

# **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE-** *Paralegal 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 curriculum in Paralegal Studies prepares students to work with attorneys to support them by performing tasks such as legal research, preparing and writing reports and legal documents, organizing documents, and meeting with clients.

Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

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## COURSE TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

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| General Education Core      | GEC        | <b>General Education Core (GEC)</b> 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       | <b>General Education Pathway (PATH)</b> 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         | <b>University Required (UR)</b> 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        | <b>Degree Program Required (DPR)</b> courses are courses that are required for completion of a degree program within the specified major.  |
| Electives                   | DPE or GEL | <b>Electives</b> are courses selected at a student's discretion and provide opportunities for students to pursue their academic interests. There are two types of electives. <b>Degree Program Elective (DPE)</b> 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. <b>General Elective (GEL)</b> courses are courses that may be selected from any program for which the student has fulfilled the proper prerequisites. |
| Professional Concentrations | PC         | <b>Professional Concentration (PC)</b> courses complement Degree Program Required courses and allow students to have a concentrated area of study within the major.  |

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

J-Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entering Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_

**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         |       |                     |
|          | Natural Science Option            | 3            | GEC         |       |                     |
|          | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS                | 17           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |

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**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         |       |                     |
|          | Social & Behavioral Science Option | 3            | GEC         |       |                     |
|          | Pathway Option                     | 3            | PATH        |       |                     |
|          | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS                 | 15           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |

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**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         |       |                     |
|        | Natural Sciences Option             | 3            | GEC         |       |                     |
|        | Pathway Option                      | 3            | PATH        |       |                     |
|        | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS                  | 15           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |

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**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         |       |                     |
|          | Humanities & Fine Arts Option | 3            | GEC         |       |                     |
|          | General Elective              | 3            | GEL         |       |                     |
|          | Pathway Option                | 3            | PATH        |       |                     |
|          | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS            | 16           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |

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| JUNIOR YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER |                              |              |             |       |                     |
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| COURSE                        | COURSE TITLE                 | CREDIT HOURS | COURSE TYPE | GRADE | SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE |
| ECO 211                       | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| 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         |       |                     |
|                               | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS           | 15           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |
| Comments:                     |                              |              |             |       |                     |

  

| JUNIOR YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER |   |              |             |       |                     |
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| 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         |       |                     |
| PS 446                          | Scope & Methods                                     | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 490                          | Computer-Assisted Research in the Legal Environment | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 492                          | Trial Preparation                                   | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
|                                 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS                                  | 18           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |
| Comments:                       |   |              |             |       |                     |

  

| SENIOR YEAR FALL 1ST SEMESTER |                                    |              |             |       |                     |
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| COURSE                        | COURSE TITLE                       | CREDIT HOURS | COURSE TYPE | GRADE | SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE |
| PS 351                        | The American Presidency            | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 447                        | Senior Research Seminar            | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 484                        | Intergovernmental Relations        | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 491                        | Law Office Management & Technology | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
|                               | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS                 | 12           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |
| Comments:                     |                                    |              |             |       |                     |

  

| SENIOR YEAR SPRING 2ND SEMESTER |                              |              |             |       |                     |
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| COURSE                          | COURSE TITLE                 | CREDIT HOURS | COURSE TYPE | GRADE | SUCCESS MARKER/NOTE |
| PS 450                          | Urban Politics               | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 493                          | eDiscovery for Paralegals    | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
| PS 494                          | Paralegal Studies Internship | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
|                                 | Philosophy Option            | 3            | DPR         |       |                     |
|                                 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS           | 12           | TERM GPA:   |       |                     |
| Comments:                       |                              |              |             |       |                     |

TOTAL HOURS: 120 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: \_\_\_\_\_