

<b><u>CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
NSEC 501	National Security Structure & Responsibilities	3	_____	_____
NSEC 502	Ethics in National Security	3	_____	_____
NSEC 503	National Security, National Defense, & Foreign Policy	3	_____	_____
NSEC 504	Historic Lessons of National Security in War & Peace	3	_____	_____
NSEC 505	Cyberspace Policy/Operations & Political Challenges	3	_____	_____
NSEC 506	Sovereignty & National Security Challenges	3	_____	_____
NSEC 507	Terrorism & National Security	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (9 hours)</u></b>				
_____	_____	1	_____	_____
_____	_____	1	_____	_____
_____	_____	1	_____	_____
<b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>2</sup></u></b>				
NSEC 688	Thesis Proposal	3	_____	_____
NSEC 689	Thesis Research <sup>3,4</sup>	3	_____	_____
NSEC 690	Thesis Defense <sup>3</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>36</b>		

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 total 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 2 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**

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**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 choose to take a Thesis Option (NSEC 688, 689, and 690), or they may take 6 hours of Elective<sup>1</sup> Courses  
<sup>3</sup>Any student who is not ready for enrollment in NSEC 690 after completing NSEC 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat NSEC 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in NSEC 690.  
<sup>4</sup>While NSEC 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements  
*Suggested course sequencing on second page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
NSEC 501	3	NSEC 505	3
NSEC 502	3	NSEC 504	3
NSEC 503	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
NSEC 506	3	NSEC 688	3
NSEC 507	3	NSEC 689 <sup>2,3,4</sup>	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	NSEC 690 <sup>2,4</sup>	<u>0</u>
Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	12		

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<sup>2</sup>Students who do not wish to take the Thesis Option may choose to take 6 hours of Electives<sup>1</sup> instead of NSEC 688, 689, and 690

<sup>3</sup>While NSEC 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements

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