

Master of Science in National Security (M.S.)

2020-2021 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
NSEC 501	National Security Structure & Responsibilities	3		
NSEC 502	Christian Values 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			
NSEC 507	Terrorism & National Security	3		
ELECTIVE	COURSES (9 hours) 111	3 3 3		
THESIS OR	ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) ²			
NSEC 689	Thesis Proposal & Research ^{3,4}	3		
NSEC 690	Thesis Defense ³	3		
	TOTAL HOURS	S 36		

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

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Choose 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

²Students may choose to take a Thesis Option (NSEC 689 *and* 690), or they may take 6 hours of Elective¹ Courses

³Any 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.

⁴While 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

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Second Semester		
NSEC 501	3	NSEC 505		3
NSEC 502	3	NSEC 506		3
NSEC 503	3	Elective ¹		3
NSEC 504	<u>3</u>	Elective ¹		3
Total	12		Total	12
Third Semester		Fourth Semester		
NSEC 507	3	NSEC 690 ^{2,4}		3
NSEC 689 ^{2,3}	3		Total	3
Elective ¹	<u>3</u>			
Total	9			

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²Students who do not wish to take the Thesis Option may choose to take 6 hours of Electives¹ instead of NSEC 689 and 690

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