# 2016-2017 Annual Assessment Report Template

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Please begin by selecting your program name in the drop down. If the program name is not listed, please enter it below:
BA Government & International Relations Conc
OR
Question 1: Program Learning Outcomes
Q1.1. Which of the following Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs), Sac State Baccalaureate Learning Goals (BLGs), and emboldened Graduate Learning Goals (GLGs) did you assess? [Check all that apply]
1. Critical Thinking
2. Information Literacy
3. Written Communication
4. Oral Communication
5. Quantitative Literacy
6. Inquiry and Analysis
7. Creative Thinking
8. Reading
9. Team Work
10. Problem Solving
11. Civic Knowledge and Engagement
12. Intercultural Knowledge, Competency, and Perspectives
13. Ethical Reasoning
14. Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning
15. Global Learning and Perspectives
16. Integrative and Applied Learning
17. Overall Competencies for GE Knowledge
18. Overall Disciplinary Knowledge
19. Professionalism
20. Other, specify any assessed PLOs not included above:
a.
b.
C.

## Q1.2.

Please provide more detailed background information about EACH PLO you checked above and other information including how your specific PLOs are **explicitly** linked to the Sac State **BLGs/GLGs**:

This year we are focusing on substantive knowledge related to the major. The PLOs assess are listed below. They relate to the Competence in the Discipline Baccalaureate Learning Goal.

PLO4: Core Knowledge of International Relations and Comparative Politics --- Students should be familiar with key concepts and knowledge in the areas of international relations, international political economy, and comparative politics.

PLO4a: Students will demonstrate an understanding of international relations and politics

Q1.2.1. Do you have rubrics for your PLOs?
1. Yes, for all PLOs
2. Yes, but for some PLOs
O 3. No rubrics for PLOs
O 4. N/A
O 5. Other, specify:
Q1.3.  Are your PLOs closely aligned with the mission of the university?
① 1. Yes
② 2. No
3. Don't know
Q1.4. Is your program externally accredited (other than through WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC))?  1. Yes 2. No (skip to Q1.5) 3. Don't know (skip to Q1.5)
Q1.4.1.  If the answer to Q1.4 is <b>yes</b> , are your PLOs closely aligned with the mission/goals/outcomes of the accreditation agency?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Don't know
Q1.5. Did your program use the <i>Degree Qualification Profile</i> ("DQP", see <a href="http://degreeprofile.org">http://degreeprofile.org</a> ) to develop your PLO(s)?  1. Yes

2. No, but I know what the DQP is
3. No, I don't know what the DQP is
O 4. Don't know
Q1.6. Did you use action verbs to make each PLO measurable?
1. Yes
O <sub>2. No</sub>
O 3. Don't know
(Remember: Save your progress)
Question 2: Standard of Performance for the Selected PLO
Q2.1. Select <u>OR</u> type in <b>ONE(1)</b> PLO here as an example to illustrate how you conducted assessment (be sure you <i>checked the correct box</i> for this PLO in Q1.1):
Overall Disciplinary Knowledge
If your PLO is <b>not listed</b> , <b>please enter it here</b> :
Q2.1.1.
Please provide more background information about the <b>specific PLO</b> you've chosen in Q2.1.  We expect our students to have knowledge of international relations and comparative politics.
Q2.2.
Has the program developed or adopted <b>explicit</b> standards of performance for this PLO?
1. Yes
O 2. No
3. Don't know
O 4. N/A
Q2.3.
Please provide the rubric(s) and standards of performance that you have developed for this PLO here or in the
appendix.  We expect 75% of our students to get 50% of the answers correct.
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Q2.4. PLO		Q2.6. Rubric	ricase indicate where you have published the <b>reo</b> , the <b>standard</b> of performance, and the		
		1. In <b>SOME</b> course syllabi/assignments in the program that address the PLO			
2. In ALL course syllabi/assignments in the program that address the PLO					
	3. In the student handbook/advising handbook				
4. In the university catalogue			4. In the university catalogue		
			5. On the academic unit website or in newsletters		
<b>✓</b>	~	~	6. In the assessment or program review reports, plans, resources, or activities		
			7. In new course proposal forms in the department/college/university		
			8. In the department/college/university's strategic plans and other planning documents		
			9. In the department/college/university's budget plans and other resource allocation documents		
			10. Other, specify:		
Question 3: Data Collection Methods and Evaluation of Data Quality for the Selected PLO  Q3.1. Was assessment data/evidence collected for the selected PLO?					
<ul> <li>● 1. Yes</li> <li>○ 2. No (skip to Q6)</li> <li>○ 3. Don't know (skip to Q6)</li> <li>○ 4. N/A (skip to Q6)</li> </ul>					
Q3.1.1. How many assessment tools/methods/measures in total did you use to assess this PLO?					
		ored/ev	aluated for this PLO?		
● 1. Yes ○ 2. No (skip to <b>Q6</b> )					
2. No (skip to Q6)  3. Don't know (skip to Q6)					
4. N/A (skip to Q6)					
Q3.2.1. Please de	escribe h	now you	collected the assessment data for the selected PLO. For example, in what course(s) or by what		

