PLCY 700 Foundations of Statesmanship and Public Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course introduces the students to the concept of statesmanship and various models for policy analysis. Students will be introduced to the various contexts in which policy formation and implementation occur. Students will be challenged to view policy from Biblical, constitutional, and political lenses in order to understand a comprehensive approach to policy development and implementation.
Offered: Online

PLCY 701 Natural Law, The State & The Gospel 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
The student is introduced to Biblical principles of government and statesmanship in this course, both in terms of key governmental processes and structures, as well as practices related to statesmanship and statecraft. Concepts such as natural law, inalienable rights, covenant, sphere sovereignty, justice, and church-state relations are incorporated into course content with a particular emphasis on policy implications.
Offered: Online

PLCY 702 The Founding Era and Constitution 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
The course explores the key actors, events and content of the American Founding period and provides an application of Biblical principles of statesmanship as discussed in PLCY 701. Special emphasis is placed on the religious, social, economic and philosophical influences on U.S. constitutional design as well as significant crises and inconsistencies between ideals and practice. Study will span the formative period from the granting of colonial charters to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and the early years of the republic. A combination of historical textbook(s), scholarly journals articles and primary documents will be examined.
Offered: Online

PLCY 703 Contemporary Challenges to Constitutional Order and the Role of the State 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
The student is introduced to the contemporary challenges facing America, the prevailing Western legal tradition, and a Biblical model of statesmanship, particularly as these challenges have influenced policy formation. Such challenges include modern reinterpretations of American constitutionalism and the shifting relationship of the State to the individual and other spheres in society.
Offered: Online

PLCY 704 Economics and Public Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
This course covers the application of a Biblical model of statesmanship and statecraft to economic and fiscal policy. Students will compare and contrast various approaches to economic policy with specific attention to key legislation and policies enacted at the federal level.
Offered: Online

PLCY 800 Statesmanship and National Security 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
Statesmanship and National Security covers the role of leaders tasked with protecting nation. Foreign policy concerns, Constitutional parameters, and tools for decision-making from a biblical perspective will be discussed. These elements will be discussed in a fluid fashion approximating a ‘think-tank’ environment, engaging technology to access real time information while also examining the results of decision structures of the past.
Offered: Online

PLCY 801 Foreign Policy, Globalization, and Statesmanship 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
This course provides an overview of foreign policy perspectives and components. The impact and interplay of nation-states in various historical eras is compared to today’s era of globalization. Statesmanship is discussed in the realm of foreign policy, and special attention is paid to the history of American foreign policy.
Offered: Online

PLCY 802 Competing Visions of Statesmanship 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
This course covers the changing political landscape as impacted by competing political ideologies and worldviews. Students will be introduced to the history of worldview ideas, particularly as related to the modern public policy arena. A Biblical model of statesmanship and statecraft will be applied to these discussions.
Offered: Online

PLCY 804 Statesmanship, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 or PADM 700
The interplay between and among American state governments and the federal government will be examined at the macro and micro (intergovernmental relations) levels. Students will be challenged to examine the complexities of the modern American political system in light of competing models of federalism and statesmanship.
Offered: Online

PLCY 805 Policy Analysis and Statesmanship 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 or PADM 700
This course evaluates various models of policy analysis and implementation in light of statesmanship principles. Students will evaluate policy initiatives, considering effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, constitutional principles, and statecraft.
Offered: Online

PLCY 810 Quantitative Methods I 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700
Quantitative Analysis I discusses probability theory and hypothesis testing within the context of public policy decision-making. As an introduction to basic statistical distributions, this course covers the tests of difference in means, proportions, basic generalized linear themes such as regression and ANOVA. Also introduced are commonly encountered nonparametric tests.
Offered: Online

PLCY 811 Quantitative Methods II 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 810
This course is designed to give students tools for understanding and avoiding the misuse of quantitative data. Using case studies, students will learn how to identify common analytical biases and errors that lead to faulty conclusions or flawed applications of research findings.
Offered: Online
PLCY 812 Qualitative Methods 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 811
Qualitative Analysis introduces the use methods applicable to qualitative data in order to contribute God-honoring, original public policy related research.
Offered: Online

PLCY 840 Introduction to Education Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 812
This course requires students to research the basic contours of their chosen policy cognate. Students will work with their faculty member to understand the scope, history, controversial issues, and key policy outcomes associated with this cognate. This research will serve as a stepping stone to conducting a comprehensive literature review for their dissertation, and provide the needed context to ensure that the student's chosen dissertation topic is focused and appropriate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 841 Research Seminar in Education Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 840
In the second course of the chosen policy cognate, students will continue what may be an open-ended exploration into their policy studies. Students will identify and discuss the major debates and issues in their cognate. Students will also submit a dissertation research question for review and discussion. Finally, students will conduct an extensive literature review of their chosen dissertation topic. Students will work with faculty to ensure that their literature review is comprehensive and sets them up for a successful research question for their dissertation.
Offered: Online

PLCY 842 Research Prospectus in Education Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 841
Students will be challenged to look at their chosen research question by using various research methodologies. The course will culminate in a final paper discussing their research question and chosen methodologies. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PPOG 989.
Offered: Online

PLCY 850 Introduction to Social Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 812
This course requires students to research the basic contours of their chosen policy cognate. Students will work with their faculty member to understand the scope, history, controversial issues, and key policy outcomes associated with this cognate. This research will serve as a stepping stone to conducting a comprehensive literature review for their dissertation, and provide the needed context to ensure that the student's chosen dissertation topic is focused and appropriate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 851 Research Seminar in Social Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 850
In the second course of the chosen policy cognate, students will continue what may be an open-ended exploration into their policy studies. Students will identify and discuss the major debates and issues in their cognate. Students will also submit a dissertation research question for review and discussion. Finally, students will conduct an extensive literature review of their chosen dissertation topic. Students will work with faculty to ensure that their literature review is comprehensive and sets them up for a successful research question for their dissertation.
Offered: Online

