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Four -Year Plan
Political Science (BA)

The following is a suggested four-year plan of study for freshmen entering LMU during the 2026-2027 academic year. 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 during 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. Required courses for the Political Science Major must have a grade of C- or better.

First Year

Fall	
ENGL 101 Composition I [a]	3
Foreign Language I [a]	3
LNCN 100 Lincoln's Life and Legacy [a]	1
History Requirement [a]	3
POLS 100 American Government: National [b]	3
UACT 100 Strategies for College Success [a]	1
TOTAL	**14**

Spring	
ENGL 102 Composition II [a]	3
Foreign Language II [a]	3
History Requirement [a]	3
POLS 220 Intro to Public Administration [b]	3
Science Requirement [a]	4
TOTAL	**16**

Second Year

Fall	
ECON 212 or 213[d]	3
Mathematics Requirement [a]	3
PHIL 100 or PHIL 200 [ad]	3
POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas [b]	3
POLS 250 Int. Relations[b]	3
TOTAL	**15**

Spring	
COMM 200 Fundamentals of Speech Communication [a]	3
CRIM 280 Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences [c]	3
ENGL 240 or 250 [a]	3
Fine Arts, Humanities, Ethics Requirement [a]	3
POLS 300/400 Level Elective [b]	3
TOTAL	**15**

Third Year

Fall	
POLS 325 State and Local Government	3
POLS 325x Junior Writing Requirement	0
POLS 300/400 Level Elective [b]	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
TOTAL	**15**

Spring	
CIVX 300 American Civics [a]	2
POLS 300/400 Level Elective [b]	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
TOTAL	**17**

Fourth Year

Fall	
POLS 300/400 Level Elective [b]	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 497z Senior Writing Requirement	0
Elective 300/400 Level	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 or Guided Elective

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Political Science Course Offerings

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

POLS Major Requirements

POLS 100: American National Governemnt	3
POLS 220: Intro to Public Administration	3
POLS 240: Intro to Political Ideas	3
POLS 250: Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 325 State and Local Government	3
POLS 497: Seminar in Political Science	3
POLS Electives	12
	30

Collateral Course Requirements

CRIM 280 Statistics for Criminal Justice	3
ENGL 240 or 250	3
Foreign Language I	3
Foreign Language II	3
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must complete 36 credits of 300/400 level courses