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# OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Courses are sequenced to provide guidance and to help ensure that prerequisite requirements are met.

OTC Associate of Arts to

**MSU Bachelor of Science in Political Science**

Catalog Year: 2020-2021

The following is a guide to graduation with completion of OTC's Associate of Arts and MSU's Bachelor of Science in Political Science degree.

The B.S. in Political Science may be completed on campus only.

### OTC Year 1 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
<b>Institutional Requirement</b>	OTC 101	Navigating College	2	GEN 000		
<b>Written Communications</b> 6 credit hours	<b>Choose one:</b> ENG 100 ENG 101	Composition I with Support Composition I	3-5	ENG 110	✓	
<b>Mathematical Sciences</b> 3 credit hours	<b>Choose one:</b> MTH 128    MTH 130    MTH 131    MTH 140    MTH 210    MTH 230    MTH 241 MTH 128S   MTH 130S    MTH 138    MTH 141    MTH 215    MTH 240		3-5	Varies	✓	
<b>Social/Behavioral Sciences</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	<b>Choose one:</b> ANT 101    COM 150    ECO 270    GRY 101    HST 106    HST 130    PLS 201    PSY 130    SOC 210 ANT 220    CRM 210    ECO 275    HST 105    HST 120    PLS 101    PSY 110    SOC 101		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	<b>Choose one:</b> ART 100    ASL 101    ENG 260    ENG 350    GRM 101    MUS 106    PHL 105    SPN 101 ART 101    ASL 102    ENG 265    ENG 351    GRM 102    MUS 110    REL 100    SPN 102 ART 105    CHN 101    ENG 340    FRN 101    MUS 101    MUS 235*▲    REL 101    THR 101 ART 120▲    ENG 180    ENG 341    FRN 102    MUS 105    PHL 101    REL 102		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Semester 1 Total</b>			<b>14-18</b>			

### OTC Year 1 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	<b>Choose one:</b> ART 100    ASL 101    ENG 260    ENG 350    GRM 101    MUS 106    PHL 105    SPN 101 ART 101    ASL 102    ENG 265    ENG 351    GRM 102    MUS 110    REL 100    SPN 102 ART 105    CHN 101    ENG 340    FRN 101    MUS 101    MUS 235*▲    REL 101    THR 101 ART 120▲    ENG 180    ENG 341    FRN 102    MUS 105    PHL 101    REL 102		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	<a href="#">Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU.</a>		3	Varies		✓
<b>Social/Behavioral Sciences</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	PLS 101	American Government and Politics	3	PLS 101	✓	✓
<b>Oral Communications</b> 3 credit hours	<b>Choose one:</b> COM 100    COM 105    COM 200		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Natural Sciences</b> 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)	<b>Choose one:</b> BCS 115    BCS 165    BIO 100    BIO 135    BIO 160    CHM 160    PHY 105    PHY 115    PHY 220 BCS 132    BCS 210    BIO 105    BIO 142    CHM 101    CHM 161    PHY 110    PHY 120		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Semester 2 Total</b>			<b>15</b>			

### OTC Year 2 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
<b>Written Communications</b> 6 credit hours	<b>Choose one:</b> ENG 102    ENG 150	Composition II Technical Writing	3	ENG 210 ENG 221	✓	
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	<b>Choose one:</b> ART 100    ASL 101    ENG 260    ENG 350    GRM 101    MUS 106    PHL 105    SPN 101 ART 101    ASL 102    ENG 265    ENG 351    GRM 102    MUS 110    REL 100    SPN 102 ART 105    CHN 101    ENG 340    FRN 101    MUS 101    MUS 235*▲    REL 101    THR 101 ART 120▲    ENG 180    ENG 341    FRN 102    MUS 105    PHL 101    REL 102		3	Varies	✓	
<b>Natural Sciences</b> 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)	<b>Choose one:</b> BCS 115    BCS 165    BIO 100    BIO 135    BIO 160    CHM 160    PHY 105    PHY 115    PHY 220 BCS 132    BCS 210    BIO 105    BIO 142    CHM 101    CHM 161    PHY 110    PHY 120		4	Varies	✓	
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	<a href="#">Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU.</a>		3	Varies		✓
<b>Social/Behavioral Sciences</b> 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)	PLS 201	International Relations	3	PLS 232	✓	✓
<b>Semester 3 Total</b>			<b>16</b>			

### OTC Year 2 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	OTC COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	PLS 250	The Politics of the Environment	3	PLS 555		✓
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	<a href="#">Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU.</a>		3	Varies		
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	PLS 103	Introduction to American Public Policy	3	PLS 102		✓
<b>Institutional Elective</b> 18 hours required for A.A. degree	CRM 260	Criminal Law and the Courts	3	CRM 260		✓
<b>Core Elective</b> 5 hours required for Core 42	Choose MOTR coded course(s) of your choice with the assistance of an advisor.		5	Varies	✓	
<b>Semester 4 Total</b>			<b>17</b>			
<b>Total Hours at OTC</b>			<b>62-66</b>	<i>Total Hours Applied Toward MSU Major Requirements:</i>		<b>21</b>

