

NATIONAL SECURITY (M.S.) - HOMELAND SECURITY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2020 through summer 2021. 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		
NSEC 501	National Security Structure and Responsibilities	3
NSEC 502	Christian Values in National Security	3
NSEC 503	National Security, National Defense, & Foreign Policy	3
NSEC 504	Historic Lessons of National Security in War & Peace	3
NSEC 505	Cyberspace Policy/Operations & Political Challenges	3
NSEC 506	Sovereignty & National Security Challenges	3
NSEC 507	Terrorism & National Security	3
Total Hours		21

Code	Title	Hours
Homeland Security Cognate		
HLSC 500	Foundations of Homeland Security	3
HLSC 510	Homeland Security Organization & Administration	3
HLSC 520	Legal Issues in Homeland Security	3
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
Thesis or Elective Courses ¹		
NSEC 689	Thesis Proposal and Defense ^{2,3}	3
NSEC 690	Thesis Defense ²	3
Total Hours		6

¹ Students may choose to take a Thesis Option (NSEC 689 Thesis Proposal and Defense (3 c.h.) and NSEC 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.)), or they may take 6 hours of Elective⁴ Courses

² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in NSEC 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.) after completing NSEC 689 Thesis Proposal and Defense (3 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat NSEC 689 Thesis Proposal and Defense (3 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in NSEC 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.)

³ While NSEC 689 Thesis Proposal and Defense (3 c.h.) 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

- 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-)
- Liberty University course work that is more than ten years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- 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