

BCLA Major Worksheet

LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

LMU ID# _____

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

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Core Curriculum Requirements		
First Year Seminar	3-4	FOUNDATIONS
Rhetorical Arts	4	
Quantitative Reasoning	3-4	
Theological Inquiry: 1000-level	4	
Philosophical Inquiry: PHIL 1800	4	
Studies in American Diversity	3-4	
Creative Experience	3-4	EXPLORATIONS
Historical Analysis & Perspectives: HIST 1000 level History; HIST 13XX-14XX (except US is required for IRLT majors)	4	
Nature of Science, Technology & Mathematics	3	
Understanding Human Behavior Satisfied by ECON 1050, POLS 1400, or POLS 1600	✓	
Ethics & Justice	4	
Faith & Reason	4	INTEGRATIONS
Interdisciplinary Connections Satisfied by POLS 4650	✓	
Total	43-47	

FLAG Core Requirement	
Experiential Learning for Mission (LELM)	

Notes	
1	An average grade of C (2.0) must be earned in major courses. Lower Division requirements must be met before pursuing upper division requirements.
2	A maximum of 40 upper division units in IRLT will be accepted toward degree requirements. Minimum upper division POLS is 12 units.
3	Students who attain a minimum GPA of 3.7, 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.
4	Up to two courses from Study Abroad may count towards the major. Consult IR Director.
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6	Once a student has enrolled at LMU and declared a International Relations major or minor, only LMU course work or courses from an LMU-approved study abroad program will be accepted for the major or minor.
7	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.

International Relations

Total Units Required	
Core	43-47
Major Requirements	40
Electives (non Major)	37-41
Total	124
A minimum of 45 upper division units is required	

International Relations Major Lower Division Requirements	
POLS 1400: Intro to Comparative Politics (EBHV)	4
POLS 1600: Intro to International Relations (EBHV)	4
POLS 2100: Empirical Approaches	4
ECON 1050: Introductory Economics (EHBV)	4
Total	16

Upper Division Requirements	
International Politics Course (Choose One: POLS 3620 International Security, POLS 4710 International Law, POLS 4760 International Organizations, OR POLS 5600 Theories of International Relations.)	4
International Economics Course (Choose One: POLS 4650 Politics of the Global Economy; ECON 3700 International Trade, ECON 3720 International Finance Theory, 3750 Global Poverty OR ECON 4740 Economic Development.)	4
Upper Division Electives: Courses with International focus from POLS, ECON, SOCL or HIST, or Advanced Methods course (eg. POLS 4100).	4
<i>See the updated list on the IRLT website; https://bulletin.lmu.edu/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/political-science-international-relations/international-relations-ba/#requirementsstext</i>	4
POLS 5000-Level Seminar in International Relations or Comparative Politics OR IRLT Honors (2 semesters)	4
POLS 5700: IRLT Senior Assessment	0
Total	24

Other Requirements	
A	Four semesters of foreign language, or proficiency, AND
B	<u>International Experience:</u> Study abroad (including the Washington Center) during a fall, spring, or summer semester. The program must be at least 6 units.