# UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Science in International Relations (M.S.) Human Rights Cognate

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
INTL 500	Fundamentals of International Relations	3		
INTL 502	Global Governance	3		
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics & International Diplomacy	3		
PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	3		
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy, & Politics	3		
PPOL 652	U.S. Foreign Policy & Sovereignty Issues	3		
PSCI 600	Comparative Politics	3		
HUMAN RI	GHTS COGNATE (9 hours)			
HUMR 500	Foundations of Human Rights	3		
HUMR 501	The International Human Rights Regime	3		
HUMR 505	Protecting Human Rights: Actors & Institutions			
THESIS OR	ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) <sup>1, 2</sup>			
INTL 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
INTL 689	Thesis Research <sup>3</sup>	3		
INTL 690	Thesis Defense <sup>4</sup>	0		
	TOTAL HOURS	36		

**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 Online Format**

All applicable prerequisites must be met

<sup>1</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>2</sup>Students may take two elective courses<sup>1</sup> instead of INTL 688, 689, & 690 <sup>3</sup>While INTL 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements

<sup>4</sup>Any thesis student who is not ready for enrollment in INTL 690 after completing INTL 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat INTL 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in INTL 690

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

# SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester HUMR 500	3	Second Semester PPOG 641		3
INTL 500	3	PPOL 650		3
PPOG 506	<u>3</u>	PSCI 600		<u>3</u>
Total	9		Total	9
Third Semester		Fourth Semester		
HUMR 501	3	HUMR 505		<u>3</u>

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INTL 502		3	INTL 688
PPOL 652		<u>3</u>	INTL 689 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>
	Total	9	INTL 690 <sup>2, 3</sup>
			Total

## Notes

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