

Assessment Plan -- Program Level

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Program Mission Statement: A Bachelor of Arts in Political Science will provide students with a high quality liberal arts educational experience and a well-grounded understanding of national and international political processes, institutions, and value systems that characterize all human communities. The program will equip graduates with fundamental literacy skills, both verbal and written, and develop their analytical and logical capabilities so that they are able to reach their full potential both in their professional careers and as citizens. Political Science graduates will find ample employment opportunities both in government and in the business sector and we expect that some graduates will also proceed to postgraduate studies. Our graduates will be able to draw upon the skills learned in the undergraduate program to cope with and adapt to changing environmental conditions.

Program Outcomes	<i>Is this a student learning outcome? (2-8 max)</i>	Learning Opportunities: <i>What courses or experiences provide students with the (primary) opportunity to achieve this outcome?</i>	Assessment Methods/Measures: <i>List the direct and indirect methods you will use to measure how well students are achieving this outcome.</i>	Target Levels/Benchmarks	When Will Assessment Be Conducted and Reviewed?	How Will Results Be Used and Communicated?
Graduates who successfully complete the BA in Political Science will:						
<u>Theoretical Knowledge:</u> Demonstrate an understanding of the theories and debates that have shaped the discipline of political science and to apply this theoretical knowledge to describe and analyze contemporary political realities.	Yes	-POLS 101, 199, 202, 299, 301-302, 310, 320, 350, 351, 353, 354, 426, 431, 432, 440	-Direct and progressive assessment will be course-based and include essays and research reports, oral presentations, debates and round tables, as well as practicum and internships. - Indirect and summative assessment will be achieved through exit survey of graduating students.	- 75 per cent to achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome. - Exit surveys to show an 75 per cent satisfaction with program delivery and outcomes. - Exit surveys to show 75 per cent of students confident in their knowledge of main theoretical and historical developments in political science.	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery. -Exit survey	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.
<u>Empirical Knowledge:</u> Demonstrate an understanding of national and international political processes and of the changing parameters of politics.	Yes	-POLS 303, 305, 308, 310, 323, 324, 325, 400, 402, 405, 409, 410, 411, 413, 414, 415, 416, 420, 422, 424, 425, 430, 438, 439, 442, 460, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 477	-Direct and progressive course based assessments including essays and research reports, oral presentations, debates and round tables, as well as practicum and internships.	- 75 per cent achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome - Student surveys to show a good overall understanding (75 per cent and above) of	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery.	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.

			-Summative assessment through exit survey of graduating students.	national political processes.		
<u>Communicative Skills:</u> Communicate with a high level of competency in both oral and written forms, with a clear capacity for objective, logical and analytical thinking.	Yes	-POLS 404, 302, 310, 350, 351, 442, 432	-Course based assessments, both oral and written, of student ability to produce thoughtful and objective analysis of events and processes. -Exit survey of graduating students.	- 75 per cent achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome. - Students surveys to show high level of confidence (75 per cent and above) in ability to communicate both orally and in the written medium.	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery.	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.
<u>Critical Thinking and Analysis:</u> Demonstrate a capacity for critical thinking and for understanding the value systems that underpin the different theoretical perspectives.	Yes	-POLS 202, 308, 409	-Course based oral and written assessment. -Exit survey of graduating students.	- 75 per cent achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome. - Exit survey to show a good understanding (75 per cent and above) of critical thinking and analysis.	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery.	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.
<u>Self-Development and Responsibility:</u> Work effectively both independently and in groups as well as with with people from diverse backgrounds.	Yes	-POLS 202, 320, 442	-Course based assessment. -Exit survey of graduating students.	- 75 per cent achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome. - Annual survey to show that 75 per cent of students are satisfied in their work and to have benefited from their studies.	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery.	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.
<u>Responsibility to Society and Community:</u> Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of social and ethical responsibility.	Yes	POLS 302, 310, 305	-Course based assessment. -Exit survey of graduating students.	- 75 per cent achieve a result of C or above in course assignments related to this outcome. - Student surveys to show that 75 per cent understand the importance of ethics and responsibility in personal life and career.	-Course assessment will be done on an annual basis. - Annual survey of graduating students to obtain feedback on quality of program delivery.	Assessment results to be reviewed annually in a Departmental meeting. Pursuant to that, we will make additional changes to improve program delivery and outcomes.