

Legal Studies Assessment Plan

Year	SLO	Course	Assessment Method
2005-2006	Students will have understanding and knowledge of the state and federal courts systems and how those systems interrelate in a constitutional system, which recognizes individual civil rights and civil liberties, states' rights and the need for national policy.	POLS 351 Introduction to Legal Studies	Student scores on midterm exam.
2006-2007	Students can apply their legal studies skills and knowledge in applied settings.	POLS 489K Internship in Legal Studies	Intern evaluations.
2007-2008	<p>Students will be able to recognize potential ethical conflicts and take appropriate measures to comply with the applicable ethical code of conduct.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Students will work in community service learning internships, applying their legal studies skills and knowledge in a professional setting under the direct supervision of licensed attorneys.</p>	POLS 489K/L Internships in Legal Studies and Public Law	Intern evaluations.
2008-2009	<p>Students will have understanding and knowledge of the state and federal court systems and how those systems interrelate to each other.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Students will have understanding and knowledge of major constitutional provisions, including the federal government's powers and restraints and individual civil rights and civil liberties.</p>	<p>POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints</p> <p>POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties</p>	<p>Student exam scores.</p> <p>Student exam scores.</p>

2009-2010	<p>Students can conduct research and perform writing with sufficient clarity to convey their knowledge and skills.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Students will demonstrate understanding and knowledge of legal advocacy.</p>	POLS 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy	<p>Student scores on course assignment.</p> <p>Student scores on written legal briefs and oral arguments.</p>
2010-2011	<p>Students can apply their legal studies skills and knowledge in applied settings.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Students will have the ability to orally communicate legal concepts and theories that they have researched and developed.</p>	<p>POLS 455 Civil Litigation</p> <p>POLS 112 Law, Politics, and the Distribution of Politics</p>	<p>Student scores on course assignment.</p> <p>Student scores on course oral presentations.</p>
2011-2012	<p>Students will have understanding and knowledge of the state and federal court systems and how those systems interrelate to each other.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Students will have understanding and knowledge of major constitutional provisions, including the federal government's powers and restraints and individual civil rights and civil liberties.</p>	<p>POLS 351 Introduction to Legal Studies</p> <p>POLS 464 Administrative Law</p>	<p>Student scores on exam questions.</p> <p>Student scores on course exam.</p>
2012-2013	<p>Students can conduct research and perform writing with sufficient clarity to convey their knowledge and skills.</p>	POLS 454 Legal Research and Writing	Student scores on research assignment.

2013-2014	Students will demonstrate understanding and knowledge of legal advocacy.	POLS 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.
2014-2015	Students can apply their legal studies skills and knowledge in applied settings.	POLS 489K/L, POLS 495 Internships in Legal Studies and Public Law	Student evaluations about internship experiences.
2015-2016	Students will have the ability to orally communicate legal concepts and theories that they have researched and developed.	POLS 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy	Student scores on oral arguments.
2016-2017	Students can conduct research and perform writing with sufficient clarity to convey their knowledge and skills.	POLS 401 Sexual Minorities, Law, and Politics	Assessment scoring rubric for student writing adopted by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.
2017-2018	Legal Studies students will demonstrate the ability to communicate by means of spoken language for informational, persuasive, and expressive purposes.	POLS 491 Trial and Appellate Advocacy	Assessment scoring rubric for student oral presentations adopted by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.
2018-2019	Legal Studies students will demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking skills in the reading and interpretation of scholarly materials.	To be determined	Assessment scoring rubric for student information literary adopted by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.