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Plan includes minimum 42 general education  credit hours with MOTR CORE 42 completion, and minimum 62 total credit hours required for Associate of Arts (A.A.) transfer degree.

ACADEMIC PLAN			NOTES
Fall 1st Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 1
 ENG101 English Composition I		3	
 MTH134 College Algebra		3	
 PSC102 U.S. and Missouri Governments and Constitutions		3	
Elective COL101 Introduction to College		1	
 PHYxxx Physical Science Course		3-5	
 Humanities Course		3	
Total Credit Hours		16-18	
Spring 1st Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 2
 ENG102 English Composition II		3	
Elective CIS125 Computer Literacy Requirement		3	
 COM110 Public Speaking		3	
 BIOxxx Biological Sciences		3-5	
Elective PSC103 Current Political Issues		3	
 GEO103 World Regional Geography		3	
Total Credit Hours		18-20	
Fall 2nd Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 3
 HST103 U.S. History I to Reconstruction		3	
 SPN101 Beginning Spanish		5	
Elective CRJ112 Criminal Law		3	
Elective Elective Course		3	
Total Credit Hours		14	
Spring 2nd Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 4
 SPN102 Intermediate Spanish		5	
 PSC155 International Relations		3	
Elective MTH168 Probability and Statistics		3	
Elective Elective Course		1-3	
Total Credit Hours		12-15	

Program Description:

Political Science is the study of governments and political behavior. It is a discipline that uses lessons from the past, including history and philosophy, but also uses contemporary scientific approaches to study current political activities. The main objective of political science is to discover the major influences that shape our world.

Admission Requirements: Admission to the college and reading requirement.

Department Faculty Advisors: Dedric Todd Lee, MA

Division Chair: Dr. Sandy Frey

Employment Outlook/Median Salary*:

The Department of Political Science does not offer an associate’s degree in political science because political scientists are required to have a Master’s or higher degree. However, Jefferson College Political Science coursework provides the foundation for students who wish to pursue the baccalaureate or master’s degree in Political Science or Pre-Law. There will be a demand for more political scientists over the next ten years. Furthermore, there is growing interest in public policy and political issues. There will be jobs for people with extensive knowledge of political systems, institutions and policies.

Career	Degree Level Required	** Growth	Median Annual Salary 2012
Political Scientist	Master’s	21%	\$102,000

**Employment information based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.*

***Projected % of change in employment 2012-2022; the average for all occupations is 11%.*

Jefferson College Program Highlights:

Well qualified faculty members challenge students to think systematically about national and international politics. Students are exposed to a wide variety of political viewpoints and teaching methods. Students have the opportunity to participate in local, county or nonprofit internship programs and have the opportunity to work as an election judge in Jefferson County. Convenient courses are offered at both locations and online. Finally, students have the chance to participate in the Model United Nations Program (subject to sufficient enrollment).

Transfer Information:

Southeast Missouri State University
 Missouri Baptist University
 University of Missouri-St. Louis