

CORE COURSES (21 hours)

		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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	Intro. to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy ¹	3	_____	_____
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance	3	_____	_____
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods ¹	3	_____	_____

MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS COGNATE (12 hours)

PPOG 640	Middle East Laws & Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOL 631	Message, Media & Political Communications	3	_____	_____
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy & Politics	3	_____	_____

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

PPOG 689	Thesis Proposal and Research ^{4,5}	3	_____	_____
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 39

Graduation Requirements

Complete 39 hours

A minimum of 30 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 9 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree 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

Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office at the beginning of the final semester

Program Currently Offered in Online Format Only

Notes

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

²Students may take two of the following electives instead of PPOG 689 & 690: BMAL 500, 501, 550, 602, BUSI 520, 604, 605, 606, 607, 620, COMS 520, 560, 622, EDUC 500, 518, 604, 631, PADM 501, 530, 550, PPOG 624, 635, PPOL 630 or 652.

³Students 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 LU School of Law

⁴Any 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.

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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>	PPOG 640	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PPOG 506 ¹	3	PPOG 641	3
PPOG 689 or Elective ^{2, 3, 4, 5}	3	PPOL 631	<u>3</u>
PPOL 505 ¹	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	9		

Fifth Semester	
PPOL 650	3
PPOG 690 or Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6

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