LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ONLINE

Bachelor of Science in Government
Politics and Policy Concentration

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations or cognates.

GENERAL EDUCATION/
FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS REQUIREMENTS (39-42 hours)

Course		Hrs	Sem	Grade
Communication & Information Literacy (12 hours)[1]				
ENGL 101	Composition & Rhetoric	3		
_____	Communications Elective	3		
_____	Information Literacy Elective	3		
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Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning (3-6 hours)[1]				
UNIV 104	Instructional Tech. for Online Learning	0-3		
MATH ____	Math Elective (MATH 114 or higher)	3		
Critical Thinking (7 hours)[1]				
RLGN 104	Christian Life & Biblical Worldview[2]	4		
_____	Critical Thinking Elective	3		
Civic & Global Engagement (3 hours)[1]				
_____	Cultural Studies Elective	3		
Social & Scientific Inquiry (6 hours)[1]				
_____	Natural Science Elective	3		
_____	Social Science Elective	3		
Christianity & Contexts (8 hours)[1]				
BIBL 104	Survey of Old & New Testament	4		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey[2]	4		

Course		Hrs	Sem	Grade
Major Foundational Courses (3-6 hours)				
GOVT 200	Constitutional Govt. & Free Enterprise[3]	3		
GOVT 220	American Government[3]	3		
MAJOR				
	Core (18 hours)			
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research & Writing	3		
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3		
GOVT 350	Political Economy & Public Policy	3		
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3		
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3		
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3		
	Concentration (39 hours)			
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3		
GOVT 301	Ancient Political & Economic Ideas	3		
GOVT 302	Modern Political & Economic Ideas	3		
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes & Inst.	3		
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3		
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3		
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3		
GOVT 327	State & Local Government	3		
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3		
GOVT 340	International Relations	3		
GOVT 458	Public Policy Development in the Political Environment	3		
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3		
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3		

FREE ELECTIVES (15-21 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
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Graduation Requirements
- **120** Total Hours
- **2.0** Overall grade point average
- **30** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- **25%** Of major and concentration taken through Liberty University
- **30** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1] Refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened before enrolling in foundational skills requirements
[2] Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived
[3] Courses may also fulfill select General Education Requirements. Please refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened
Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester		Second Semester	
ENGL 101	3	BIBL 104	4
THEO 104	4	GOVT 220	3
RLGN 104	4	Communications Elective[1]	3
UNIV 104	0-3	Critical Thinking Elective[1]	3
Social Science Elective[1] [GOVT 200]	3	Information Literacy Elective[1]	3
Total 14-17		Total 16	

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Information Literacy Elective[1]	3	Cultural Studies Elective[1]	3
Math Elective[1]	3	GOVT 302	3
GOVT 210	3	GOVT 320	3
GOVT 230	3	GOVT 322	3
GOVT 301	3	GOVT 329	3
Total 15		Total 15	

JUNIOR YEAR

GOVT 324	3	Natural Science Elective[1]	3
GOVT 327	3	GOVT 321	3
GOVT 330	3	GOVT 350	3
GOVT 340	3	GOVT 425	3
GOVT 421	3	GOVT 458	3
Total 15		Total 15	

SENIOR YEAR

GOVT 474	3	GOVT 492	3
GOVT 490	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total 15		Total 15	

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