

Academic Learning Compact

Degree Program: Political Science and Government (BS/BA) (CIP Code 45.1001)

Intended Program Student Learning Outcomes	Direct and Indirect Measures	
	Direct Method of Assessment	Indirect Method of Assessment
<p>Outcome 1: [Communication Skills] Communication Skills: Students who complete courses with communication components like class participation, class discussion, group projects will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proficiency in oral and written communication, • efficient and effective use technology and library resources to conduct and present research, • comprehension of the subject matter and the ability to convey the material to other students, • ability to engage in and contribute to classroom discussions. <p>Graduates will compare and contrast how political power is exercised in different political systems and across various historical periods and political cultures.</p>	<p><u>Direct Measure(s)</u> Course-embedded assessment</p>	<p><u>Indirect Measure(s)</u> Student Satisfaction survey</p>
<p>Outcome 2: [Critical Thinking Skills] Critical Thinking Skills: Students who complete courses with writing components like research papers, group projects and mock trial will demonstrate critical thinking and/or analytical skills. Students will demonstrate an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to develop a research question and a thesis statement, • how to conduct a literature review, • how to collect, analyze and use quantitative data, • how to construct and organize different types of essays and research papers, and • how to properly cite sources to support their arguments using APA style. 	<p><u>Direct Measure(s)</u> Research Paper/Proposal</p>	<p><u>Indirect Measure(s)</u> Student Satisfaction survey</p>
<p>Outcome 3: [Content/Discipline Knowledge and Skills] Content Area: Upon the completion POS 2041 American National Government, students will demonstrate understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the principles of American government, 	<p><u>Direct Measure(s)</u> Exam (Item Analysis)</p>	<p><u>Indirect Measure(s)</u> Student Satisfaction survey</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the origins of American government, • the founding documents and how they shaped the nature of our institutions, • the U.S. Constitution and its application, • landmark Supreme Court cases, and • landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society. 		
<p>Outcome 4: [Content/Discipline Knowledge and Skills] African American Cultural Perspectives: Students who complete courses covering African American cultural perspectives like presentations, group projects or essays on readings will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of African American cultural perspectives, • appreciation of the roles and contributions African Americans have made to the American life, culture, and history, • understanding of how the presence of African Americans has profoundly affected the nature and development of all aspects of American life and culture, and • understanding of politics, psychology, economics, sociology, history, etc., as it relates to African Americans and the African American experience. 	<p>Direct Measure(s) Research Paper/Proposal</p>	<p>Indirect Measure(s) Student Satisfaction survey</p>
<p>Outcome 5: [Content/Discipline Knowledge and Skills] Enhance international initiatives and programs: The Department of History & Political Science seeks to strengthen global activity and cultural learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize students' international and intercultural exposure. • Maximize international and intercultural exposure for faculty and staff. 	<p>Direct Measure(s) Student overseas travel Faculty overseas involvement</p>	<p>Indirect Measure(s) N/A</p>