

Program Learning Outcomes

I= Introduced
R= Reinforced
M= Mastered

Program Name: Political Science

Date: 3/7/2022

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 knowledge and understanding of the core concepts and theories that inform the study of politics and political science across the sub-fields of the discipline	I	R			R	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R
2	Demonstrate proficiency in knowing and utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods of research and analysis in political science		I			R	I/R	I/R	I/R	I/R	M
3	Think critically, research effectively, and communicate clearly about politics, political ideas and public policy	I	I/R	R	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	R/M	M
4	Articulate the meaning of citizenship across local, state, national and global contexts, and model a commitment to engaged, responsible and	I		R	R/M	R	I	I/R	I/R	I/R	

	informed citizenship and civic participation										
5	Discern a mature understanding of politics and government from a Christian perspective, including how Christian faith and practice might inform one's political thought and public behavior	I		R	R		I			R/M	R
6	Attain knowledge of professional and career opportunities related to the study of politics and intentionally explore vocational paths in politics, government, civil society and elsewhere			R/M	M	R/M					R

Program Learning Outcomes: Assessment Tools

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1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core concepts and theories that inform the study of politics and political science across the sub-fields of the discipline	The ETS major field test in political science administered to graduating seniors	The test is taken by every student within the context of their senior capstone course	Total score mean will be at or above 70%ile nationally Score mean in political science sub-fields will be at or above 70%ile nationally	Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting The assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023 with a review of results from the past two years
2	Demonstrate proficiency in knowing and utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods of research and analysis in political science	Capstone projects	Capstone projects will be evaluated against the rubric every year with results reviewed every three years	80% of evaluations should be at an average of 3 or higher on the rubric	Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting Data collection for the assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023, with review beginning in the fall of 2025
3	Think critically, research effectively, and communicate clearly about politics, political ideas and public policy	Capstone projects/presentations	Capstone projects/presentations will be evaluated against the rubric every year with results reviewed every three years	80% of evaluations should be at an average of 3 or higher on the rubric	Results will be reviewed every two years by departmental faculty in an annual assessment meeting Data collection for the assessment cycle will begin 2022-2023, with review beginning in the fall of 2025
4	Articulate the meaning of citizenship across local, state, national and global contexts, and model a commitment to engaged,	Written reflection as part of the internship experience that reflects a mature understanding of citizenship	Written reflection is included in the final journal entry at the conclusion of the internship	Qualitative review	Results reviewed annually by the internship director and a summary presented to the department

	responsible and informed citizenship and civic participation				
5	Discern a mature understanding of politics and government from a Christian perspective, including how Christian faith and practice might inform one's political thought and public behavior	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	Attain knowledge of professional and career opportunities related to the study of politics and intentionally explore vocational paths in politics, government, civil society and elsewhere	<p>POL 391/392 placement supervisor evaluation ratings of students</p> <p>Completion of 6 months out survey questions specific to political science</p>	<p>Evaluations will be done at the completion of the student internship</p> <p>Review will be done when the results of the survey are made available by the Frost Center</p>	<p>80% of students will meet or exceed expectations (scores of 3, 4 or 5)</p> <p>Qualitative feedback on the experience of the political science major</p>	<p>The internship director will share results with the department annually at a fall departmental meeting</p> <p>The survey results will be reviewed every two years in a departmental assessment meeting beginning in the fall of 2022.</p>