

Program Assessment Plan

Department Name: Political Science

Major: BA POLITICAL SCIENCE

Student Learning Goals:

1.	Identify and analyze basic structures and functions of government at the national, state, and local levels.
2.	Identify and analyze classic and contemporary political theories.
3.	Identify and analyze international relations theories of power, war, and peace.
4.	Utilize commonly-used statistical procedures to analyze Political Science datasets.
5.	Apply social science research methodology to research a significant research question in Political Science.
6.	Identify and analyze concepts and events in one of the following areas: American Government and Public Policy, International Relations, or Public Law-Political Philosophy.

Assessment Plan:

Assessment Measure:	Goals Addressed: (list by number)	How is the information used?
Completion of POLS 398 Advanced Political Science Methods course project (achieve at least a grade of C)	1-6	Political Science majors are required to complete this course. A sample of course projects will be reviewed by the Department. Findings will be discussed in a faculty meeting to determine strengths and weaknesses in student learning and necessary changes to curriculum.
Collection of information about student achievements: student awards, Political Science internships served, community-based activities of Political Science student organizations	1-6	Department will discuss collection of information at a faculty meeting, especially in how it promotes student application of Political Science concepts, and will adjust curriculum to encourage student achievements.
Alumni Survey	1-6	Alumni survey will benchmark the success that the department has in preparing students for work in political science-related fields, as well as meeting expectations for the political science major. Faculty will discuss the results of the survey at a meeting and will adjust the curriculum to maintain a high level of success.

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