\* One credit hour course

▲ May choose only one, falls under MOTR code 'PERF'

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**MSU Year 3 Semester 1**

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS				
Major Requirement	PLS 169	Introduction to Political Science	3				
Major Requirement	PLS 255	Public Administration	3				
Minor Requirement	<b>Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement.</b>		3				
Major Requirement	<b>Choose one:</b> PLS 316	PLS 317	PLS 413	PLS 414	3		
Major Elective <i>(Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)</i>	<b>Choose one: ▲</b>				3		
	American Government and Politics:	International Politics:	Comparative Governments and Politics:	Public Administration:		Political Theory:	Public Law:
	PLS 316	PLS 301	PLS 319	PLS 315		PLS 561	PLS 419
	PLS 317	PLS 333	PLS 338	PLS 351		PLS 563	PLS 515
	PLS 319	PLS 437	PLS 439	PLS 343	PLS 355	PLS 517	
		PLS 535	PLS 443	PLS 498	PLS 565	PLS 520	
		PLS 547	PLS 544	PLS 573	PLS 567		
			<b>Semester 1 Total</b>	<b>15</b>			

**MSU Year 3 Semester 2**

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS			
Major Requirement	<b>Choose one:</b> PLS 330 PHI 330	Introduction to Political Theory	3			
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3			
Major Elective <i>(Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)</i>	<b>Choose one: ▲</b>				3	
	American Government and Politics:	International Politics:	Comparative Governments and Politics:	Political Theory:		
	PLS 316	PLS 301	PLS 319	PLS 545		
	PLS 317	PLS 333	PLS 338	PLS 546		
	PLS 319	PLS 437	PLS 535	PLS 343	PLS 548	
		PLS 547	PLS 443	PLS 550	PLS 561	PLS 563
			PLS 544	PLS 567	PLS 565	PLS 567
Major Requirement	PLS 205	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3			
Major Requirement	<b>Choose one:</b> PLS 515 PLS 517 PLS 520	Constitutional Law I: Powers and Constraints Constitutional Law II: Liberties and Rights The U.S. Constitution and Equality	3			
			<b>Semester 2 Total</b>	<b>15</b>		

**MSU Year 4 Semester 3**

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS			
Major Requirement	PLS 576	Quantitative Methods	3			
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3			
Major Elective <i>(Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)</i>	<b>Choose one: ▲</b>				3	
	American Government and Politics:	International Politics:	Comparative Governments and Politics:	Political Theory:		
	PLS 316	PLS 301	PLS 319	PLS 545		
	PLS 317	PLS 333	PLS 338	PLS 546		
	PLS 319	PLS 437	PLS 535	PLS 343	PLS 548	
		PLS 547	PLS 443	PLS 550	PLS 561	PLS 563
			PLS 544	PLS 567	PLS 565	PLS 567
Minor Requirement	<b>Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement.</b>		3			
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3			
			<b>Semester 3 Total</b>	<b>15</b>		

**MSU Year 4 Semester 4**

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3	
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3	
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3	
Major Requirement	PLS 492	Program Assessment	0	
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		1	
Minor Requirement	<b>Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement.</b>		3	
			<b>Semester 4 Total</b>	<b>13</b>
			<b>Total Hours at MSU</b>	<b>58</b>
			<b>Total Hours Overall</b>	<b>120-124</b>

\*\* Electives provide the opportunity to customize your degree program. Some elective credits may or may not be needed to bring total credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours and upper division hours (300+) to 40.

▲ These courses cannot count toward both the 24 hour core requirement and the Capstone requirement.

This degree is also available as a Bachelor of Arts (BA).  
[Click here to access the Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements](#)  
**Please consult an MSU transfer advisor to determine your best degree options.**

**This information is provided as a guide only.**

- OTC students are strongly encouraged to meet with their major specific MSU transfer advisor early in their OTC education to discuss the most appropriate OTC coursework for their intended MSU major, MSU degree requirements, etc.
- Students are required to fulfill MSU graduation and GPA requirements to receive a degree and should consult with their MSU advisor and the MSU undergraduate catalog for details, as there may exist pre-requisite requirements as well as periodicity limitations that could affect scheduling sequences.
- Please note that transfer students from Missouri public colleges and universities may follow the general education and general baccalaureate degree requirements in effect at Missouri State when they first enrolled (or re-enrolled after an absence of one calendar year or more) as degree-seeking students at the institutions from which they transferred (e.g., OTC).