# Master of Science in Political Science (M.S.)

**General Cognate**

2019-2020 Degree Completion Plan

## CORE COURSES (21 hours)

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## GENERAL COGNATE (9 hours)<sup>1</sup>

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## THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>1, 2</sup>

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**TOTAL HOURS** 36

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**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-, C, 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

**Notes**

- All applicable prerequisites must be met
- <sup>1</sup>Choose 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
- <sup>2</sup>Students may take two elective courses<sup>3</sup> instead of PSCI 689 & 690
- <sup>3</sup>While PSCI 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements
- <sup>4</sup>Any thesis student who is not ready for enrollment in PSCI 690 after completing PSCI 689 may be required, as determined by the student’s thesis chair, to repeat PSCI 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in PSCI 690

**Program Offered in Online Format**

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# Suggested Course Sequence

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