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Program Directors

A listing of program directors can be viewed at <http://www.liberty.edu/programdirectors>.

Faculty

All faculty are listed at the end of this catalog in the Faculty Roster. There are separate rosters for Full-Time and Part-Time faculty. The entire roster can also be viewed online

at <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?action=faculty&PID=19959&CatID=27> where faculty can be searched for by Department.

PURPOSE

The Helms School of Government offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Associate of Arts degrees, with majors in Government, International Relations, Law and Policy, Political Science, and Criminal Justice; minors in Government, International Relations, Criminal Justice, Strategic and Intelligence Studies and Western Legal Traditions; and concentrations in Politics and Policy, International Politics and Policy, Strategic and Intelligence Studies and Western Legal Traditions, and Pre-Law.

The curriculum encourages students to approach their chosen professions as opportunities for Christian Service and equips students with a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in conducting the business of government, politics, policy-making, public administration, public safety and military service. The goal of the curriculum is to produce action-oriented students who are able to

understand and articulate the biblical roots of our religious, economic, and political liberties, and, thus, to equip them to become highly qualified leaders in their chosen career fields.

INTERNSHIPS

Knowledge becomes wisdom when a student takes the theory of the classroom and applies it in the context of the real world. To that end, our students are encouraged to apply for an internship in their field of study. The Helms School of Government is actively placing our students in positions at the White House, offices of elected officials, military and government intelligence agencies, and conservative political organizations. Internships are also available at the state and local government level as well at federal and state criminal justice agencies.

Applicants must satisfy the 2.50+ GPA requirement and successfully complete the rigorous screening process prior to placement. The program is designed to keep the student on track for graduation and qualify for financial aid programs.

PARTNERSHIPS

In addition, in order to provide motivated students with unique educational opportunities, the Helms School of Government also partners with the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, the School of Engineering, and the School of Communication. These partnerships are in place to set students apart and better prepare them for employment.

CENTER FOR AMERICAN STATESMANSHIP

The Center for American Statesmanship is a one-stop resource providing education and training in effective citizenship, constitutional rights, foundational worldview ideas and influential modern political involvement.

CENTER FOR PRE-LAW STUDIES

The Center for Pre-Law Studies uniquely incorporates a biblical worldview to prepare future law students for success. Everything, from academic programs to competing teams, to lecture series and extracurricular offerings, is designed to help students prepare for, and succeed in, law school. The Center for Pre-Law Studies also provides resources to assist students in the law school application process including choosing law schools, preparing for the LSAT, and crafting a winning personal statement. More information is available on the website at <http://www.liberty.edu/academics/helmsschoolofgovernment/prelawstudies>.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

The Center for Public Policy is a center of excellence dedicated to the sustainment of constitutional government, free enterprise and Judeo-Christian principles through engagement in the public square. The center will provide substantive policy research, point papers, model legislation and other products and services to affect public policy at all levels of government, and in all disciplines.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY CENTER (NSPC)

The National Security Policy Center (NSPC) is an advocacy and advisory clearinghouse for national security policy consistent with the nation's constitutional responsibilities and its historical Judeo-Christian principles.

Career Opportunities

Criminal Justice

Criminologist	Insurance Investigator
Customs Service Inspector	Police Officer
Customs Special Agent	Deputy Sheriff (County)
Detective	State Police
Federal Agent (various: CIA, DEA, FBI, U.S. Marshals, Secret Service, etc)	Parole/Probation Officer
Fraud Investigator	Prosecutor's Office
	Investigator
	Military Service

International Relations

Diplomat	Foreign Service Officer
Policy Institute Analyst	Intelligence Analyst

Politics and Policy

Chamber of Commerce Manager	Political Scientist
City Manager	Politician
Community Organizer	Public Administrator
Legislative Analyst	Urban Planner
Political Consultant	

Strategic and Intelligence Studies

Federal Agent Intelligence Analyst	Foreign Service Officer
	Diplomat

Western Legal Traditions (Pre-Law)

Attorney	Politician
Judge Legislation Analyst	Public Administrator Federal Agent

DRESS CODE

The Helms School of Government requires its faculty and students to maintain a neat, well-groomed, and professional appearance. The standards in this code apply to all 300 and 400 level classes and exams, as well as school-wide functions held within the Helms School of Government. More information can be found online at <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=19738>.

DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS (DCP)

Degree Completion Plans for degree programs offered by the Helms School of Government can be found online at: <http://www.liberty.edu/dcps>.

Criminal Justice Major (B.S.)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Criminal Justice major is to provide a foundational understanding of the history, philosophy, and practical issues that impact our criminal justice system in local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Students will stand out as Christ-centered - moral, ethical, and value driven men and women with the skill sets necessary to excel as leaders in courts, corrections, and policing in all jurisdictions.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate the nature of the criminal justice system from a biblical worldview.
2. Communicate effectively in both written and oral formats.
3. Demonstrate competence in the discipline of criminal justice.
4. Solve various criminal justice dilemmas.
5. Evaluate substantive and procedural criminal law from a Constitutional perspective.

Programs of Study – Degree Completion Plans

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\)](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\)](#) – Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Crime Scene Investigation](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Crime Scene Investigation](#) – Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Homeland Security](#) - Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Homeland Security](#) – Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Juvenile Justice](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Juvenile Justice](#) – Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Public Administration](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Public Administration](#) – Online

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Strategic Intelligence Studies](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Strategic Intelligence Studies](#) – Online

Delivery Format: Online Only

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Business Administration & Management](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice \(B.S.\) - Criminal Psychology](#)

Government Major (B.A./B.S.)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Government major is provide a firm foundation in biblical principles of civic government, ensure correct historical education in American government at all levels; and training in limited government, political theory, law, and political and economic ideals. The major is intended to inspire and produce

action-oriented students who will become Christ-centered statesmen, leaders, scholars and policy makers and thus equip them to become highly qualified leaders in their chosen career fields capable of impacting the world.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate the nature and role of government from a biblical worldview.
2. Communicate effectively in both written and oral formats.
3. Integrate ethical and values-driven decision making in government scenarios.
4. Evaluate political or government related dilemmas.

International Relations Concentration

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate dilemmas in geopolitical and international relations.
2. Recognize and apply major fundamental concepts of international relations to international relations dilemmas/practices.

Politics and Policy Concentration

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate comparative political and economic theories as they relate to the field of Government
2. Demonstrate the ways in which domestic and international political and policymaking processes interact.

Western Legal Traditions Concentration

- The student will be able to apply western legal traditions concepts to practice-based scenarios.

Programs of Study – Degree Completion Plans

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - Politics & Policy](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - Politics & Policy](#) – Online

Delivery Format: Residential Only

[Bachelor of Arts in Government \(B.A.\) - Politics & Policy](#)

[Bachelor of Arts in Government \(B.A.\) - Western Legal Traditions](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - Western Legal Traditions](#)

Delivery Format: Online Only

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - National Security](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - Pre-Law](#)

[Bachelor of Science in Government \(B.S.\) - Public Administration](#)

International Relations Major (B.A.)

PURPOSE

The International Relations major takes a broad approach to the disciplines of economics, law, philosophy, and geography with the purpose of mastering the study of relationships among countries, peoples, and comparative governments. There will be a bifurcation in which the student branches into further studies in either international politics and policy, or strategic and intelligence studies. It is necessary to study a foreign language. Developing skills in research, critical thinking, and communications, the student will study global issues from a Christian perspective and gain the ability to impact a world crying out for salt and light.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate the nature and role of government from a Biblical worldview.
2. Integrate ethical and values-driven decision making in government scenarios.
3. Communicate effectively in both written and oral formats.
4. Demonstrate competence in the basic principles of international relations.
5. Evaluate dilemmas in geopolitical or international relations.
6. Recognize and apply major fundamental concepts of international relations to international relations dilemmas/practices.

International Politics and Policy Concentration

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate comparative political and economic theories as they relate to the field of international relations.
2. Demonstrate the ways in which domestic and international political and policy-making processes interact.

Strategic and Intelligence Studies Concentration

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the broader intelligence community and the intelligence cycle.
2. Integrate strategic and intelligence considerations in multiple contexts.
3. Evaluate research and form analyses on critical intelligence issues.

