

Three -Year Plan
Political Science (BA) Early Entry to Duncan School of Law

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
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
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UACT 224: Pre-Law Seminar ^d	1
Elective	3

TOTAL 16

Third Year

Fall

ENGL 240 or 250 ^c	3
Fine Arts, Humanities, Ethics Requirement ^a	3
POLS 325 State and Local Government	3
POLS 325x Junior Writing Requirement	0
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
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TOTAL 15

Spring

CIVX 300 American Civics ^a	2
POLS 497 Political Science Seminar ^b	3
POLS 497z Senior Writing Requirement	0
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
Elective 300/400 Level ^d	3
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TOTAL 17

Fourth Year - At LMU Duncan School of Law

Fall

LAW 1005 Legal Foundations	1
LAW 1011 Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 1021 Contracts and Sales I	3
LAW 1041 Torts I	3
LAW 1051 Legal Research I	1
LAW 1052 Legal Communications I	2
LAW 1061 Criminal Law	3

TOTAL 16

Spring

LAW 1008 The Successful Lawyer	3
LAW 1012 Civil Procedure II	3
LAW 1031 Property I	1
LAW 1042 Torts II	3
LAW 1053 Legal Research II	2
LAW 1054 Legal Communications II	3

TOTAL 15

a = General Education or Degree Requirement. b = Major requirement

c = Collateral requirement. d = Recommended General Education Requirement or Guided Elective

TOTAL 124

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
UACT 224 Pre-Law Seminar	1
	13

* must complete 36 credits of
300/400 level courses