LIBERTY
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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Public Policy (M.A.P.P.)
International Affairs Cognate
2019-2020 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		

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COGNATE (9 hours)				
PPOG 640	Middle East Law & Policy			
or PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	3		
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy & Politics	3		
PPOL 652	U.S. Foreign Policy & Sovereignty Issues	3		

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)[2,3,4]				
PPOG 689	Thesis Proposal & Research[5,6]	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 Degree Completion 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 elective courses instead of PPOG 689 & 690[3,4]
[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]Students who have obtained or are pursuing a J.D. through Liberty University may substitute electives with up to six credit hours from the following courses: LAW 501, 502, 531, 532, 581, 585, 601, 605, 610, 645, 721, 725, 741, 743, 745, 755, 760, 761 or 765. Non-Liberty students pursuing a J.D. or have a completed J.D. may be able to use up to 6 hours of Law Credit towards this degree pending review and approval by the Liberty University School of Law
[5]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
[6]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 503		3
PPOG 502		3	PPOG 504[1]		3
PPOL 501		3	PPOG 640 or 641		3
	Total	9		Total	9

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
PPOL 505[1]		3	PPOG 506[1]		3
PPOG 689 or Elective[2, 3, 4, 5]		3	PPOG 690 or Elective[2]		3
PPOL 650		3	PPOL 652		3
	Total	9		Total	9

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