

Political Science: 4 Year Plan Worksheet

Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

Consult your advisor regarding proper course sequencing and course selection for the major.
Suggested sequence, but students often take courses in a modified order.
All students must complete six flags to graduate. Each student is responsible for ensuring she/he fulfills all graduation requirements.

First Year									
First Semester					Second Semester				
Course Name	Units	Requirement Met			Course Name	Units	Requirement Met		
		Major	Core	Elective			Major	Core	Elective
POLS 1200, 1400, or 1600	4	✓			POLS 1200, 1400, or 1600	4	✓		
FFYS 1000: First Year Seminar FFYS Core	3-4		✓		RHET 1000: Rhetorical Arts FRTA Core	4		✓	
Quantitative Reasoning FQTR Core	3		✓		Studies in American Diversity FDIV Core	4		✓	
PHIL 1800: Philosophical Inquiry FPHI Core	4		✓		Lower-Division Elective	4			✓
Total Units		14-15			Total Units		16		
Second Year									
First Semester					Second Semester				
Course Name	Units	Requirement Met			Course Name	Units	Requirement Met		
		Major	Core	Elective			Major	Core	Elective
POLS 2100	4	✓			POLS 2000	4	✓		
THST 1XXX: Theological Inquiry FTHI Core	4		✓		Understanding Human Behavior EHBV Core *See Note 2 below.	4		✓	
Creative Experience ECRE Core	3		✓		Nature of Science, Tech, and Math ESTM Core	3		✓	
Lower-Division Elective	3			✓	Lower-Division Elective	4			✓
Lower-Division Elective	3			✓					
Total Units		17			Total Units		15		
Third Year									
First Semester					Second Semester				
Course Name	Units	Requirement Met			Course Name	Units	Requirement Met		
		Major	Core	Elective			Major	Core	Elective
POLS Upper-Division Elective	4	✓			POLS Upper-Division Elective	4	✓		
POLS Upper-Division Elective	4	✓			Ethics and Justice IEJT Core	4		✓	
Historical Analysis and Perspectives EHAP Core	4		✓		Upper-Division Elective	4			✓
Upper-Division Elective	4			✓	CORE: Upper-Division LELM Flag	4		✓	
Total Units		16			Total Units		16		
Fourth Year									
First Semester					Second Semester				
Course Name	Units	Requirement Met			Course Name	Units	Requirement Met		
		Major	Core	Elective			Major	Core	Elective
POLS Upper-Division Elective	4	✓			POLS 5000-Level Seminar	4	✓		
Faith and Reason IFTR Core	4		✓		POLS Upper-Division	4	✓		
Upper-Division Elective	4			✓	Interdisciplinary Connections IINC Core	4		✓	
Upper-Division Elective** **Consider Honors Seminar: note 4 below.	4			✓	Lower or Upper Division Elective	3			✓
					POLS - Senior Political Science Assessment	0	✓		
Total Units		16			Total Units		15		
						Total Units: 124 min.			

Notes:

[1] An average grade of C (2.0) must be obtained in courses included in the major with a minimum grade of a C- in every course.

[2] Understanding Human Behavior Core; non POLS.

[3] A maximum of 40 upper division units in POLS will be accepted toward degree requirements. Minimum UD POLS is 24 units. Up to two UD courses from Study Abroad may count towards the major, in consultation with the DNI Scholar.

[4] Students who attain a minimum 3.70 GPA, both overall and in the major, are eligible to enroll in POLS 581 Honors Seminar in the fall and to write an Honors Thesis (POLS 591) in the spring of their senior year.

[5] 30 of the last 36 units must be completed at LMU.

[6] Units for required major course(s) that also meet the core will be counted towards the major. This does not take into consideration a major elective course(s) that may meet both a major and core requirement(s). If two required areas are met by one course, the outstanding units must be met in the Elective units total.

[7] All graduating seniors are required to enroll in POLS 5000 for their final semester. This is a zero-semester-hour course, required for graduation, which includes an assessment of program learning outcomes, a senior exit interview, and possible additional program evaluation.

[8] Once a student has enrolled at LMU and declared a Political Science major or minor, only LMU course work or courses from an LMU-approved study abroad program will be accepted for the major or minor.