

GOVERNMENT (B.S.) - POLITICS & POLICY - 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
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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		
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography ¹	3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise ¹	3
GOVT 220	American Government ¹	3
Total Hours		9

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3

Code	Title	Hours
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		
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 301	Ancient Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes/Institutions	3
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 458	Public Policy Development in the Political Environment	3
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3
Total Hours		39

Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
	Choose 15-21 credit hours of Free Electives	15-21
Total Hours		15-21

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
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3

Course	Title	Hours
Social Science Elective (GOVT 200) ¹		3
Hours		14-17
Second Semester		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
GOVT 220	American Government	3
Communications Elective ¹		3
Critical Thinking Elective ¹		3
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
Hours		16
Second Year		
First Semester		
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
MATH Elective ¹		3
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 301	Ancient Political and Economic Ideas	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
Cultural Studies Elective ¹		3
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 320	American Executive Processes/Institutions	3
GOVT 322	American Legislative System	3
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3
Hours		15
Third Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 324	Applied Ethics in Public Policy	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
Natural Science Elective ¹		3
GOVT 321	American Judicial System	3
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 458	Public Policy Development in the Political Environment	3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 474	American Political Parties	3
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3
Elective		3

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

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