

Political Science Undergraduate

Assessment Plan

Learning Objective 1

To demonstrate factual knowledge about the American political system, its institutional structure, and its basic principles.

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

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

*POLS 1100 – United States Government and Politics course grades
as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 1100 for assessment purposes*

Learning Objective 2

To demonstrate understanding of theories critical to the discipline of political science and the history of ideas important to the discipline.

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

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

*POLS 2300 – Introduction to Political Theory course grades
as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 2300 for assessment purposes*

Learning Objective 3

To demonstrate basic competency in qualitative and quantitative political science research methods and analysis.

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

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

*POLS 3000 – Introduction to Political Research course grades
as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 3000 for assessment purposes*

Learning Objective 4

To differentiate political ideas and arguments relevant to the most important issues that have defined American and international politics.

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

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

*POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar course grades and grades on senior research paper
as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 4990 for assessment purposes*