

BCLA Major Worksheet

Political Science

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

LMU ID#

2nd MAJOR or MINOR

Consult your advisor regarding proper course sequencing and course selection for the major.

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Core Curriculum Requirements			FOUNDATIONS
	First Year Seminar	3-4	
	Rhetorical Arts	4	
	Quantitative Reasoning	3	
	Theological Inquiry: 1000-level	4	
	Philosophical Inquiry: PHIL 1800	4	
	Studies in American Diversity	3-4	EXPLORATIONS
	Creative Experience	3-4	
	Historical Analysis & Perspectives	4	
	Nature of Science, Technology & Mathematics	3	
	Understanding Human Behavior (<i>non-POLS</i>)	3-4	
	Ethics & Justice	4	
	Faith & Reason	4	INTEGRATIONS
	Interdisciplinary Connections	4	
	Total	46-50	

Years 1 and 2

Years 2 and 3

Years 3 and 4

FLAG Core Requirement	
	Experiential Learning for Mission (LELM)

Total Units Required		
	Core	46-50
	Major Requirements	40
	Electives (non Major)	34-38
	Total	124
A minimum of 45 upper division units is required		

Political Science Major ¹ Lower Division Requirements		
	POLS 1200: U.S. Politics, 1400: Comparative OR 1600: International Relations (select two)	8
	POLS 2000: Foundations Political Theory	4
	POLS 2100: Empirical Approaches	4
	Total	16
Upper Division Requirements ³		
	POLS Upper-Division	4
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	POLS 5000-Level Seminar	4
	POLS 5000 Senior Assessment (last semester)	0
	Total	24
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 upper division POLS is 24 units. Up to two courses from Study Abroad may count towards the major, in consultation with the POLS Chair.	
4	Students who attain a minimum 3.70 GPA, both overall and in the major, are eligible to enroll in POLS 5800 Honors Seminar in the fall and to write an Honors Thesis (POLS 5810) 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.	