


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

Spring 2020 Approved Degree Plan

<b><u>GETTING STARTED (Required Co-requisites)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNIV 500 Regent Foundations for Graduate Success <sub>1</sub>	2	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNIV LIB Information Research & Resources <sub>1</sub>	0	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 511 Career Management	0	___	___
<b><u>CORE COURSES (18 credits)</u></b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 603 Research Methods <sub>2</sub>	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 604 Christian Foundations of Government <sub>2</sub>			
	<i>-or-</i>	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 605 Christian Ethics & the Law of Armed Conflict <sub>2</sub>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 625 International Relations Theory	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 credits)</u></b>				
<i>Select four (4) courses from the list below:</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 601 International Relations and Cyber Politics	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 606 Social, Political and Theological Implications of Technology	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 607 Military Cyberspace Operations, Strategy and Tactics	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 608 Public Information Systems Management	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 609 Critical Infrastructure Protection & Resilience	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 642 Maritime Security	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 643 Energy and Environment Security	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 654 International Trafficking in Persons	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 660 Intelligence and National Security	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 662 Cybersecurity Policy & Affairs	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 677 Terrorism and Homeland Defense	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 678 Crisis/Disaster Consequences Management	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 681 Intergovernmental Relations	3	___	___
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (6 credits)</u></b>				
<i>Choose two courses</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 3	3	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 3	3	___	___

**THESIS OPTION**

*Optional ( please speak with an Academic Advisor) <sup>4</sup>*

<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 698	Preparing a Thesis Proposal	3	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOV 699	Thesis	3	_____	_____

**TOTAL HOURS 36+**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 credit hours.  
 Degree must be completed within 5 years.  
 Only courses in which a student receives a **B - or better** will count toward a degree or certificate in the Robertson School of Government.  
 Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

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> UNIV 500 Regent Foundations for Graduate Success (2) or UNIV LIB Information Research & Resources (0), as required upon admission.
  - <sup>2</sup> Recommended to take during first or second semester.
  - <sup>3</sup> Choose any course offered in RSG.
  - <sup>4</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**

**Spring Term 1**

UNIV 500	2
UNIV LIB	0
GOV 603	3
GOV 604 or GOV 605	3
Total	6 to 8

**Fall Term 1**

GOV 625	3
GOV 641	3
Total	6

**Summer Term 2**

Elective	3
Concentration Course	3
GOV 698*	3
Total	6 to 9

**Summer Term 1**

GOV 679	3
GOV 511	0
Concentration Course	3
Total	6

**Spring Term 2**

Concentration Course	3
GOV 689	3
Total	6

**Fall Term 2**

Concentration Course	3
Elective	3
GOV 699*	3
Total	6 to 9

\*only if Thesis option is chosen