

<b><u>CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
PPOG 500	Introduction to Writing & Research	3	_____	_____
PPOG 502	Economics & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3	_____	_____
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship & Governance <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance	3	_____	_____
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (9 hours)<sup>2, 3</sup></u></b>				
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
_____	_____	3	_____	_____
<b><u>THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)<sup>2, 3, 4</sup></u></b>				
PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal	3	_____	_____
PPOG 689	Thesis Research <sup>5, 6</sup>	3	_____	_____
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense	0	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>36</b>		

**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

**Offered in Resident and Online Format**

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*  
<sup>1</sup>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  
<sup>2</sup>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  
<sup>3</sup>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 who have a completed J.D. may be able to use up to 9 hours of Law Credit towards this degree pending review and approval by the Liberty University School of Law  
<sup>4</sup>Students may take two additional elective courses<sup>2</sup> instead of PPOG 688, 689, & 690  
<sup>5</sup>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  
<sup>6</sup>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 502	3
PPOG 503	3	PPOL 505 <sup>3</sup>	3
PPOL 501	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PPOG 504 <sup>3</sup>	3	PPOG 688	3
PPOG 506 <sup>3</sup>	3	PPOG 689 <sup>4,5,6</sup>	3
Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	PPOG 690 <sup>6</sup>	<u>0</u>
Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	12		

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