College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science

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Learning Goals for the Political Science Program

Students will

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the major fields of political science: American, comparative, IR, theory, and methods.
2. Demonstrate academic and intellectual skills: critical analysis; academic writing; and oral communication.
3. Be engaged in and aware of local, national and global politics.
4. Be prepared, according to interest, for graduate programs and/or careers related to Political Science (e.g. public policy, law, political journalism, international service).

Alignment with Academic Learning Goals

Graduates will	1	2	3	4
Demonstrate an integrative knowledge of the human and natural worlds;	X		X	X
Develop habits of critical analysis and aesthetic appreciation;	X	X	X	X
Apply creative and innovative thinking;	X	X	X	X
Communicate skillfully in multiple forms of expression;		X	X	X
Act competently in a global and diverse world;	X		X	X
Understand and promote social justice;	X	X	X	
Apply a framework for examining ethical dilemmas;		X	X	
Employ leadership and collaborative skills;		X	X	X
Understand the religious dimensions of human experience.	X	X	X	

Alignment with Assessment Measures

Measure	1	2	3	4
Major Field Test	Direct			
Course-Based Assessment (PO 300/300L, 400-level courses)	Direct	Direct		
Internship Evaluations			Direct	
Participation in co-curricular events and immersion trips			Mixed	
Alumni Survey				Mixed
Employer questionnaire				Direct
Course Evaluations	Indirect	Indirect	Mixed	

The Political Science major offers a number of concentrations, which each have their own unique learning goal (listed below), which is measured via course-based assessment, course evaluations, and an alumni survey.

- <u>Global and Foreign Area Studies</u>: Demonstrate broad awareness of the key issues facing our world today, including how understanding current affairs relates to historical cases and theories. Students must be able to indicate how the relationships between and among states and non-state actors help shape institutions and global politics in general
- <u>Law and Society</u>: Demonstrate knowledge of law and legal institutions from a variety of perspectives both within and outside the discipline of law, with a focus on the relationship between law and political and social change
- <u>Public Affairs</u>: Understand the relationship between the institutional structure and processes of public policy and public administration, and the degree to which politics, both within and outside bureaucracy, impact the responsibility and responsiveness of public servants
- <u>Spatial Analysis:</u> Develop skills in data analysis and presentation, with particular emphasis on the field of spatial analysis

These goals will be measured via papers and oral presentations, practicum supervisor evaluations, exams, and course evaluations.