LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (18 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>			
PLCY 700	Foundations of Public Policy	3					
PLCY 701	Natural Law, The State & The Gospel	3					
PLCY 702	Founding Era & the Constitution	3					
PLCY 703	Contemporary Challenges to Const. Order & the Role of the State	3					
PLCY 802	Competing Visions of Statesmanship	3					
PLCY 804	Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations	3					
RESEARCH METHODS & TOOLS (15 hours)							
PLCY 805	Policy Analysis and Research Design	3					
PLCY 809	Data & Analysis for Policymakers	3					
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I ¹	3					
PLCY 811	Quantitative Methods II ¹	3					
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods	3					
EDUCATION POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)							
PLCY 707	Education & Public Policy	3					
PLCY 840	Introduction to Education Policy Studies	3					
PLCY 841	Research Seminar in Education Policy	3					
DISSERTA	TION COURSES (18 hours) ²						
PLCY 885	Research Concept	3					
PLCY 987	Dissertation I	5					
PLCY 988	Dissertation II	5					
PLCY 989	Dissertation III ³	5					
PLCY 990	Dissertation IV	0					
	TOTAL HOURS	60					

Graduation Requirements

Complete 60 hours

A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree 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 grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree

Successful completion of Research Concept

Successful defense of Dissertation Degree must be completed within 7 years

Submission of Deeper Completed within / year

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹PLCY 815 Advanced Quantitative Methods I and PLCY 816 Advanced Quantitative Methods II may be substituted for PLCY 810 and 811 by permission of Department Chair ²Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed ³Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PLCY 990 after completing PLCY 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat PLCY 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in PLCY 990

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

First Semester	-	Second Semester		_
PLCY 700	3	PLCY 703		3
PLCY 701	3	PLCY 802		3
PLCY 702	<u>3</u>	PLCY 707		<u>3</u>
Total	9		Total	9
Third Semester		Fourth Semester		
PLCY 804	3	PLCY 812		3
PLCY 809	3	PLCY 8111		3
PLCY 810 ¹	<u>3</u>	PLCY 805		3
Total	9		Total	9
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		
PLCY 840	3	PLCY 987 ²		5
PLCY 841	3		Total	5
PLCY 885	<u>3</u>			
Total	9			
Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		
PLCY 988	5	PLCY 989 ³		5
Total	5		Total	5
Ninth Semester				
PLCY 990	0			
Total	0			
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