

GOVERNMENT (B.S.) - NATIONAL SECURITY - ONLINE

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.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ²	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey ²	4
Total Hours		39-42

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise ¹	3
GOVT 220	American Government ¹	3
Total Hours		6

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration		
CJUS 382	Critical Infrastructure Protection	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 376	Resilient Nations	3
GOVT 380	Introduction to Intelligence and National Security	3
GOVT 384	Introduction to Strategic Studies	3
GOVT 387	Sovereignty, Borders, and Territorial Integrity	3
GOVT 388	Ethics, Just War, and Use of Force	3
GOVT 480	Terrorism	3
GOVT 481	Counter-Terrorism	3
GOVT 483	Military Operations and Intelligence	3
GOVT 496	National Security Studies Capstone	3
Total Hours		33

Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
	Choose 21-27 credit hours of Free Electives	21-27
Total Hours		21-27

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- **120** Total hours
- **2.0** Overall grade point average
- **30** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- **25%** Of major and concentration taken through Liberty University
- **30** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Communications Elective ¹	3
	Social Science Elective (GOVT 200) ¹	3
Hours		13-16

Course	Title	Hours
Second Semester		
GOVT 220	American Government	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
Critical Thinking Elective ¹		3
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
MATH Elective ¹		3
Hours		16
Second Year		
First Semester		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
Cultural Studies Elective ¹		3
Natural Science Elective ¹		3
CJUS 382	Critical Infrastructure Protection	3
GOVT 380	Introduction to Intelligence and National Security	3
GOVT 384	Introduction to Strategic Studies	3
Elective		3
Hours		18
Third Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 480	Terrorism	3
GOVT 481	Counter-Terrorism	3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
GOVT 376	Resilient Nations	3
GOVT 387	Sovereignty, Borders, and Territorial Integrity	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 483	Military Operations and Intelligence	3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 388	Ethics, Just War, and Use of Force	3
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
GOVT 496	National Security Studies Capstone	3
Elective		3
Elective		3

Course	Title	Hours
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120-123

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