Programs of Study – Degree Completion Plans

Delivery Format: Residential Only

[Bachelor of Arts in International Relations \(B.A.\) - International Politics & Policy](#)
[Bachelor of Arts in International Relations \(B.A.\) - Strategic Intelligence Studies](#)

Law and Policy Major (B.A./B.S.)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to prepare students who wish to gain admission to law school and also to provide a foundation of legal knowledge for those who seek to integrate their knowledge of law and public policy into their vocations but do not aspire to law school.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Describe the constitutional foundation of the American legal system.
2. Apply biblical principles to the theory and practical application of the law.

Pre-Law Concentration

The student will be able to:

1. Perform legal research, analysis and synthesis.
 2. Describe the fundamental areas of law which form the core of the American legal system.
 3. Construct logical legal arguments for negotiation and problem solving.
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Programs of Study – Degree Completion Plans

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

[Bachelor of Science in Law & Policy \(B.S.\) - Pre-Law](#) – Resident

[Bachelor of Science in Law & Policy \(B.S.\) - Pre-Law](#) – Online

Delivery Format: Residential Only

[Bachelor of Arts in Law & Policy \(B.A.\) - Pre-Law](#)

Political Science Major (B.S.)

PURPOSE

The BS in Political Science seeks to equip students with a solid understanding of the philosophical and Biblical influences impacting politics and government. Students are challenged to see how domestic and international government structures and political processes influence one another, and how historical and contemporary ideas impact both. In all of this, students are challenged to operate as Christian statesmen and women to impact their generation and generations to come, for the glory of God.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Discuss Biblical and philosophical influences on the formation of American government.
2. Compare various approaches to government and politics.
3. Identify factors impacting the global political arena.
4. Articulate a Biblical worldview as it relates to political science.

Program of Study – Degree Completion Plan

Delivery Format: Online Only

[Bachelor of Science in Political Science \(B.S.\)](#)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES

The Helms School of Government offers the Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice or Government. This two-year degree program combines Criminal Justice or Government courses with General Education courses and graduation requirements. Graduates of this program may request transfer of their courses in to a bachelor's degree program at Liberty.

Criminal Justice Major (A.A.)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competence in the basic criminal justice process.
 2. Evaluate the nature and causes of crime as they relate to biblical worldview principles.
 3. Apply basic principles of criminal law.
 4. Identify and evaluate the sources of criminal law in the American system.
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Program of Study – Degree Completion Plan

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

[Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice \(A.A.\)](#) – Resident

[Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice \(A.A.\)](#) – Online

Government Major (A.A.)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate the nature and role of government from a biblical worldview.
 2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the discipline of government.
 3. Demonstrate basic analytical skills and the ability to communicate ideas in written format.
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Program of Study – Degree Completion Plan

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[Associate of Arts in Government \(A.A.\)](#)

MINORS

The Helms School of Government offers six minor programs of study ranging from 15 to 18 hours in Criminal Justice, Government, International Relations, Politics and Policy, Strategic and Intelligence Studies, and Western Legal Traditions.

Criminal Justice Minor

Delivery Format: Residential and Online
[Criminal Justice Minor \(Resident\)](#)
[Criminal Justice Minor \(Online\)](#)

Ethics Minor

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Ethics Minor \(Online\)](#)

Government Minor

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[Government Minor \(Resident\)](#)

Homeland Security Minor

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Homeland Security Minor \(Online\)](#)

International Relations Minor

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[International Relations Minor \(Resident\)](#)

Politics and Policy Minor

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[Politics and Policy Minor \(Resident\)](#)

Public Administration Minor

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Public Administration Minor \(Online\)](#)

Strategic Intelligence Minor

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Strategic Intelligence Minor \(Online\)](#)

Strategic and Intelligence Studies Minor

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[Strategic and Intelligence Studies Minor \(Resident\)](#)

Western Legal Traditions Minor

Delivery Format: Residential Only
[Western Legal Traditions Minor \(Resident\)](#)

Undergraduate Certificates

The Helms School of Government offers an undergraduate certificate in Criminal Justice through Liberty University Online.

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete 18 total hours with a 2.00 GPA
2. All courses must be completed through Liberty University
3. No grade of "D" may be applied to the certificate
4. Submission of Certificate Completion Application at beginning of final semester

Certificate in Criminal Justice

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Criminal Justice](#)

Certificate in Public Administration

Delivery Format: Online Only
[Public Administration](#)