means were data collected:

We used ten question multiple-choice exam. The exam was given to Freshman non-majors and upper division majors. All of these questions were given to students in a Government course.
(Remember: Save your progress) Question 3A: Direct Measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, etc.)
Q3.3.  Were direct measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) used to assess this PLO?  1. Yes  2. No (skip to Q3.7)  3. Don't know (skip to Q3.7)
O3.3.1. Which of the following direct measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) were used? [Check all that apply]  ☐ 1. Capstone project (e.g. theses, senior theses), courses, or experiences ☐ 2. Key assignments from required classes in the program ☐ 3. Key assignments from elective classes ☐ 4. Classroom based performance assessment such as simulations, comprehensive exams, or critiques ☐ 5. External performance assessments such as internships or other community-based projects ☐ 6. E-Portfolios ☐ 7. Other Portfolios ☑ 8. Other, specify: multiple-choice test  O3.3.2. Please provide the direct measure (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) you used to collect data, THEN explain how it assesses the PLO:  The exam questions were chosen to reflect general knowledge in International relations and comparative politics. We expect that students who graduate to have some basic knowledge about politics and institutions internationally and in other countries.
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<ul> <li>3. Used rubric developed/modified by a group of faculty (skip to Q3.4.2.)</li> <li>4. Used rubric pilot-tested and refined by a group of faculty (skip to Q3.4.2.)</li> </ul>

6. Modified VALUE rubric(s) (skip to Q3.4.2.) 7. Used other means (Answer Q3.4.1.)
Q3.4.1.  If you used other means, which of the following measures was used? [Check all that apply]  1. National disciplinary exams or state/professional licensure exams (skip to Q3.4.4.)  2. General knowledge and skills measures (e.g. CLA, ETS PP, etc.) (skip to Q3.4.4.)  3. Other standardized knowledge and skill exams (e.g. ETC, GRE, etc.) (skip to Q3.4.4.)  4. Other, specify:  (skip to Q3.4.4.)
Was the <b>rubric</b> aligned directly and explicitly <b>with the PLO</b> ?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Don't know  4. N/A
Q3.4.3. Was the direct measure (e.g. assignment, thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the rubric?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. N/A
Q3.4.4. Was the direct measure (e.g. assignment, thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the PLO?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. N/A
Q3.5.  How many faculty members participated in planning the assessment data <b>collection</b> of the selected PLO?
Q3.5.1.  How many faculty members participated in the <b>evaluation</b> of the assessment data for the selected PLO?
Q3.5.2.  If the data was evaluated by multiple scorers, was there a norming process (a procedure to make sure everyone was scorin similarly)?  O 1. Yes O 2. No

