

Four -Year Plan
 Political Science (BA)

The following is a suggested four-year plan of study for freshmen entering LMU during the 2024-2025 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

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 Government: National ^b	3
History Requirement ^a	3
PHIL 100 or PHIL 200 ^{ad}	3
TOTAL	14

Spring

ENGL 102 Composition II ^a	3
POLS 220 Intro to Public Administration ^b	3
History Requirement ^a	3
Fine Arts, Humanities, Ethics Requirement ^a	3
Science Requirement ^a	4
TOTAL	16

Second Year

Fall

POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas ^b	3
POLS 250 Int. Relations ^b	3
ECON 212 or 213 ^d	3
Mathematics Requirement ^a	3
Foreign Language I ^a	3
TOTAL	15

Spring

COMM 200 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ^a	3
CRIM 280 Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences ^c	3
Foreign Language II ^a	3
POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
ENGL 240 or 250 ^a	3
TOTAL	15

Third Year

Fall

POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
CIVX 300 American Civics ^a	2
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
TOTAL	17

Spring

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

Fourth Year

Fall

POLS 497 Political Science Seminar ^b	3
POLS 497z Senior Writing Requirement	0
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
TOTAL	15

Spring

POLS 300/400 Level Elective ^b	3
Elective	3
Elective 300/400 Level	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
TOTAL	15

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a = General Education or Degree Requirement

b = Major requirement

c = Collateral requirement

d = Recommended General Education Requirement or Guided Elective

Political Science Course Offerings

POLS 100 American Government: National	3	POLS Major Requirements	
POLS 220 Introduction to Public Administration	3		
POLS 240 Introduction to Political Ideas	3	Required Courses	18
POLS 250 Introduction to International Relations	3	POLS 100: American National Governemnt	3
POLS 320 Comparative Politics	3	POLS 220: Intro to Public Administration	3
POLS 322 Introduction to Public Policy	3	POLS 240: Intro to Political Ideas	3
POLS 324 Law and the Judicial System	3	POLS 250: Intro to International Relations	3
POLS 325 State and Local Government	3	POLS 325 State and Local Government	3
POLS 331 Introduction to Constitutional Law	3	POLS 497: Seminar in Political Science	3
POLS 332 Politics and the Legislative Process	3		
POLS 335 The Presidency	3	CRIM 280 Statistics	3
POLS 350 American Foreign and Security Policy	3		
POLS 441 Liberal Democracy and its Critics	3	Upper-Level Major Electives	
POLS 497 Political Science Seminar	3	36 or more 300/400 level courses	
POLS 498 Internship	3		