

<b><u>CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
PPOG 500	Introduction to Writing & Research	3	_____	_____
PPOG 502	Economics & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship & Governance <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance	3	_____	_____
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COGNATE (9 hours)</u></b>				
PPOG 640	Middle East Law & Policy			
or PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy & Politics	3	_____	_____
PPOL 652	U.S. Foreign Policy & Sovereignty Issues	3	_____	_____
<b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>2,3,4</sup></u></b>				
PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal	3	_____	_____
PPOG 689	Thesis Research <sup>5,6</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense	0	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>36</b>	

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

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<sup>2</sup>Students may take two elective<sup>3,4</sup> courses instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690

<sup>3</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>4</sup>Students 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

<sup>5</sup>Any 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

<sup>6</sup>While 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*

**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

**Offered in Online Format**

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

First Semester		Second Semester	
PPOG 500	3	PPOG 503	3
PPOG 502	3	PPOG 504 <sup>1</sup>	3
PPOL 501	<u>3</u>	PPOG 640 <u>or</u> 641	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PPOG 506 <sup>1</sup>	3	PPOG 688	3
PPOL 505 <sup>1</sup>	3	PPOG 689 <sup>2, 3, 4</sup>	3
PPOL 650	3	PPOG 690 <sup>2,3</sup>	<u>0</u>
PPOL 652	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	12		

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