# Ozarks Technical Community College

OTC Associate of Arts in General Studies to MSU Bachelor of Science in Political Science

The following is a guide to graduation with completion of OTC's Associate of Arts in General Studies and MSU's Bachelor of Science in Political Science degree. The B.S. in Political Science may be completed on campus only. This is a non-comprehensive major meaning it requires a minor or second major. Courses are sequenced to provide guidance and to help ensure that prerequisite requirements are met. Catalog Year: 2022-2023. Date Modified: 6.23.22

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### OTC Year 1 Semester 1

Institutional Requirement

* OTC Course ID/Title: OTC 101 Navigating College
* Credit Hours: 2
* MSU Equivalent: GEP 101
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Written Communications - 6 credit hours

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ENG 100 Composition I with support, ENG 101 Composition
* Credit Hours: 3-5
* MSU Equivalent: ENG 110
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Mathematical Sciences - 3 credit hours

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: MTH 128, MTH 130, MTH 131, MTH 140, MTH 210, MTH 215, MTH 240, MTH 128S, MTH 130S, MTH 138, MTH 141, MTH 214, MTH 230, MTH 241  
  or any MTH course with a Core 42 approved prerequisite
* Credit Hours: 3-5
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Social/Behavioral Sciences - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ANT 101, ANT 220, COM 150, CRM 210, ECO 270, ECO 275, GRY 101, HST 105, HST 106, HST 120, HST 130, PLS 101, PLS 201, PSY 110, PSY 130, SOC 101, SOC 210
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Humanities and Fine Arts - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ART 100, ASL 101, ENG 240, ENG 270, GRM 101, MUS 105, PHL 101, REL 102, ART 101, ASL 102, ENG 241, ENG 271, GRM 102, MUS 106, PHL 105, SPN 101, ART 105, CHN 101,  
  ENG 260, FRN 101, HUM 101, MUS 110, REL 100, SPN 102, ART 120▲, ENG 180, ENG 265, FRN 102, MUS 101, MUS 235\*▲, REL 101, THR 101
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* NSY Major Requirement: No

Semester 1 Total = 14-18 credit hours

### OTC Year 1 Semester 2

Humanities and Fine Arts - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ART 100, ASL 101, ENG 240, ENG 270, GRM 101, MUS 105, PHL 101, REL 102, ART 101, ASL 102, ENG 241, ENG 271, GRM 102, MUS 106, PHL 105, SPN 101, ART 105, CHN 101,  
  ENG 260, FRN 101, HUM 101, MUS 110, REL 100, SPN 102, ART 120▲, ENG 180, ENG 265, FRN 102, MUS 101, MUS 235\*▲, REL 101, THR 101
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* NSY Major Requirement: No

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Social/Behavioral Sciences - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: PLS 101 American Government and Politics
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: PLS 101
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: Yes

Oral Communications - 3 credit hours

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: COM 100, COM 105, COM 200
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Natural Sciences - 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: BCS 115, BCS 132, BCS 165, BCS 210, BIO 100, BIO 105, BIO 135, BIO 142, BIO 160, CHM 101, CHM 160, PHY 105, PHY 110, PHY 115, PHY 120, PHY 220
* Credit Hours: 3-5
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Semester 2 Total = 15-17 credit hours

### OTC Year 2 Semester 3

Written Communications - 6 credit hours

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ENG 102 Composition II, ENG 150 Technical Writing
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: ENG 210, 221
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Humanities and Fine Arts - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: ART 100, ASL 101, ENG 240, ENG 270, GRM 101, MUS 105, PHL 101, REL 102, ART 101, ASL 102, ENG 241, ENG 271, GRM 102, MUS 106, PHL 105, SPN 101, ART 105, CHN 101,  
  ENG 260, FRN 101, HUM 101, MUS 110, REL 100, SPN 102, ART 120▲, ENG 180, ENG 265, FRN 102, MUS 101, MUS 235\*▲, REL 101, THR 101
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* NSY Major Requirement: No

Natural Sciences - Lab Requirement - 7 credit hours

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: BSC 115, BSC 165, BIO 100, BIO 105, BIO 160, CHM 101, CHM 160❑, PHY 105, PHY 110, PHY 115, PHY 120, PHY 220
* Credit Hours: 4-5
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Social/Behavioral Sciences - 9 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines)

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose one: PLS 201 International Relations
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: PLS 232
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: Yes

