_____
<b><u>RESEARCH METHODS &amp; TOOLS COURSES (9 hours)</u></b>				
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I	3	_____	_____
PLCY 811	Quantitative Methods II	3	_____	_____
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods	3	_____	_____
<b><u>EDUCATION POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)</u></b>				
PLCY 840	Introduction to Education Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 841	Research Seminar in Education Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 885	Comprehensive Exam & Research Concept	3	_____	_____
<b><u>DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)<sup>1</sup></u></b>				
PLCY 987	Dissertation I	5	_____	_____
PLCY 988	Dissertation II	5	_____	_____
PLCY 989	Dissertation III <sup>2</sup>	5	_____	_____
PLCY 990	Dissertation IV	0	_____	_____

**TOTAL HOURS 60**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 hours

A minimum of 45 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty University

A maximum of 15 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree  
3.0 GPA

No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree

Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam

Successful defense of Dissertation

Degree must be completed within 7 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

**Program Offered in Online Format**

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

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*Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

**First Semester**

PLCY 700	3
PLCY 701	3
PLCY 702	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Second Semester**

PLCY 703	3
PLCY 704	3
PLCY 800 <u>OR</u> PLCY 801	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Third Semester**

PLCY 802	3
PLCY 810	3
PLCY 811	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Fourth Semester**

PLCY 804	3
PLCY 812	3
PLCY 805	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Fifth Semester**

PLCY 840	3
PLCY 841	3
PLCY 885	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Sixth Semester**

PLCY 987 <sup>1</sup>	<u>5</u>
Total	5

**Seventh Semester**

PLCY 988	<u>5</u>
	5

**Eighth Semester**

PLCY 989 <sup>2</sup>	<u>5</u>
	5

**Ninth Semester**

PLCY 990 <sup>2</sup>	<u>0</u>
	0

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