Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Three -Year Plan

Political Science (BA) Early Entry to Duncan School of Law

The following is a suggested plan of study for freshmen entering LMU during the 2023-2024 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. Note: In order to graduate in four years (eight regular semesters) the student must average passing 16/17 hours per semester. Courses with * must have a grade of C- or better.

		First Year	
Fall		Spring	
UACT 100 Strategies for College Success ^a	1	ISYS 100 Computer Literacy ^a	2
LNCN 100 Lincoln's Life and Legacy ^a	1	POLS 220 or POLS 250 ^b *	3
ENGL 101 Composition I ^a	3	History Requirement II ^a	3
POLS 100 American National Government ^b *	3	Foreign Language II ^a	3
History Requirement I ^a	3	Science Requirement ^a	4
Foreign Language I ^a	3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
ΤΟΤΑ	L 14	TOTAL	15
		Second Year	
Fall		Spring	
ENGL 102 Composition II ^a	3	COMM 200 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ^a	3
UACT 295: Pre-Law Seminar ^a	1	PSYC 280 or CRIM 280 Statistics ^c	3
ECON 212 or 213 ^d	3	POLS 220 or POLS 250 ^b *	3
POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas ^b *	3	POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b *	3
Mathematics Requirement ^a	3	Science Requirement ^a	4
Fine Arts Requirement ^a	3		
ΤΟΤΑ	L 16	TOTAL	16
		Third Year	
Fall		Spring	
PHIL 100 or PHIL 200 ^{ad}	3	ENGL 240 or 250 ^a	3
History or Philosophy Elective ^a	3	CIVX 300 American Civics ^a	2
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b *	3	Elective 300/400 Level ^d	2
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b *	3	POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b *	3
ENGL Elective 300/400 Level	3	POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b *	2
·		POLS 497 Political Science Seminar ^b *	3
ΤΟΤΑ	L 15	TOTAL	15
		LMU Duncan School of Law	
Fall		Spring	
LAW 1011 Civil Procedure I	3	LAW 1012 Civil Procedure II	3
LAW 1021 Contracts & Sales I	3	LAW 1053 Legal Communication II	3
LAW 1061 Criminal Law	3	LAW 1052 Legal Research II	1
LAW 1052 Legal Communication I	2	LAW 1031 Property I	3
LAW 1001 Legal Foundations I	1	LAW 1008 The Successful Lawyer	2
LAW 1051 Legal Research I	1	LAW 1042 Torts II	3
LAW 1041 Torts I	3		
ΤΟΤΑ		TOTAL	15
a = General Education or Degree Requirement		TOTAL	122
b = Major requirement			

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

First Year

September 21, 2023



Political Science Course Offerings

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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

Required Courses

- POLS 100: American Government: National
- POLS 220: Intro to Public Administration
- POLS 240: Intro to Political Ideas
- 3 POLS 250: Intro to International Relations
 - PSYC 280: Statistics for Social Science
 - POLS 497: Seminar in Political Science

Upper-Level Major Electives

15 additional credits of 300/400 POLS coursework