PUBLIC POLICY (PH.D.) -EDUCATION POLICY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. 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		
PLCY 700	Foundations of Public Policy	3
PLCY 701	Natural Law, The State & The Gospel	3
PLCY 702	Founding Era and the Constitution	3
PLCY 703	Contemporary Challenges to Constitutional Orde and the Role of the State	er 3
PLCY 802	Competing Visions of Statesmanship	3
PLCY 804	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	3
Total Hours		18
Code	Title	Hours
Research Meth	ods & Tools Courses	
PLCY 805	Policy Analysis and Research Design	3
PLCY 809	Advanced Research Methods for Policymakers	3
PLCY 810	Quantitative Methods I ¹	3
PLCY 811	Quantitative Methods II ¹	3
PLCY 812	Qualitative Methods	3
Total Hours		15

¹ PLCY 815 Advanced Quantitative Methods I (3 c.h.) and PLCY 816 Advanced Quantitative Methods II (3 c.h.) may be substituted for PLCY 810 Quantitative Methods I (3 c.h.) and PLCY 811 Quantitative Methods II (3 c.h.) by permission of the Department Chair

Code	Title	Hours		
Education Policy Cognate				
PLCY 707	Education and Public Policy	3		
PLCY 840	Introduction to Education Policy Studies	3		
PLCY 841	Research Seminar in Education Policy	3		
Total Hours		9		
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¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PLCY 990 Dissertation IV - Dissertation Defense (0 c.h.) after completing PLCY 989

Dissertation III (5 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat PLCY 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in PLCY 990 Dissertation IV - Dissertation Defense (0 c.h.)

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree 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 grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- · Successful completion of Research Concept
- Successful defense of Dissertation
- Degree must be completed within 7 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 SemesterPLCY 700Foundations of Public Policy3PLCY 701Natural Law, The State & The Gospel3PLCY 702Founding Era and the Constitution3Hours9Second Semester9PLCY 703Contemporary Challenges to Constitutional Order and the Role of the State3PLCY 707Education and Public Policy3PLCY 802Competing Visions of Statesmanship3Hours9Third Semester9PLCY 804Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations3PLCY 809Data and Analysis for Policymakers3PLCY 810Quantitative Methods l3PLCY 811Quantitative Methods l3PLCY 812Qualitative Methods II3PLCY 840Introduction to Education Policy Studies3PLCY 840Introduction to Education Policy3PLCY 841Research Seminar in Education Policy3PLCY 885Research Concept3PLCY 987Dissertation I2Sixth Semester9PLCY 987Dissertation I5	Course	Title	Hours
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Seventh Seme	ster	
PLCY 988	Dissertation II	5
	Hours	5
Eighth Semest	er	
PLCY 989	Dissertation III ³	5
	Hours	5
Ninth Semeste	r	
PLCY 990	Dissertation IV - Dissertation Defense	0
	Hours	0
	Total Hours	60

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