

<b><u>CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
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	Political Science, Public Policy & Statesmanship	3	_____	_____
PSCI 600	Comparative Politics	3	_____	_____
PSCI 610	Contemporary Political Process & Trends	3	_____	_____
<b><u>GENERAL COGNATE (9 hours)<sup>1</sup></u></b>				
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
<b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>1, 2</sup></u></b>				
PSCI 688	Thesis Proposal	3	_____	_____
PSCI 689	Thesis Research <sup>3</sup>	3	_____	_____
PSCI 690	Thesis Defense <sup>4</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>36</b>		

**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

<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

<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*

**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]	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PSCI 600 [B Term]	3	PSCI 610 [B Term]	3
Elective <sup>1</sup> [B Term]	3	PSCI 688	3
Elective <sup>1</sup> [D Term]	<u>3</u>	PSCI 689 <sup>2,3,4</sup> [B Term]	3
Total	9	PSCI 690 <sup>3,4</sup> [D Term]	<u>0</u>
		Total	9

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