PLCY 852 Research Prospectus in Social Policy 5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 851
Students will be challenged to look at their chosen research question by using various research methodologies. The course will culminate in a final paper discussing their research question and chosen methodologies. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PLCY 989.
Offered: Online

PLCY 860 Introduction to Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 812
This course requires students to research the basic contours of their chosen policy cognate. Students will work with their faculty member to understand the scope, history, controversial issues, and key policy outcomes associated with this cognate. This research will serve as a stepping stone to conducting a comprehensive literature review for their dissertation, and provide the needed context to ensure that the student's chosen dissertation topic is focused and appropriate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 861 Research Seminar in Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 860
In the second course of the chosen policy cognate, students will continue what may be an open-ended exploration into their policy studies. Students will identify and discuss the major debates and issues in their cognate. Students will also submit a dissertation research question for review and discussion. Finally, students will conduct an extensive literature review of their chosen dissertation topic. Students will work with faculty to ensure that their literature review is comprehensive and sets them up for a successful research question for their dissertation.
Offered: Online

PLCY 862 Research Prospectus in Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 861
Students will be challenged to look at their chosen research question by using various research methodologies. The course will culminate in a final paper discussing their research question and chosen methodologies. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PLCY 989.
Offered: Online

PLCY 870 Introduction to Economic Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 812
This course requires students to research the basic contours of their chosen policy cognate. Students will work with their faculty member to understand the scope, history, controversial issues, and key policy outcomes associated with this cognate. This research will serve as a stepping stone to conducting a comprehensive literature review for their dissertation, and provide the needed context to ensure that the student's chosen dissertation topic is focused and appropriate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 871 Research Seminar in Economic Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 870
In the second course of the chosen policy cognate, students will continue what may be an open-ended exploration into their policy studies. Students will identify and discuss the major debates and issues in their cognate. Students will also submit a dissertation research question for review and discussion. Finally, students will conduct an extensive literature review of their chosen dissertation topic. Students will work with faculty to ensure that their literature review is comprehensive and sets them up for a successful research question for their dissertation.
Offered: Online
PLCY 872 Research Prospectus in Economic Policy  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 871
Students will be challenged to look at their chosen research question by using various research methodologies. The course will culminate in a final paper discussing their research question and chosen methodologies. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PLCY 989.
Offered: Online

PLCY 880 Introduction to National Security Policy  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 812
This course requires students to research the basic contours of their chosen policy cognate. Students will work with their faculty member to understand the scope, history, controversial issues, and key policy outcomes associated with this cognate. This research will serve as a stepping stone to conducting a comprehensive literature review for their dissertation, and provide the needed context to ensure that the student’s chosen dissertation topic is focused and appropriate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 881 Research Seminar in National Security Policy  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 880
In the second course of the chosen policy cognate, students will continue what may be an open-ended exploration into their policy studies. Students will identify and discuss the major debates and issues in their cognate. Students will also submit a dissertation research question for review and discussion. Finally, students will conduct an extensive literature review of their chosen dissertation topic. Students will work with faculty to ensure that their literature review is comprehensive and sets them up for a successful research question for their dissertation.
Offered: Online

PLCY 882 Research Prospectus in National Security Policy  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 881
Students will be challenged to look at their chosen research question by using various research methodologies. The course will culminate in a final paper discussing their research question and chosen methodologies. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PLCY 989.
Offered: Online

PLCY 885 Comprehensive Exam and Research Concept  3 Credit Hour(s)
The course is designed to develop research skills, culminating in the development and approval of a research concept. The research concept approval process is under the direct supervision of the student’s dissertation chair. The research concept must be written and approved prior to enrollment in dissertation courses.
Offered: Online

PLCY 980 Dissertation Prospectus  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 700 and PLCY 701 and PLCY 702 and PLCY 703 and PLCY 704 and PLCY 800 and PLCY 801 and PLCY 802 and PLCY 804 and PLCY 805 and PLCY 810 and PLCY 811 and PLCY 812
This course provides students with an opportunity to examine the dissertation process. The course focuses on structure and design of a concept for PhD dissertation research that includes peer/collegial review and scholarly discourse leading to a draft of Chapter one of the proposal development. A comprehensive examination must be taken and successfully completed prior to enrollment in PPOG 989. This course is not required for students who successfully complete the Research Prospectus course in a policy cognate.
Offered: Online

PLCY 987 Dissertation I  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 885
This course is the first step for doctoral candidates in the process of developing and completing their research study and dissertation. Doctoral candidates will develop Section 1, which includes the Foundation of the Study, to include a detailed Literature Review relevant to the proposed research study.
Offered: Online

PLCY 988 Dissertation II  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 987
This course is the second step for doctoral candidates to develop and complete their dissertation. Doctoral candidates will develop Section 2, which includes their methodology for conducting the study, and combine it with Section 1 into a single document. Candidates will also complete and submit their IRB package to complete their proposal defense.
Offered: Online

PLCY 989 Dissertation III  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 988
This course is the final step in developing the dissertation manuscript. Doctoral candidates will conduct their field study, analyze their data, and present their findings and develop Section 3 of their dissertation. Candidates will combine all three sections into their completed dissertation manuscript in preparation for their dissertation defense.
Offered: Online

PLCY 990 Dissertation IV - Dissertation Defense  0 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: PLCY 989
This course is the last step in the doctoral program. Doctoral candidates will defend their dissertation and finalize their dissertation manuscript for publication.
Offered: Online