

POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.S.) - GENERAL

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. 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		
PPOG 502	Economics and Public Policy	3
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy	3
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3
PSCI 501	American Government	3
PSCI 600	Comparative Politics	3
PSCI 610	Contemporary Political Process & Trends	3
Total Hours		21

Code	Title	Hours
General Cognate ¹		
Choose nine credit hours of General Cognate courses		9
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

Code	Title	Hours
Thesis or Elective Courses ^{1,2}		
PSCI 688	Thesis Proposal	3
PSCI 689	Thesis Research ³	3
PSCI 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 courses ¹ instead of PSCI 688 Thesis Proposal (3 c.h.), PSCI 689 Thesis Research (3 c.h.), & PSCI 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.).

³ While PSCI 689 Thesis Research (3 c.h.) 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 PSCI 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.) after completing PSCI 689 Thesis Research (3 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat PSCI 689 Thesis Research (3 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in PSCI 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.)

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