

CAS Curriculum Program Learning Outcomes Matrix

Political Science

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Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)	Course: 130	Course: 131	Course: 212	Course: 217	Course: 240	Course: 313	Course: 314
PLO #1 Graduates will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the core body of knowledge contained in the four basic sub-fields of the discipline: American National Government and Politics, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.	A, ETS, SES	A, ETS, SES	ETS, SES	A, ETS, SES		ETS, SES	ETS, SES
PLO #2 Graduates will be able to identify issues related to the creation of injustices and the pursuit of social justice within each of the subfields of the discipline	A, ETS, SES	ETS, SES	ETS, SES	A, ETS, SES		ETS, SES	ETS, SES
PLO #3: Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the politics and cultures of the United States and demonstrate an ability to compare and contrast these with the politics and cultures of other peoples.	A, ETS, SES		ETS, SES	A, B, ETS, SES	ETS, SES		
PLO #4: Graduate will be able to articulate a research question, and derive testable hypotheses from this question. They will identify appropriate methods for testing the hypotheses.					A, B, C, ETS, SES		
PLO #5: Graduates will be able to differentiate empirical from normative questions about politics, and be aware of the major Western and non-Western schools of thought regarding the latter.			ETS		A, ETS,	ETS	ETS
PLO #6: Graduates will be able to critique arguments made in defense of or in opposition to public policy positions.	A	X	X	B	X		
PLO #7: Graduates will be able to articulate and defend orally a public policy position, including supporting that position with quantitative or qualitative evidence.		C					
PLO #8: Graduates will be able to articulate and defend in writing a public policy position, including supporting that position with quantitative and/or qualitative evidence.				A, B			

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PLO #9: Graduates will leave the program with an expanded interest in, and excitement for, politics.	SES	SES	SES		SES	SES	SES
PLO #10: Graduates will become engaged members of their civic communities.	SES	SES	SES	C, SES	SES	SES	SES

Method Key:

A=Quizzes/Exams

B=Papers

C=Presentations

D=Portfolios

E=Other Please Define

SES = Senior Exit Survey (an indirect measure)

ETS = Major Field Test in Political Science

x - no assessment method identified to date