

Program Learning Outcomes

I= Introduced
 R= Reinforced
 M= Mastered

Program Name: Political Science

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Program Learning Outcomes Knowledge, skill, or behavior students can demonstrate upon program completion		Courses Mapped to Outcomes									
		POL 100, 151 Intro	POL 242 Research Methods	POL 391, 392 Internships	POL 496 DC Semester Program	POL 295, 350, 397 Simulations	POL 212, 221, 235, 237, 274, 332 339 upper level domestic	POL 201, 262, 303, 304, 305 upper level comparative	POL 251, 351, 352, 378 upper level international relations	POL 301, 341, 32, 343, 346 upper level theory	POL 494 Capstone
1	Demonstrate understanding of core concepts and theories of the discipline and its sub-fields	I	R			R	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R
2	Propose and execute theoretically-driven research projects using both quantitative and qualitative methods of research		I			R	I/R	I/R	I/R	I/R	M
3	Think critically about the content of the discipline as well as integrating content/theoretical learning and applied experiences.	I	I/R	R	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	M
4	Consider how a Christian worldview shapes their understanding of the discipline in its theoretical and applied forms	I		R	R/M	R	I	I/R	I/R	I/R	
5	Articulate the meaning of engaged, responsible and informed citizenship across local, state, national and global contexts	I		R	R		I			R/M	R

6	Explore professional and career vocational opportunities in politics, government, civil society and industry			R/M	M	R/M					R
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Program Learning Outcomes: Assessment Tools

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<p>Program Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Knowledge, skill, or behavior students can demonstrate upon program completion</p>	<p>Measurement Tool</p>	<p>Timeline/Frequency of Assessment</p>	<p>Target</p>	<p>Review</p>
<p>1 Demonstrate understanding of core concepts and theories of the discipline and its sub-fields</p>	<p>The ETS major field test in political science administered to graduating seniors</p>	<p>The test is taken by every student within the context of their senior capstone course</p>	<p>Total score mean will be at or above 70%ile nationally</p> <p>Score mean in political science sub-fields will be at or above 70%ile nationally</p>	<p>Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting</p> <p>The assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023 with a review of results from the past two years</p>
<p>2 Propose and execute theoretically-driven research projects using both quantitative and qualitative methods of research</p>	<p>Capstone projects</p>	<p>Capstone projects will be evaluated against the rubric every year with results reviewed every three years</p>	<p>80% of evaluations should be at an average of 3 or higher on the rubric</p>	<p>Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting</p> <p>Data collection for the assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023, with review beginning in the fall of 2025</p>
<p>3 Think critically about the content of the discipline as well as integrating content/theoretical learning and applied experiences.</p>	<p>Capstone projects/presentations</p>	<p>Capstone projects/presentations will be evaluated against the rubric every year with results reviewed every three years</p>	<p>80% of evaluations should be at an average of 3 or higher on the rubric</p>	<p>Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting</p> <p>Data collection for the assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023, with review beginning in the fall of 2025</p>
<p>4 Consider how a Christian worldview shapes their understanding of the discipline in its theoretical and applied forms</p>	<p>Written reflection as part of the internship experience that reflects a mature understanding of citizenship</p>	<p>Written reflection is included in the final journal entry at the conclusion of the internship</p>	<p>Qualitative review</p>	<p>Results reviewed annually by the internship director and a summary presented to the department</p>

5	Articulate the meaning of engaged, responsible and informed citizenship across local, state, national and global contexts	This outcome is a departmental goal that can be found throughout the political science program, and is embedded in other learning outcomes			This outcome will be discussed in the annual assessment meeting
6	Explore professional and career vocational opportunities in politics, government, civil society and industry	POL 391/392 placement supervisor evaluation ratings of students Completion of 6 months out survey questions specific to political science	Evaluations will be done at the completion of the student internship Review will be done when the results of the survey are made available by the Frost Center	80% of students will meet or exceed expectations (scores of 3, 4 or 5) Qualitative feedback on the experience of the political science major	The internship director will share results with the department annually at a fall departmental meeting The survey results will be reviewed every two years in a departmental assessment meeting beginning in the fall of 2022.