

# GOVERNMENT (B.S.) - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - 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
<b>Communication &amp; Information Literacy <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning <sup>1</sup></b>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
<b>Critical Thinking <sup>1</sup></b>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>2</sup>	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts <sup>1</sup></b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39-42</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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
<b>Major Foundational Courses</b>		
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise <sup>1</sup>	3
GOVT 220	American Government <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Core</b>		
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3

Code	Title	Hours
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
<b>Concentration</b>		
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
PADM 360	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PADM 462	Public Financing & Budgeting	3
PADM 475	Advanced Public Administration	3
PADM 485	Public Administration Leadership & Community Engagement	3
PADM 492	Public Administration Seminar	3

**Total Hours 18**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
	Choose 36-42 credit hours of Free Electives	36-42
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36-42</b>

*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
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
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
	Social Science Elective (GOVT 200) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
GOVT 220		3
	Communications Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Critical Thinking Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
	Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
MATH Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Natural Science Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Cultural Studies Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
GOVT 350	Political Economy and Public Policy	3
PADM 360	Introduction to Public Administration	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
PADM 462	Public Financing & Budgeting	3
PADM 475	Advanced Public Administration	3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
PADM 485	Public Administration Leadership & Community Engagement	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PADM 492	Public Administration Seminar	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-123</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives at [www.liberty.edu/gened](http://www.liberty.edu/gened) before enrolling foundational skills requirements.