

# LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Master of Science in Homeland Security and Disaster Management (M.S.)

2022-2023 Degree Completion Plan

| <b><u>CORE COURSES (18 hours)</u></b>                          |   | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| HLSC 500   | Foundations of Homeland Security                | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 510   | Homeland Security Organization & Administration | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 520   | Legal Issues in Homeland Security               | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 600   | Introduction to Disaster Management             | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 610   | Understanding Terrorism & Homeland Security     | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 620   | Hazard Mitigation                               | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| <br>   |   |                   |                   |                     |
| <b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>                      |   |                   |                   |                     |
| _____  | _____ 1   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| _____  | _____ 1   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| _____  | _____ 1   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| _____  | _____ 1   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| <br>   |   |                   |                   |                     |
| <b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>2</sup></u></b> |   |                   |                   |                     |
| HLSC 688   | Thesis Proposal                                 | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 689   | Thesis Research <sup>3,4</sup>                  | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| HLSC 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 (HLSC 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 HLSC 690 after completing HLSC 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat HLSC 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in HLSC 690.

<sup>4</sup>While HLSC 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*

Effective Catalog Term: 2022-40

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

| <u>First Semester</u> |          | <u>Second Semester</u>    |          |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| HLSC 500              | 3        | HLSC 520                  | 3        |
| HLSC 510              | 3        | HLSC 610                  | 3        |
| HLSC 600              | <u>3</u> | Elective <sup>1</sup>     | <u>3</u> |
| Total                 | 9        | Total                     | 9        |
|                       |          |                           |          |
| <u>Third Semester</u> |          | <u>Fourth Semester</u>    |          |
| HLSC 620              | 3        | Elective <sup>1</sup>     | 3        |
| HLSC 688              | 3        | HLSC 689 <sup>2,3,4</sup> | 3        |
| Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        | HLSC 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 HLSC 688, 689, and 690

<sup>3</sup>While HLSC 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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