CORE COURSES (21 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
NSEC 501	National Security Structure & Responsibilities	3		
NSEC 502	Ethics in National Security	3		
NSEC 503	National Security, National Defense, & Foreign Policy	3		
NSEC 504	Historic Lessons of National Security in War & Peace	3		
NSEC 505	Cyberspace Policy/Operations & Political Challenges	3		
NSEC 506	Sovereignty & National Security Challenges	3		
NSEC 507	Terrorism & National Security	3		

HOMELAND SECURITY COGNATE (9 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
HLSC 500	Foundations of Homeland Security	3		
HLSC 510	Homeland Security Organization & Administration	3		
HLSC 520	Legal Issues in Homeland Security	3		

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)[1]

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
NSEC 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
NSEC 689	Thesis Research[2,3]	3		
NSEC 690	Thesis Defense[2]	0		

TOTAL HOURS 36

Graduation Requirements

Complete 36 total 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 2 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

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Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1]Students may choose to take a Thesis Option (NSEC 688, 689, *and* 690), or they may take 6 hours of Elective[4] Courses
[2]Any student who is not ready for enrollment in NSEC 690 after completing NSEC 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat NSEC 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in NSEC 690.
[3]While NSEC 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements
[4]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

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		
HLSC 500		3
NSEC 501		3
NSEC 502		3
	Total	9

Second Semester		
HLSC 510		3
NSEC 503		3
NSEC 504		3
NSEC 505		3
	Total	12

Third Semester		
HLSC 520		3
NSEC 506		3
NSEC 507		3
	Total	9

Fourth Semester		
NSEC 688		3
NSEC 689[1,2,3]		3
NSEC 690[1,2]		0
	Total	6

Notes

[1]Students who do not wish to take the Thesis Option may choose to take 6 hours of Electives[4] instead of NSEC 688, 689, and 690

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