

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

General Cognate

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
PPOG 502	Economics & Public Policy	3		
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3		
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy	3		
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3		
PSCI 501	American Government	3		
PSCI 600	Comparative Politics	3		
PSCI 610	Contemporary Political Process & Trends	3		
GENERAL (	COGNATE (9 hours) <sup>1</sup>	3 3 3		
THESIS OR	ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) <sup>1, 2</sup>			
PSCI 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
PSCI 689	Thesis Research <sup>3</sup>	3		
PSCI 690	Thesis Defense <sup>4</sup>	0		

### **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

#### Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

**TOTAL HOURS** 

<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>1</sup> instead of PSCI 688, 689, & 690

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<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 Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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# SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
PSCI 501 [B Term]		3	PPOG 502 [B Term]		3
PPOG 506 [B Term]		3	PPOG 503 [B Term]		3
PPOL 505 [D Term]		<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1</sup> [D Term]		3
	Total	9		Total	9
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
Third Semester PSCI 600 [B Term]		. 3	Fourth Semester PSCI 610 [B Term]		3
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PSCI 600 [B Term]			PSCI 610 [B Term]		-
PSCI 600 [B Term] Elective <sup>1</sup> [B Term]	Total	3	PSCI 610 [B Term] PSCI 688		3

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