

CORE COURSES (21 hours)

	Hrs	Sem	Grade
PPOG 500 Introduction to Writing, Research & Turabian	3	_____	_____
PPOG 502 Economics & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 503 Political Philosophy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 504 Leadership, Statesmanship & Governance ¹	3	_____	_____
PPOG 506 Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy ¹	3	_____	_____
PPOL 501 Foundations of American Governance	3	_____	_____
PPOL 505 Applied Public Policy Research Methods ¹	3	_____	_____

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COGNATE (9 hours)

PADM 501 Fundamentals of Public Administration	3	_____	_____
PADM 530 Politics, Strategies & Initiatives of Com. Econ. Dev.	3	_____	_____
PADM 550 Public Policy Analysis	3	_____	_____

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)^{2,3,4}

PPOG 689 Thesis Proposal & Research ^{5,6}	3	_____	_____
PPOG 690 Thesis Defense	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 36

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

Program Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Students 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

²Students may take two elective courses instead of PPOG 689 & 690^{3,4}

³Choose 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

⁴Students 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 nine hours of Law Credit towards this degree pending review and approval by the Liberty University School of Law

⁵Any 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

⁶While 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 503	3
PPOG 502	3	PPOG 504 ¹	3
PPOL 501	<u>3</u>	PPOL 505 ¹	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PADM 501	3	PADM 550	3
PADM 530	3	PPOG 689 ^{2,3} or Elective ^{4,5}	3
PPOG 506 ¹	<u>3</u>	PPOG 690 or Elective ^{4,5}	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

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