

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (M.S.) - INTELLIGENCE

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.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| Core Courses | | |
| INTL 500 | Fundamentals of International Relations | 3 |
| INTL 502 | Global Governance | 3 |
| PPOG 506 | Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy | 3 |
| PPOG 641 | U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy | 3 |
| PPOL 650 | International Law, Policy, and Politics | 3 |
| PPOL 652 | U.S. Foreign Policy and Sovereignty Issues | 3 |
| PSCI 600 | Comparative Politics | 3 |

Total Hours 21

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| Intelligence Cognate | | |
| GOVT 502 | Governing Mission Resources | 3 |
| GOVT 503 | Contracts and Budget Management for Intelligence Professionals | 3 |
| GOVT 504 | Ethical Leadership and the Intelligence Mission | 3 |

Total Hours 9

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|------------------------------|-------|
| Thesis or Elective Courses ^{1,2} | | |
| INTL 688 | Thesis Proposal | 3 |
| INTL 689 | Thesis Research ³ | 3 |
| INTL 690 | Thesis Defense ⁴ | 0 |

Total Hours 6

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 courses¹ instead of INTL 688, INTL 689, & INTL 690.

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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

All applicable prerequisites must be met

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

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

| Course | Title | Hours |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| First Semester | | |
| GOVT 502 | Governing Mission Resources | 3 |
| INTL 500 | Fundamentals of International Relations | 3 |
| PPOG 506 | Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| PPOG 641 | U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy | 3 |
| PPOL 650 | International Law, Policy, and Politics | 3 |
| PSCI 600 | Comparative Politics | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Third Semester | | |
| GOVT 503 | Contracts and Budget Management for Intelligence Professionals | 3 |
| INTL 502 | Global Governance | 3 |
| PPOL 652 | U.S. Foreign Policy and Sovereignty Issues | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Fourth Semester | | |
| GOVT 504 | Ethical Leadership and the Intelligence Mission | 3 |
| INTL 688 | Thesis Proposal | 3 |
| INTL 689 | Thesis Research ^{1,2,3} | 3 |
| INTL 690 | Thesis Defense ^{2,3} | 0 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

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