


**ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**

*Ph.D. in Government*  
Academic Degree Plan

| <b><u>GETTING STARTED (Required first term)</u></b> |  | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | UNIV LIB Library Information Research & Resources        | 0                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <b><u>CORE COURSES (24 hours)</u></b>               |  |                   |                   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 700 Intro to Doctoral Studies in Government          | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 703 Research Methods <sup>2</sup>                    | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 704 Christian Foundations of Government <sup>2</sup> | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 714 American Politics                                | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 723 Public Policy Initiatives                        | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 724 Advanced Research Methods <sup>3</sup>           | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 725 International Relations Theory                   | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 780 Comparative Politics                             | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <b><u>ELECTIVE (3 hours)</u></b>                    |  |                   |                   |                     |
| <i>Student chooses one GOV 700-899 elective.</i>    |  |                   |                   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 7XX _____  | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <b><u>COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS <sup>4</sup></u></b>      |  |                   |                   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 799 Comprehensive Exams                              | 1                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <b><u>DOCTORAL CANDIDACY <sup>5</sup></u></b>       |  |                   |                   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 890 Dissertation Prospectus Preparation              | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 891 Dissertation Research                            | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 892 Dissertation Research                            | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 893 Dissertation Research                            | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                            | GOV 894 Dissertation Research                            | 3                 | ___               | ___                 |

**MAJOR & MINOR CONCENTRATIONS**

*Students will complete a minimum of 15 credits within a major concentration and 9 credits within a minor concentration. Students may take any of the courses corresponding to their concentrations listed below. Courses marked with (\*) are required for both major and minor concentrations. Students are required to select two different concentrations from the list below.*

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**AMERICAN POLITICS**

|                          |         |  |   |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------|--|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 719 | Constitutional Law & Policy I*         | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 735 | Presidency*                            | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 734 | Public Budgeting & Taxation Policy     | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 736 | Congress*                              | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 737 | Religion, Politics, and Law in America | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 758 | American Political Traditions          | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 763 | Political Parties & Institutions       | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 777 | Terrorism & Homeland Defense           | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 789 | US Foreign Policy                      | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

|                          |         |                                      |   |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 773 | Democracy & Development*             | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 763 | Political Parties & Institutions*    | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 712 | History and Politics of Israel       | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 726 | Religion & Global Politics           | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 753 | Middle East Politics                 | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 776 | Politics of East Asia                | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 744 | Politics of South and Southeast Asia | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 772 | Islamic Political Thought            | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

|                          |         |  |   |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------|--|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 738 | International Organizations*                 | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 774 | International Political Economy*             | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 732 | International Security*                      | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 701 | International Relations & Cyber Politics     | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 705 | Christian Ethics & The Law of Armed Conflict | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 726 | Religion & Global Politics                   | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 746 | US-China Relations                           | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 789 | US Foreign Policy                            | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 741 | Grand Strategy & Military Operations         | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 742 | Maritime Security                            | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 752 | US Foreign Policy                            | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

|                          |         |                                       |   |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 721 | Public Program Evaluation             | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 734 | Public Budgeting & Taxation Policy*   | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 774 | International Political Economy*      | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 709 | Critical Infra Protection/Resilience* | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 768 | Leadership & Administrative Ethics    | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GOV 762 | Cybersecurity Policy & Affairs        | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**Total Hours****67+**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 67+ credit hours.

Degree must be completed within 7 years.

Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Students are required to receive a B or better in all courses.

The limit for the number of credits accepted by Advanced Standing and transfer is forty-nine percent of total degree requirements.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Students are required to register for GOV 700 in their first semester. This course coincides with the first summer residency.

<sup>2</sup> Required to take during the student's first Fall semester.

<sup>3</sup> Required to take during the student's first Spring semester.

<sup>4</sup> Student must complete all coursework before taking the comprehensive exams. Exams are on-campus.

<sup>5</sup> Must pass the comprehensive exams in order to register for the dissertation.