LIBERTY
UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.)
Policy Studies Cognate
2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)		Hrs	Sem	Grade
PPOG 500	Introduction to Writing & Research	3		
PPOG 502	Economics & Public Policy	3		
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3		
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship & Governance[1]	3		
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy[1]	3		
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance	3		
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods[1]	3		

POLICY STUDIES COGNATE (9 hours)				
PPOG 530	Domestic Policy	3		
PPOG 540	Foreign Policy	3		
PADM 550	Public Policy Analysis	3		

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)[2,3]				
PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
PPOG 689	Thesis Research[4,5]	3		
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense	0		

TOTAL HOURS 36

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
[1]Students are strongly encouraged to take PPOG 500, 502, 503 and PPOL 501 before these courses. The content of these courses will help set a foundation for the remaining Public Policy coursework
[2]Students may take two electives[3] instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690
[3]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
[4]Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PPOG 690 after completing PPOG 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat PPOG 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in PPOG 690
[5]While PPOG 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

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
PPOG 500		3	PPOG 502		3
PPOG 503		3	PPOG 504[1]		3
PPOL 501		3	PPOL 505[1]		3
	Total	9		Total	9

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
PPOG 506[1]		3	PPOG 688		3
PPOG 530		3	PPOG 689[2, 3, 4]		3
PPOG 540		3	PPOG 690[2, 3]		0
PADM 550		3		Total	6
	Total	12			

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