

GOVERNMENT (B.A.) - POLITICS & POLICY & PUBLIC POLICY (M.A.P.P.) - THINK TANK & POLICY RESEARCH

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. 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

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
INQR 101	Inquiry	1
Communications Elective		3
Composition Elective		3
Information Literacy Elective		3
Information Literacy Elective		3
Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Math Elective	MATH 114 or higher	3
Technology Competency		0-3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview ³	2
RSCH 201	Research	3
Critical Thinking Elective		3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life ³	2
Cultural Studies Elective		3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
Natural Science Elective		3
Social Science Elective		3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
THEO 201	Theology Survey I ³	2
THEO 202	Theology Survey II ³	2
Liberal Arts Focus ^{1,4}		
Language Elective		3
Language Elective		3
Language Elective		3
Language Elective		3
Integrative Elective		3
Total Hours		62-65

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

- ² All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course
- ³ Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirements of RLGN 105 Introduction to Biblical Worldview (2 c.h.) & EVAN 101 Evangelism and the Christian Life (2 c.h.) waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirements of THEO 201 Theology Survey I (2 c.h.) & THEO 202 Theology Survey II (2 c.h.) waived
- ⁴ Must be the same language; 6 hours must be 200-400 level

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
BA in Government Major Foundational Courses		
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography ¹	3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise ¹	3
GOVT 220	American Government ¹	3
MATH 201	Introduction to Probability and Statistics ¹	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
BA in Government: Politics & Policy Major Core		
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
BA in Government: Politics & Policy Concentration		
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 301	Ancient Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes/Institutions	3
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3
PPOG 500	Introduction to Research and Writing	3
Total Hours		39

Code	Title	Hours
MAPP - Think Tank & Policy Research Core Courses		
PPOG 502	Economics and Public Policy	3
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship, and Governance	3
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy	3

Code	Title	Hours
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance: An Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
MAPP - Think Tank & Policy Research Cognate		
PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Training, and Policy Development	3
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Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
MAPP - Think Tank & Policy Research Thesis or Elective Courses ^{1,2}		
PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal ¹	3
PPOG 689	Thesis Research ^{1,2,3}	3
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense ^{1,2}	0
Total Hours		6

- ¹ Students may take two elective courses⁴ instead of PPOG 688, PPOG 689, & PPOG 690
- ² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PPOG 690 after completing PPOG 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat PPOG 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in PPOG 690
- ³ While PPOG 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements
- ⁴ 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

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- **152** Total hours
- **122** Credit hours must be 100-400 level courses (PPOG 502 and PPOG 503 included)
- **2.0** Overall grade point average required for undergraduate degree
- **3.0** Overall grade point average required for graduate degree
- **30.5** Credit hours of undergraduate courses must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all upper level courses in the major (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** No more than two grades of C may be applied to Masters level courses (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- **Grade of 'D'** No grades of D may be applied to Masters level courses (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- **25%** Of the undergraduate courses in the major must be taken through Liberty University
- **50%** Of the graduate concentration must be taken through Liberty University
- **30.5** Credit hours of undergraduate courses must be completed through Liberty University

- **6 years** Degree must be completed within 6 years
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date
- **CSER** All requirements must be satisfied before a degree will be awarded

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
THEO 201	Theology Survey I	2
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Language Elective ¹		3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
Elective		1
Elective		1
CSER		

Hours 16

Second Semester		
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
Language Elective ¹		3
Cultural Studies Elective (GOVT 220) ²		3
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3
CSER		

Hours 17

Third Semester		
Composition Elective ²		3
Critical Thinking Elective ²		3
Information Literacy Elective (GEOG 200) ²		3
Social Science Elective ²		3
Technology Competency ³		0-3

Hours 12-15

Second Year		
First Semester		
Language Elective ¹		3
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 301	Ancient Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes/Institutions	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
Elective		3
CSER		

Hours 18

Second Semester		
Integrative Elective ¹		3
Language Elective ¹		3
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life	2

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RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview	2
THEO 202	Theology Survey II	2
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
CSER		
Hours		18
Third Semester		
Communication Elective ²		3
Information Literacy Elective ²		3
Natural Science Elective ²		3
Hours		9
Third Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3
CSER		
Hours		15
Second Semester		
MATH Elective (MATH 201) ²		3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3
PPOG 500	Introduction to Research and Writing	3
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
CSER		
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
PPOG 502	Economics and Public Policy	3
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance: An Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3
PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Training, and Policy Development	3
PPOG 688	Thesis Proposal ⁴	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship, and Governance	3
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy	3
PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Training, and Policy Development	3
PPOG 600	Think Tank, Research, Training, and Policy Development	3
PPOG 689	Thesis Research ^{4,5,6}	3
PPOG 690	Thesis Defense ^{4,5}	0
Hours		15
Total Hours		150-153

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