


**ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**
**Master of Arts (M.A.) in National  
Security Studies  
*Concentration in Middle East Politics***

Fall 2022 Academic Degree Plan

		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
<b><u>GETTING STARTED (Required Co-requisites)</u></b>					
<i>or</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 501	Graduate Foundations of Government	2	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> UNIV LIB	Information Research & Resources <sub>1</sub>	0	___	___
<b><u>CORE COURSES (24 hours)</u></b>					
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 603	Research Methods	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 604	Christian Foundations of Government	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 605	Christian Ethics & the Law of Armed Conflict <sub>2</sub>	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 625	International Relations Theory	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 627	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 641	Grand Strategy and Military Operations	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 679	National Security Affairs	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 689	U.S. Foreign Policy	3	___	___
<b><u>CONCENTRATION COURSES (12-14 hours)</u></b>					
<i>Select 4 to five 5 courses (12-14 credits) from the list below:</i>					
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 612	History and Politics of Israel	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 652	U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 653	Middle East Politics	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 657	International Religious Freedom	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 659	Shari'a Law	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 672	Islamic Political Thought	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 673	Democracy and Development	3	___	___
<b><u>THESIS OPTION (6 hours) <sub>3</sub></u></b>					
<i>Optional (Please speak with an Academic Advisor)</i>					
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 698	Preparing a Thesis Proposal	3	___	___
	<input type="checkbox"/> GOV 699	Thesis	3	___	___
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36+</b>		

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**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36-38 credit hours.

Degree must be completed within 5 years.

Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Only courses in which a student receives a B - or better will count toward a degree or certificate in the Robertson School of Government.

The limit for the number of credits accepted by Advanced Standing and transfer is forty-nine percent of total degree requirements, which for the MA in National Security Studies program is 17 credit hours.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Students are registered for GOV 501 based on their admissions writing sample score. Students are required to take UNIV LIB but will be waived if a student successfully completes GOV 501.

<sup>2</sup> Recommended to take during first or second semester.

<sup>3</sup> Thesis can be produced during final two semesters. Thesis credits of GOV 698 and GOV 699 may apply towards primary concentration.

MA students have the option of earning multiple certificates.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE - 2 YEAR PLAN\***

**Fall Term 1**

GOV 501 or UNIV LIB	0-2
GOV 603	3
GOV 604	3
Total	<u>6 to 8</u>

**Spring Term 1**

GOV 605	3
GOV 625	3
Concentration Course	3
Total	<u>9</u>

**Summer Term 1**

GOV 679	3
Concentration Course	3
Total	<u>6</u>

**Fall Term 2**

GOV 641	3
Concentration Course	3
Concentration Course	3
Total	<u>9</u>

**Spring Term 2**

GOV 627	3
GOV 689	3
GOV 698*	3
Total	<u>9</u>

**Summer Term 2\***

GOV 699*	3
Total	<u>3</u>

**\*only if thesis option is chosen**

\*Alternative sequences may be available. Please confirm with your SEP and the Course Planning Tool for additional information and contact Academic Advising with any questions or concerns.

\*Regent University has the right to add to or change this worksheet. **This Degree Worksheet is an unofficial document.**