

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

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.

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:		

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		
	Social & Behavioral Science 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		
	Natural Sciences 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		
	Humanities & Fine Arts 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		
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					
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					
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					
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: _____