

<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>NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)</u></b>				
PLCY 800	National Security & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 880	Introduction to National Security Policy Studies	3	_____	_____
PLCY 881	Research Seminar in National Security 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 800	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 880	3
PLCY 881	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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