

## **CORE COURSES (18 hours)**

		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
PLCY 700	Foundations of Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 702	Founding Era & the Constitution	3	_____	_____
PLCY 703	Contemporary Challenges to Constitutional Order & the Role of the State	3	_____	_____
PLCY 705	Political Actors & Institutions	3	_____	_____
PLCY 802	Competing Visions of Statesmanship	3	_____	_____
PLCY 804	Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations	3	_____	_____

## **RESEARCH METHODS & TOOLS COURSES (15 hours)**

PLCY 805	Policy Analysis & Research Design	3	_____	_____
PLCY 807	Program Evaluation <sup>1</sup>			
<b>or</b> PLCY 808	Game Theory & Formal Modeling <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PLCY 809	Data & Analysis for Policymakers <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____

## **EDUCATION POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)**

PLCY 707	Education & Public Policy	3	_____	_____
PLCY 840	Introduction to Education Policy Studies	3	_____	_____
PLCY 841	Research Seminar in Education Policy	3	_____	_____

## **CAPSTONE COURSES (18 hours)**

PLCY 885	Research Concept	3	_____	_____
PLCY 887	Capstone I	5	_____	_____
PLCY 888	Capstone II <sup>2</sup>	5	_____	_____
PLCY 889	Capstone III <sup>2</sup>	5	_____	_____
PLCY 890	Capstone IV <sup>2</sup>	0	_____	_____

**TOTAL 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

3.00 GPA

No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree

Successful completion of Research Concept

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 Online Format**

### **Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

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*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

### **SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

**First Semester**

PLCY 700	3
PLCY 702	3
PLCY 703	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Second Semester**

PLCY 705	3
PLCY 802	3
PLCY 804	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Third Semester**

PLCY 807 or PLCY 808 <sup>1</sup>	3
PLCY 809 <sup>1</sup>	3
PLCY 840	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Fourth Semester**

PLCY 805	3
PLCY 810 <sup>1</sup>	3
PLCY 812 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Fifth Semester**

PLCY 707	3
PLCY 841	3
PLCY 885	<u>3</u>
Total	9

**Sixth Semester**

PLCY 887	<u>5</u>
Total	5

**Seventh Semester**

PLCY 888 <sup>2</sup>	<u>5</u>
Total	5

**Eighth Semester**

PLCY 889 <sup>2</sup>	<u>5</u>
Total	5

**Ninth Semester**

PLCY 890 <sup>2</sup>	<u>0</u>
Total	0

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