

CORE COURSES (18 hours)

		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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 ¹			
or PLCY 808	Game Theory & Formal Modeling ¹	3	_____	_____
PLCY 809	Data & Analysis for Policymakers ¹	3	_____	_____
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I ¹	3	_____	_____
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods ¹	3	_____	_____

NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY COGNATE (9 hours)

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	_____	_____

CAPSTONE COURSES (18 hours)

PLCY 885	Research Concept	3	_____	_____
PLCY 887	Capstone I	5	_____	_____
PLCY 888	Capstone II ²	5	_____	_____
PLCY 889	Capstone III ²	5	_____	_____
PLCY 890	Capstone IV ²	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

¹Students may request to substitute other research methods courses offered in the Helms School of Government, including PLCY 811, 815, and 816,

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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 ¹	3
PLCY 809 ¹	3
PLCY 880	<u>3</u>
Total	9

Fourth Semester

PLCY 805	3
PLCY 810 ¹	3
PLCY 812 ¹	3
Total	9

Fifth Semester

PLCY 800	3
PLCY 881	3
PLCY 885	<u>3</u>
Total	9

Sixth Semester

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

Seventh Semester

PLCY 888 ²	<u>5</u>
Total	5

Eighth Semester

PLCY 889 ²	<u>5</u>
Total	5

Ninth Semester

PLCY 890 ²	<u>0</u>
Total	0

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