

Major/Program	Political Science, Concentration in Public Administration
College	Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Department	Government, Criminology, and Sociology
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2025-2026

Lander University 4-Year Major Guide

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS
First Year	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
	*ENGL 101	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	*ENGL 102	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	
	General Education	Behavioral and Social Perspectives	3	HIST 111R or HIST 112R	Founding Documents (General Education)	3	
	General Education	Humanities and Fine Arts	3	Laboratory Science	Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning	4	
	Info 101 or Elective		1	MATH 211	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	
	*POLS 101 or *POLS 101R		3	*POLS 103		3	
	LINK 101	General Education	1				
	Subtotal		14	Subtotal		16	→ Yearly Totals 30
Second Year	First Semester			Second Semester			
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
	Elective		3	Elective		3	
	Elective		3	Elective		3	
	General Education	Behavioral and Social Perspectives	3	Elective		3	
	General Education POLS 200	Humanities and Fine Arts	3 3	General Education POLS 217	Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning	3 3	
	Subtotal		15	Subtotal		15	→ Yearly Totals 30
Third Year	First Semester			Second Semester			
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
	Elective	300-400 level	3	Elective	300-400 level	3	
	Elective		3	Elective		3	
	General Education	World Cultures	3	Elective		3	
	POLS 318		3	Major Program Additional Requirements	*see list below	3	
	POLS 386		3	Major Program Additional Requirements	*see list below	3	
	Subtotal		15	Subtotal		15	→ Yearly Totals 30
Fourth Year	First Semester			Second Semester			
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
	Elective		3	Elective	300-400 level	3	
	Elective		3	Elective	300-400 level	3	
	Elective		3	Elective		3	
	POLS 499		3	Elective		3	
	Major Program Additional Requirements	*see list below	3	Major Program Additional Requirements	*see list below	3	
		Subtotal		15	Subtotal		15

* Students must earn "C" or better

Total Hours Required: 120

***Major Program Additional Requirements**
Select 12 credit hours from the following:

HUS 201: Introduction to Human Services
 PHIL 302: Ethics
 POLS 250: Introduction to Homeland Security
 POLS 308: Law, Politics, and Society
 POLS 313: Judicial Process
 POLS 371: Special Topics in Political Science
 POLS 379: Emergency Management
 POLS 391: Homeland Security Policy
 SOCI 314: Social Welfare Policies and Programs
 SOCI 315: Non-Profit Organizations
 SOSC 490: Internship in Social Sciences