

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	_____	_____

CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS COGNATE (9 hours)

PPOG 635 Speech Writing for Candidates & Officeholders	3	_____	_____
PPOL 630 Campaign Tactics, Strategies & Management	3	_____	_____
PPOL 631 Message, Media & Political Communications	3	_____	_____

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)²

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

All Online students admitted on Academic Caution are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

All Resident students are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

Submission of Graduation 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 electives instead of PPOG 689 & 690^{3,4}

³Choose two of the following courses: Any 500-600 level CJUS, PADM, PPOG or PPOL course. Other 500-600 level courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Helms School of Government

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 have a completed J.D. may be able to use up to 6 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	
<u>PPOG 500</u>	3	<u>PPOG 502</u>	3
<u>PPOL 501</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>PPOG 503</u>	3
Total	6	<u>PPOL 505¹</u>	<u>3</u>
		Total	9
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
<u>PPOG 504¹</u>	3	<u>PPOL 630</u>	3
<u>PPOL 506¹</u>	3	<u>PPOG 689 or Elective^{2,3,4,5}</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>PPOG 635</u>	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	9		
Fifth Semester			
<u>PPOL 631</u>	3		
<u>PPOG 690 or Elective²</u>	<u>3</u>		
Total	6		

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