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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Science in International Relations (M.S.)
Intelligence Cognate
2022-2023 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (21 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
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		

INTELLIGENCE COGNATE (9 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
GOVT 502	Governing Mission Resources	3		
GOVT 503	Contracts & Budget Mgmt. for Intelligence Professionals	3		
GOVT 504	Ethical Leadership & the Intelligence Mission	3		

THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)[1, 2]

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
INTL 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
INTL 689	Thesis Research[3]	3		
INTL 690	Thesis Defense[4]	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

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1]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
[2]Students may take two elective courses[1] instead of INTL 688, 689, & 690
[3]While INTL 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements
[4]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			Second Semester		
GOVT 502	3		PPOG 641	3	
INTL 500	3		PPOL 650	3	
PPOG 506	3		PSCI 600	3	
	Total	9		Total	9

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
GOVT 503	3		GOVT 504	3	
INTL 502	3		INTL 688	3	
PPOL 652	3		INTL 689[1,2,3]	3	
	Total	9	INTL 690[2,3]	0	
				Total	9

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