Semester 3 Total = 16-17 credit hours

### OTC Year 2 Semester 4

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: PLS 250 The Politics of the Environment
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: PLS 555
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: Yes

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement at MSU](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: PLS 103 Introduction to American Public Policy
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: PLS 102
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: Yes

Institutional Elective - 18 hours required for A.A. degree

* OTC Course ID/Title: CRM 260 Criminal Law and the Courts
* Credit Hours: 3
* MSU Equivalent: CRM 260
* Meets Core 42: No
* MSU Major Requirement: Yes

Core Elective – 5 hours required for Core 42

* OTC Course ID/Title: Choose MOTR coded course(s) of your choice with the assistance of an advisor.
* Credit Hours: 5
* MSU Equivalent: Varies
* Meets Core 42: Yes
* MSU Major Requirement: No

Semester 4 Total = 17  
Total Hours at OTC = 62-69  
Total Hours Applied Toward MSU Major Requirements: 15

❑ Must be taken with CHM 161 to count as a lab course. In order to fulfil the Core 42 Natural Science requirement, students must complete at least one lab course.

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

\* One credit hour course

# Missouri State University

MSU Bachelor of Science in Political Science after OTC Associate of Arts

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### MSU Year 3 Semester 1

Major Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: PLS 255 Public Administration
* Credit hours: 3

Minor Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit hours: 3

Major Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: PLS 316, PLS 317, PLS 413, PLS 414
* Credit hours: 3

Major Elective (Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: American Government and Politics: PSL 316, PLS 317, PLS 413, PLS 414; International Programs: PLS 301, PLS 333, PLS 437, PLS 439, PLS 535, PLS 547; Comparative Governments and Politics: PLS 319, PLS 338, PLS 343, PLS 443, PLS 544; Public Administration: PLS 315, PLS 351, PLS 355, PLS 498, PLS 573; Political Theory: PLS 561, PLS 563, PLS 565, PLS 567; Public Law: PSL 419, PLS 515, PLS 517, PLS 520
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

Semester 1 Total: 15 Credit Hours

### MSU Year 3 Semester 2

Major Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: PLS 330 Introduction to Political Theory, PHI 330 Introduction to Political Theory
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

Major Elective (Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: American Government and Politics: PSL 316, PLS 317; International Politics: PLS 301, PLS 333, PLS 437, PLS 439, PLS 535, PLS 547; Comparative Governments and Politics: PLS 319, PLS 338, PLS 343, PLS 443, PLS 544; PLS 545, PLS 546, PLS 548, PLS 550; Political Theory: PLS 561, PLS 563, PLS 565, PLS 567
* Credit hours: 3

Philosophy Elective

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose any Philosophy course.
* Credit hours: 3

Major Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: PLS 205 Introduction to Comparative Politics
* Credit hours: 3

Major Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: PLS 515 Constitutional Law I: Powers and Constraints, PLS 517 Constitutional Law II: Liberties and Rights, PLS 520 The U.S. Constitution and Equality
* Credit hours: 3

Semester 2 Total: 15 Credit Hours

### MSU Year 4 Semester 3

Major Requirement – Applied Ethics

* MSU Course ID/Title: PLS 576 Quantitative Methods
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

Major Elective (Complete 15 hours of electives from at least three subfields)

* MSU Course ID/Title: Choose one: American Government and Politics: PSL 316, PLS 317; International Politics: PLS 301, PLS 333, PLS 437, PLS 439, PLS 535, PLS 547; Comparative Governments and Politics: PLS 319, PLS 338, PLS 343, PLS 443, PLS 544; PLS 545, PLS 546, PLS 548, PLS 550; Political Theory: PLS 561, PLS 563, PLS 565, PLS 567
* Credit hours: 3

Minor Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

Semester 3 Total: 15 Credit Hours

### MSU Year 4 Semester 4

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 3

General Elective \*\*

* MSU Course ID/Title: Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.
* Credit hours: 4

Minor Requirement

* MSU Course ID/Title: [Choose one course that will fulfill chosen minor requirement](https://www.missouristate.edu/Academics/Search?selected=&programType=2&department=&cardsStartIndex=).
* Credit hours: 3

Major Requirement – Public Affairs Capstone Experience

* MSU Course ID/Title: PLS 492 Program Assessment
* Credit hours: 0

Semester 4 Total: 13 Credit Hours  
Total Hours at MSU: 58  
Total Hours Overall: 120-127

\*\* 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](https://www.missouristate.edu/registrar/catalog/BArequirements.htm)

Please consult with 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).