

The Academic Plan is a semester-by-semester plan for the full-time college-ready student. This guide is based on the 2014-15 General Catalog. The time it takes to earn a degree varies on several factors such as remediation, transfer credits, dual enrollment, and summer enrollment. Students are strongly advised to meet with an advisor each semester. Part-time students should work with an advisor to customize the map to fit individual needs.

ACADEMIC PLAN			NOTES
Fall 1st Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 1
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	
MTH 134	College Algebra	3	
PSC 102	US and Missouri Government	3	
COL 101	Introduction to College	1	
PHY	Physical Science Course	3-5	
HUM	Humanities Course	3	
Total Hours		16-18	

Spring 1st Year			Semester 2
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	
CIS 122	Basic Computer Skills	1	
SPD 175	Public Speaking	3	
BIO	Biological Sciences	3-5	
PSC 103	Current Political Issues	3	
GEO 103	World and Regional Geography	3	
Total Hours		16-18	

Fall 2nd Year			Semester 3
HST 103	American History	3	
HUM	Humanities Course	3	
SPN 101	Beginning Spanish	5	
CRJ 112	Criminal Law	3	
Elective	Elective Course	1-3	
Total Hours		15-17	

Spring 2nd Year			Semester 4
SPN 102	Intermediate Spanish	5	
PSC 155	International Relations	3	
HUM	Humanities Course	3	
MTH 168	Statistics and Probability	3	
Elective	Elective Course	1-3	
Total Hours		15-17	

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