

## M.A. in Political Science Assessment Plan

Year	SLO	Course	Assessment Method
2006-2007	1. Students can distinguish among theories of politics and analyze current political situations in theoretical terms.	POLS 673	Grading rubric for literature review essay assignment.
2007-2008	2. Students can describe structural and institutional components of governments – legislative, executive, and judicial – and explain their relationship to each other and to other political actors.	Comprehensive exams	Review of five most recent comprehensive exams
2008-2009	3. Students can formulate hypotheses, construct research designs, conduct research, and apply appropriate analytic skills, including quantitative reasoning to the study of political science.	POLS 699T	Review of five most recent completed theses
2009-2010	4. Students can write and speak with sufficient clarity and professionalism to convey their attitudes, knowledge, and skills.	POLS 631 and POLS 651	Assessment of students' speaking ability through evaluation of course presentations (631) and students' writing ability through evaluation of course examination (651).
2010-2011	1. Students can distinguish among theories of politics and analyze current political situations in theoretical terms.	POLS 621 and POLS 672	Student scores on final exams (621) and research papers (672).
2011-2012	3. Students can formulate hypotheses, construct research designs, conduct research, and apply appropriate analytic skills, including quantitative reasoning, to the study of political science.	POLS 621	Student scores on course research design papers.
2012-2013	2. Students can describe structural and institutional components of governments – legislative, executive, and judicial – and explain their relationship to each other and to other political actors.	POLS 651 and POLS 672	Student scores on final exams (651) and course research papers (672).
2013-2014	4. Students can write and speak with sufficient clarity and professionalism to convey their attitudes, knowledge, and skills.	POLS 621	Student scores on presentations and final papers.

2014-2015	1. Students can distinguish among theories of politics and analyze current political situations in theoretical terms.	POLS 621	Student scores on final research paper according to a rubric.
2015-2016	2. Students can describe structural and institutional components of governments – legislative, executive, and judicial – and explain their relationship to each other and to other political actors.	Depends on course offerings	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.
2016-2017	3. Students can formulate hypotheses, construct research designs, conduct research, and apply appropriate analytic skills, including quantitative reasoning, to the study of political science.	Depends on course offerings	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.
2017-2018	4. Students can write and speak with sufficient clarity and professionalism to convey their attitudes, knowledge, and skills.	Depends on course offerings	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.
2018-2019	1. Students can distinguish among theories of politics and analyze current political situations in theoretical terms.	Depends on course offerings	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.
2019-2020	2. Students can describe structural and institutional components of governments – legislative, executive, and judicial – and explain their relationship to each other and to other political actors.	Depends on course offerings	Direct, embedded assessment of students' abilities through evaluation of students' coursework.

<b>M.A in Political Science</b> Course	<b>Outcome #1</b> Theories & Analysis	<b>Outcome #2</b> Institutions & Actors	<b>Outcome #3</b> Research Skills	<b>Outcome #4</b> Professional Communication
<b>American Politics</b>				
621	P	P	P	P
631			P	P
601, 632, 651, 672, 673	P	P	P	P
601, 602, 604, 623, 624, 626, 627, 632, 671, 672, 673, 689, 697	P	P	P	P
<b>International Relations and Comparative Politics</b>				
611, 641	P	P	P	P
611, 641, 697, 446D, 448, 449, 498	P	P	P	P
<b>Public Policy and Public Affairs</b>				
601, 602, 653, 660A, 660C, 662, 664, 668, 669, 689	P	P	P	P
624, 626, 671, 673	P	P	P	P
<b>Other</b>				
683		P		P
699T	D	D	D	D

P = practiced. D = demonstrated.