

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy (Ph.D.)

2022-2023 Degree Completion Plan

| CORE COURSES (18 hours) | | | <u>Sem</u> | <u>Grade</u> | | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| PLCY 700 | Foundations of Public Policy | <u>Hr</u> 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 | e of the State 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 802 | Competing Visions of Statesmanship | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 804 | Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations | 3 | | | | | |
| RESEARCH | I METHODS & TOOLS (15 hours) | | | | | | |
| PLCY 805 | Policy Analysis and Research Design | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 809 | Data & Analysis for Policymakers | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 810 | Quantitative Methods I ¹ | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 811 | Quantitative Methods II ¹ | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 812 | Qualitative Methods | 3 | | | | | |
| ELECTIVE COURSES (9 hours) | | | | | | | |
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| DISSERTAT | TION COURSES (18 hours) ³ | | | | | | |
| PLCY 885 | Research Concept | 3 | | | | | |
| PLCY 987 | Dissertation I | 5 | | | | | |
| PLCY 988 | Dissertation II | 5 | | | | | |
| PLCY 989 | Dissertation III ⁴ | 5 | | | | | |
| PLCY 990 | Dissertation IV | 0 | | | | | |
| | TOT | AL 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

¹PLCY 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

²Choose three courses from the following: PLCY 840, 850, 860, 870 or 880; other courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis

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 $Suggested\ Course\ Sequence\ on\ second\ page$

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

| First Semester | | | Second Semester | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| PLCY 700 | | 3 | PLCY 703 | | 3 |
| PLCY 701 | | 3 | PLCY 802 | | 3 |
| PLCY 702 | | <u>3</u> | Public Policy Elective ¹ | | <u>3</u> |
| | Total | 9 | | Total | 9 |
| Third Semester | | | Fourth Semester | | |
| PLCY 804 | | 3 | PLCY 812 | | 3 |
| PLCY 809 | | 3 | PLCY 811 ² | | 3 |
| PLCY 810 ² | | <u>3</u> | PLCY 805 | | 3 |
| | Total | 9 | | Total | 9 |
| Fifth Semester | | | Sixth Semester | | |
| Public Policy Elective ¹ | | 3 | PLCY 987 ³ | | <u>5</u> |
| Public Policy Elective ¹ | | 3 | | Total | 5 |
| PLCY 885 | | <u>3</u> | | | |
| | Total | 9 | | | |
| Seventh Semester | | | Eighth Semester | | |
| PLCY 988 | Total | <u>5</u> 5 | PLCY 989 ⁴ | Total | <u>5</u> 5 |
| Ninth Semester | | | | | |
| PLCY 990 | | <u>0</u> | | | |
| | Total | 0 | | | |
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