Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives, with Any Associations and Related Measures, Targets, Findings, and Action Plans

SLO 1: Political science, political processes, and the role of politics
Graduates will have a basic understanding of political science, political processes, and the role of politics in social affairs.

Related Measures

M 1: Capstone course discussion evaluation
Capstone course discussion evaluation, scored with rubric (Starting in Fall 2014 the capstone class was moved online. While its structure remains the same, evaluation of student learning in the Fall was limited to a count of the number of times students participated in an on-line forum each week. Thus a rubric will be developed early in the spring to better assess achievement of the SLO.)
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other

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Target:
80% of students will score 3 or above on discussion evaluation tool.

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SLO 2: Quantitative analysis
Students will demonstrate ability to quantitatively analyze political information.

Related Measures

M 2: Research papers
Jury judged evaluation of blind POLI 2900 research papers. Rubric: Criteria for Rating 2900 Papers 1. Coherently written, with clear introduction, body, and conclusion 2. Clearly state research question(s)/hypothesis(es) 3. Literature review tied to research question(s) 4. Operationalization of variables 5. Demonstration of hypothesized relationships among three or more variables, using appropriate methodology 6. Clear, correct interpretation and reporting of findings Scoring on Each of the Criteria 2 = Reasonably good 1 = Decent effort; not quite clear on the concept 0 = Not even close
Source of Evidence: Written assignment(s), usually scored by a rubric

Target:
Three criteria will be used. 1. All averages will be above 1 for each dimension of the rubric; 2. Average scores will be at or above 6 out of 12 possible total score. 3. 80% of all students will score a total of six or above. The target will be judged as met if at least two of the three measures are met.

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2900 jury assessments fall 2013

SLO 3: Knowledge of politics outside the United States
Graduates will have knowledge of politics outside the United States.

Related Measures

M 3: Final paper
Final paper in International Relations course in Spring semester will be evaluated using rubric focusing on understanding of international politics and processes.
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other

Target:
80% of students will score 2 or better on all components of the rubric.