INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (M.S.) - INTELLIGENCE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. 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
Program Courses		
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
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		**27**

Code	Title	Hours
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**

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, INTL 689, & INTL 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

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

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
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**
Second Year		
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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