

Major/Program	Political Science
College	Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Department	Government, Criminology, and Sociology
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2026-2027

Lander University 4-Year Major Guide

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS	
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours		
First Year	*POLS 101 or *POLS 101R			*POLS 103			3	
		<i>Core Academic Skills (General Education)</i>	3		<i>Core Academic Skills (General Education)</i>	3		
		*ENGL 101	3		*ENGL 102	3		
		<i>Behavioral and Social Perspectives</i>	3		HIST 111R or HIST 112R	3		
		General Education	<i>Humanities and Fine Arts</i>	3		<i>Founding Documents</i>	3	
		General Education	<i>100-level or above</i>	1		<i>Core Academic Skills (General Education)</i>	3	
	INFO 101 or Elective LINK 101	<i>General Education</i>	1		Elective SOSC 199	1		
	Subtotal		14	Subtotal		16	Yearly Totals	30
Second Year	First Semester			Second Semester				
		POLS 200	3		POLS Requirement	3		
		<i>Behavioral and Social Perspectives</i>	3		<i>American Politics and Law - see list below</i>	3		
		General Education	<i>Humanities and Fine Arts</i>	3		SOSC 302	3	
		General Education	<i>Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning</i>	3		<i>Quantitative Research Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning (General Education)</i>	4	
		General Education	<i>World Cultures</i>	3		Elective	3	
	Elective	3		Subtotal	16	Yearly Totals	31	
Third Year	First Semester			Second Semester				
		POLS 386	3		Elective	3		
		<i>American Politics and Law - see list below</i>	3		<i>300-level or above</i>	3		
		POLS Requirement	3		Elective	3		
		<i>International Relations and Comparative Politics - see list below</i>	3		<i>300-level or above</i>	3		
		Elective	3		Elective	3		
	Elective	3		Subtotal	15	Yearly Totals	30	
Fourth Year	First Semester			Second Semester				
		POLS Requirement	3		POLS Requirement	3		
		<i>American Politics and Law - see list below</i>	3		<i>International Relations and Comparative Politics - see list below</i>	3		
		POLS 499	3		Elective	3		
		<i>300-level or above</i>	3		<i>300-level or above</i>	3		
		Elective	3		Elective	2		
	Elective	3		Subtotal	14	Yearly Totals	29	

* Students must earn "C" or better

Total Hours Required: 120

Major Program Additional Requirements

American Politics and Law (choose 9 credit hours, at least 6 hrs. from the 300- or 400-level, from the following):

POLS 217, POLS 271, POLS 302, POLS 307, POLS 308, POLS 311, POLS 312, POLS 313, POLS 318, POLS 350, POLS 360, POLS 379, POLS 391, SOSC 301, SOSC 490

International Relations and Comparative Politics (choose 6 credit hours, at least 3 hrs. from the 300- or 400-level, from the following):

POLS 250, POLS 260, POLS 303, POLS 305, POLS 325, POLS 331, POLS 361, POLS 366, POLS 390, POLS 445, SOSC 490