

| <b><u>CORE COURSES (18 hours)</u></b>                     |   | <b><u>Hr</u></b>   | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|---|---|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| PLCY 700  | Foundations of Public Policy                                    | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 701  | Natural Law, The State & The Gospel                             | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 702  | Founding Era & the Constitution                                 | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 703  | Contemporary Challenges to Const. Order & the Role of the State | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 802  | Competing Visions of Statesmanship                              | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 804  | Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations                        | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| <b><u>RESEARCH METHODS &amp; TOOLS (15 hours)</u></b>     |   |                    |                   |                     |
| 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                  | _____             | _____               |
| <b><u>FOREIGN POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)</u></b>            |   |                    |                   |                     |
| PLCY 801  | Foreign Policy & Public Policy                                  | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 860  | Introduction to Foreign Policy Studies                          | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| PLCY 861  | Research Seminar in Foreign Policy                              | 3                  | _____             | _____               |
| <b><u>DISSERTATION COURSES (18 hours)<sup>2</sup></u></b> |   |                    |                   |                     |
| PLCY 885  | 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                  | _____             | _____               |
|   |   | <b>TOTAL HOURS</b> | <b>60</b>         |                     |

**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*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

**First Semester**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| PLCY 700 | 3        |
| PLCY 701 | 3        |
| PLCY 702 | <u>3</u> |
| Total    | 9        |

**Second Semester**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| PLCY 703 | 3        |
| PLCY 801 | 3        |
| PLCY 802 | <u>3</u> |
| Total    | 9        |

**Third Semester**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| PLCY 804              | 3        |
| PLCY 809              | 3        |
| PLCY 810 <sup>1</sup> | <u>3</u> |
| Total                 | 9        |

**Fourth Semester**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| PLCY 812              | 3        |
| PLCY 811 <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| PLCY 805              | <u>3</u> |
| Total                 | 9        |

**Fifth Semester**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| PLCY 860 | 3        |
| PLCY 861 | 3        |
| PLCY 885 | <u>3</u> |
| Total    | 9        |

**Sixth Semester**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| PLCY 987 <sup>2</sup> | <u>5</u> |
| Total                 | 5        |

**Seventh Semester**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| PLCY 988 | <u>5</u> |
| Total    | 5        |

**Eighth Semester**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| PLCY 989 <sup>3</sup> | <u>5</u> |
| Total                 | 5        |

**Ninth Semester**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| PLCY 990 | <u>0</u> |
| Total    | 0        |

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