## LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (18 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<b>PLCY 700</b>	Foundations of Public Policy	3		
PLCY 701	Natural Law, The State & The Gospel	3		
<b>PLCY 702</b>	Founding Era & the Constitution	3		
<b>PLCY 703</b>	Contemporary Challenges to Const. Order & the Role of the State	3		
PLCY 802	Competing Visions of Statesmanship	3		
PLCY 804	Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations	3	. <u></u>	
RESEARCH	H METHODS & TOOLS (15 hours)			
PLCY 805	Policy Analysis and Research Design	3		
PLCY 809	Data & Analysis for Policymakers	3		
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I <sup>1</sup>	3		
PLCY 811	Quantitative Methods II <sup>1</sup>	3		
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods	3		
CHINESE A	AFFAIRS COGNATE (9 hours)			
PLCY 866	Advanced Research: Chinese Political Economy	3		
PLCY 868	Advanced Research: Strategic Thought in Chinese & Western			
	Perspectives	3		
PLCY 869	Advanced Research: The Grand Strategy of the People's			
	Republic of China	3		
<b>DISSERTA</b>	TION COURSES (18 hours) <sup>2</sup>			
<b>PLCY 885</b>	Research Concept	3		
PLCY 987	Dissertation I	5		
PLCY 988	Dissertation II	5		
PLCY 989	Dissertation III <sup>3</sup>	5		
PLCY 990	Dissertation IV	0		
	TOTAL HOURS	60		

**Graduation Requirements** 

Complete 60 hours

A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree 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 grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree

Successful completion of Research Concept

Successful defense of Dissertation

Degree must be completed within 7 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

<sup>1</sup>PLCY 815 Advanced Quantitative Methods I and PLCY 816 Advanced Quantitative Methods II may be substituted for PLCY 810 and 811 by permission of Department Chair <sup>2</sup>Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed <sup>3</sup>Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PLCY 990 after completing PLCY 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat PLCY 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in PLCY 990

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

First Semester			Second Semester		
PLCY 700		3	PLCY 703		3
PLCY 701		3	PLCY 802		3
PLCY 702		<u>3</u>	PLCY 810		<u>3</u>
Т	otal	9		Total	9
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
PLCY 804		3	PLCY 805		3
PLCY 809		3	PLCY 812		3
PLCY 8111		<u>3</u>	PLCY 868		<u>3</u>
Т	otal	9		Total	9
Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
PLCY 866		3	PLCY 987 <sup>2</sup>		5
PLCY 869		3		Total	5
PLCY 885		<u>3</u>			
Т	otal	9			
Seventh Semester			<b>Eighth Semester</b>		
PLCY 988		<u>5</u>	PLCY 989 <sup>3</sup>		5
Т	otal	5		Total	5
Ninth Semester					
PLCY 990		<u>0</u>			
	otal	0			
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