BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE-
Legal Studies

Jackson State University's Department of Political Science has areas of strength in American politics, Legal Studies, Paralegal Studies, and African Politics. The Department helps students combine theoretical creativity with empirical research. Students are prepared for careers in government, politics, the legal profession, and a plethora of other occupations. Many students take advantage of the various internship and fellowship opportunities available to Political Science students.

The Legal Studies curriculum introduces students to basic legal principles in the areas of torts, civil and criminal procedures, and constitutional law. Students will graduate with base level knowledge that will be used in an accredited law school program or a career in the legal field.

College of Liberal Arts

COURSE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

General Education Core	GEC	**General Education Core (GEC)** courses are courses that every student must take in order to obtain a degree from Jackson State University. GEC courses are essential to every undergraduate degree at Jackson State University. Collectively, there are 30 credit hours of GEC course requirements.
General Education Pathway	PATH	**General Education Pathway (PATH)** courses are courses that are connected through interdisciplinary themes and are selected at the student's discretion to fulfill the general education curriculum. Through experiential learning and reflective writing, students will have the opportunity to integrate knowledge across courses, develop their skills and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility. Students select nine (9) hours from the pathway of choice. Each pathway concludes with a related one (1) credit hour a University Required (UR) course.
University Required	UR	**University Required (UR)** courses are courses that are specific to Jackson State University and are designed to integrate students within the Jackson State University community by promoting student success resources, strategies and high impact practices.
Degree Program Requirement	DPR	**Degree Program Required (DPR)** courses are courses that are required for completion of a degree program within the specified major.
Electives	DPE or GEL	**Electives** are courses selected at a student's discretion and provide opportunities for students to pursue their academic interests. There are two types of electives. **Degree Program Elective (DPE)** courses are elective courses that are partially restricted such that students select courses from a specified group of identified courses (e.g., departmental elective courses) to fulfill a particular requirement. **General Elective (GEL)** courses are courses that may be selected from any program for which the student has fulfilled the proper prerequisites.
Professional Concentrations	PC	**Professional Concentration (PC)** courses complement Degree Program Required courses and allow students to have a concentrated area of study within the major.

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
CONCENTRATION: LEGAL STUDIES

FRESHMAN YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
UNIV 100	University Success	2	UR		
ENG 104	Composition I	3	GEC		
HIST 201	U.S. History I	3	GEC		
PS 134	Introduction to Political Science	3	DPR		
	Mathematics Option	3	GEC		
	Social & Behavioral Sciences Option	3	GEC		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		17	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

FRESHMAN YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
ENG 105	Composition II	3	GEC		
HIST 202	U.S. History II	3	GEC		
PS 135	American Government	3	DPR		
	Natural Sciences Option	3	GEC		
	Pathway Option	3	PATH		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

SOPHOMORE YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
PS 136	State and Local Government	3	DPR		
PS 238	Comparative Politics	3	DPR		
	Social & Behavioral Sciences Option	3	GEC		
	Humanities & Fine Arts Option	3	GEC		
	Pathway Option	3	PATH		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

SOPHOMORE YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
UNIV 200	Civic Engagement	1	UR		
GEOG 105	Cultural Geography	3	DPR		
	Speech Option	3	DPR		
	Natural Sciences Option	3	GEC		
	General Elective	3	GEL		
	Pathway Option	3	PATH		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		16	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

JUNIOR YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
ECO 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	DPR		Fall Only
PS 236	Political Statistics	3	DPR		
PS 320	Legal Research & Writing	3	DPR		
PS 347	Judicial Politics	3	DPR		
PS 432	Introduction to Law I	3	DPR		
	Philosophy Option	3	DPR		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

JUNIOR YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
ECO 212	Principles of Microeconomics	3	DPR		
PS 341	African American Politics	3	DPR		
PS 343	Political Philosophy	3	DPR		Spring Only
PS 446	Scope & Methods	3	DPR		
	General Elective	3	GEL		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

SENIOR YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
PS 423	Constitutional Law I	3	DPR		
PS 447	Senior Research Seminar	3	DPR		
PS 473	Legislative Politics	3	DPR		
PS 484	Intergovernmental Relations	3	DPR		
	General Elective	3	GEL		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

SENIOR YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE TYPE	GRADE	SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE
PS 450	Urban Politics	3	DPR		
	Legal Studies Elective	3	DPE		
	General Elective	3	GEL		
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	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TERM GPA:		

Comments:

TOTAL HOURS: 123 REQUIRED

Candidates that transfer 12 or more hours of college credit are exempt from UNIV 100: University Success; however, the student must take 2 hours of general electives to replace UNIV 100.

Student Signature: _____   Advisor Signature: _____