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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.)
Leadership Cognate
2018-2019 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
PPOG 500	Introduction to Writing, Research & Turabian	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		

LEADERSHIP COGNATE (9 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
PPOG 624	Presidential Leadership	3		
PPOG 625	Legislative Leadership	3		
PPOG 626	State & Local Leadership	3		

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)[2, 3]

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
PPOG 689	Thesis Proposal & Research[4, 5]	3		
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense	3		
	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 Graduation Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program 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 689[4,5] & 690[4]
[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

PPOG 500	3
PPOL 501	3
Total	6

Second Semester

PPOG 502	3
PPOG 503	3
PPOL 505[1]	3
Total	9

Third Semester

PPOG 504[1]	3
PPOG 506[1]	3
PPOG 624	3
Total	9

Fourth Semester

PPOG 625	3
PPOG 689[2,3] or Elective[4]	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester

PPOG 626	3
PPOG 690[2,3] or Elective[4]	3
Total	6

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