

*This plan will
take effect in
August 2026.*

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Four -Year Plan
Political Science (BA)

The following is a four-year plan of study that will go into effect fall 2026. This plan should be used in conjunction with the University catalog and in consultation with the faculty advisor. Transfer students should contact their advisor if they have questions regarding transfer credit. Courses listed on the four-year plan may be taken in other semesters, based on availability and course placement. This plan meets LMU's general education (Liberal Arts Common Core) requirements, major requirements and 300/400 level course requirements.

First Year

Fall

UACT 100 Strategies for College Success ^a	1
LNCN 100 Lincoln's Life and Legacy ^a	1
ENGL 101 Composition I ^a	3
POLS 100 American National Government ^b	3
History Requirement ^a	3
Foreign Language I ^a	3

TOTAL 14

Spring

ENGL 102 Composition II ^a	3
POLS 220 Intro to Public Administration ^b	3
History Requirement ^a	3
Foreign Language II ^a	3
Science Requirement ^a	4

TOTAL 16

Second Year

Fall

POLS 250 International Relations ^b	3
POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas ^b	3
ECON 211, 212, or 350 ^d	3
Mathematics Requirement ^a	3
PHIL 100 or 200 ^{ad}	3

TOTAL 15

Spring

COMM 200 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ^a	3
CRIM 280 Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences ^c	3
Fine Arts/Humanities Requirement ^a	3
ENGL 240 or 250 ^a	3
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3

TOTAL 15

Third Year

Fall

Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
POLS 325 State and Local Government ^b	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

TOTAL 15

Spring

CIVX 300 American Civics ^a	2
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^d	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

TOTAL 17

Fourth Year

Fall

Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

TOTAL 15

Spring

POLS 497 Political Science Seminar ^b	3
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

TOTAL 15

TOTAL 122

a = General Education or Degree Requirement

b = Major Requirement

c = Collateral requirement

d = Recommended General Education Requirement of Guided Elective

January 2026

POLS 100 American Government: National
POLS 220 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas
POLS 250 Introduction to International Relations
POLS 320 Comparative Politics
POLS 322 Introduction to Public Policy
POLS 324 Law and the Judicial System
POLS 325 State and Local Government
POLS 331 Introduction to Constitutional Law
POLS 332 Politics and the Legislative Process
POLS 335 The Presidency
POLS 350 American Foreign and Security Policy
POLS 441 Liberal Democracy and Its Critics
POLS 497 Political Science Seminar
POLS 498 Internship

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Required Courses

POLS 100: American Government: National
 POLS 220: Introduction to Public Administration
 POLS 240: Introduction to Political Ideas
 POLS 250: Introduction to International Relations
 CRIM 280: Statistics for CJ and Soc Science
 POLS 325: State and Local Government
 POLS 497: Seminar in Political Science

36 or more 300/400 level courses

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