

Stephens College

Talking Points

- **Unique Block Schedule:**

At Stephens, we do things a little differently with our Block Schedule. Instead of juggling multiple classes at once, you'll focus on one immersive course at a time. It meets every day for 3.5 weeks — typically 9 a.m. to noon, for a total of 18 days. We call those sessions “blocks,” and you'll take four of them every semester. One class, one topic, one immersive learning experience at a time. And you learn just as much (and earn as many credits) as you would over the course of a regular semester.

Your professors teach one class at a time. That means they focus all their energy and attention on creating the most immersive and active learning experiences they (and you) can imagine. Our small class sizes have always been a big Stephens advantage. With the Block you can do even deeper dives: getting better feedback, collaborating in richer ways, and pursuing big questions that emerge. When you're in a group that's “in the zone,” you don't just learn more: You gain clarity about who you are and where you're going.

The Block can take you anywhere. Use a Block to take a study tour in Italy or climb glaciers in Iceland. Maybe you'll do an internship in New York, or head to South Carolina for a full block of field research. Because now you have the flexibility and the freedom (and we offer grants that can make it affordable!)

- **Experiential Learning:**

From your very first week, you won't just be sitting in a classroom—you'll be actively involved in real-world experiences. Whether it's working with children in our on-campus school, gaining practical skills in healthcare, or producing media in a film studio, we believe in learning by doing. This way, you'll discover your true passions early on and be better prepared for your future.

- **Empowering Students:**

At Stephens, we believe every woman is a true original, with an inventive, empathic spirit to share with the world. The attentiveness and focus our students find here isn't about coddling them or sheltering them from the world—it's about cultivating their confidence, bravery, and voice. When you're surrounded by this much support, opportunity, and exhilarating intensity you want to be someone who's driven to create it for others.

- **The Stephens Promise:**

We know affordability is a major concern for many families, and that's why we created the Stephens Promise. If your family's adjusted gross income is \$75,000 or less, and you meet our academic requirements, we'll put together a financial aid package that covers your tuition and fees without any loans. You can focus on your education without worrying about student debt.

- **Stars Network Alumni Support:**

Our alumni network is over 30,000 strong, and they eager to share their success stories and wisdom with you. They mentor, host job shadowing opportunities, and help with internships. Many of them even hire Stephens graduates. Being part of the Stephens family means being here for each other—because we all shine brighter when we shine together.

- **Not your typical small college location:**

Our safe, park-like campus—the pet-friendliest campus on the planet—is just a two-minute walk to the heart of a great, 24/7 college town. Columbia, Missouri—CoMo for short—has been called a “mini-metropolis” because it's got everything—from places to hang out to major employers who connect our students to opportunities in health care, arts and culture, research, education, and more.

- **Inclusive Environment:**

We believe in creating a space where everyone can thrive. Stephens is a place where individuality is celebrated, and students from all backgrounds can get involved in hands-on learning experiences. We want you to feel empowered to be yourself and supported every step of the way as you work toward your goals.