

Political Science Graduate Program

Assessment Plan

Learning Objective 1

Understand research design and methods important to the field and use them to conduct research about significant political questions.

- ***Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 1***

At the end of each semester, the department will use:

POLS 6010 – Research Design course grades

as well as IDEA evaluation scores for POLS 6010 for assessment purposes

Learning Objective 2

Demonstrate familiarity with scholarly literature in the student's specific field of inquiry.

- ***Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 2***

For students in the American Politics and Political Theory Track:

At the end of each semester, the department will use:

POLS 6020 – Public Policy Analysis course grades

POLS 6030 – Political Theory, Political Economy and Capitalism course grades

POLS 6280 – US Institutions course grades,

as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 6020, 6030, and 6280 for assessment purposes

For Students in the International Security Track:

At the end of each semester, the department will use:

POLS 6220 – Theories of Comparative Politics course grades

POLS 6250 – Theories of International Relations course grades

POLS 6260 – Topics in International Politics course grades

as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 6220, 6250, and 6260 for assessment purposes

Learning Objective 3

Effectively apply critical thinking and analytical skills to address significant issues in the political world.

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POLS 6260 – Topics in International Politics course grades

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Learning Objective 4

Write clearly and cogently about political questions, using appropriate language in the discipline, and be able to construct organized and coherent verbal presentations on political topics.

- ***Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 4***

At the end of each semester, the department will use:

POLS 6970 – Thesis Research course pass/fail rates for assessment purposes