3. Don't know				
● 4. N/A				
Q3.6.  How did you select the sample of student work (papers, projects, portfolios, etc.)?  We picked Government IR Core courses and introductory courses with non-majors.				
Q3.6.1.  How did you decide how many samples of student work to review?				
Based on the number of people in the courses.				
Q3.6.2. How many students were in the class or program?				
Over 100 in multiple classes.				
Q3.6.3. How many samples of student work did you evaluated?				
NA				
Q3.6.4. Was the sample size of student work for the direct measure adequate?				
① 1. Yes				
2. No 3. Don't know				
(Remember: Save your progress)  Question 3B: Indirect Measures (surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.)				
Q3.7. Were indirect measures used to assess the PLO?				
O 1. Yes				
<ul> <li>2. No (skip to Q3.8)</li> <li>3. Don't Know (skip to Q3.8)</li> </ul>				

Q3.7.1. Which of the following indirect measures were used? [Check all that apply]  1. National student surveys (e.g. NSSE)  2. University conducted student surveys (e.g. OIR)  3. College/department/program student surveys or focus groups  4. Alumni surveys, focus groups, or interviews  5. Employer surveys, focus groups, or interviews  6. Advisory board surveys, focus groups, or interviews  7. Other, specify:				
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If surveys were used, how was the sample size decided?  Q3.7.3.				
If surveys were used, how did you select your sample:				

Q3.7.4.

If surveys were used, what was the response rate?

Question 3C: Other Measures (external benchmarking, licensing exams, standardized tests, etc.)
Q3.8. Were external benchmarking data, such as licensing exams or standardized tests, used to assess the PLO?  1. Yes  2. No (skip to Q3.8.2)  3. Don't Know (skip to Q3.8.2)
Q3.8.1. Which of the following measures was used? [Check all that apply]  1. National disciplinary exams or state/professional licensure exams  2. General knowledge and skills measures (e.g. CLA, ETS PP, etc.)  3. Other standardized knowledge and skill exams (e.g. ETC, GRE, etc.)  4. Other, specify:
Q3.8.2. Were other measures used to assess the PLO?  1. Yes  2. No (skip to Q4.1)  3. Don't know (skip to Q4.1)
Q3.8.3. If other measures were used, please specify:
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Question 4: Data, Findings, and Conclusions

Q4.1. Please provide simple tables and/or graphs to summarize the assessment data, findings, and conclusions for the selected PLO in Q2.1:

Table 1: Student Performance on International Politics Substantive
Knowledge Test ( PLO4b)

	Percent Over 50% Correct	Average	N
		Score	IV
Non-majors/ Intro Class	29.0%	3.5/10	86
Govt 130	39.0%	4.1/10	75
Govt 140	47.0%	4.9/10	30

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#### Q4.2.

Are students doing well and meeting the program standard? If not, how will the program work to improve student performance of the selected PLO?

Students taking upper division International Relations and Comparative Politics courses did not meet the standard, but they did perform much better than Freshman taking a lower division Government course. The students in Govt 130 and Govt 140 were both regular Government and International Relations majors and were both Juniors and Seniors.

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### 04.3

For the selected PLO, the student performance:

- 1. Exceeded expectation/standard
- 2. **Met** expectation/standard
- 3. Partially met expectation/standard
- 4. Did not meet expectation/standard
- 5. No expectation/standard has been specified
- 6. Don't know

## Question 4A: Alignment and Quality

#### 04.4.

Did the data, including the direct measures, from all the different assessment tools/measures/methods directly align with the PLO?

1. Yes

O 2. No

O 3. Don't know						
Q4.5. Were all the assessment tools/measures/methods that were used good measures of the PLO?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know  Question 5: Use of Assessment Data (Closing the Loop)						
Q5.1.						
As a result of the assessment effort and based on prior feedback from OAPA, do you anticipate <i>making any changes</i> program (e.g. course structure, course content, or modification of PLOs)?  1. Yes	for your					
2. No (skip to Q5.2)						
3. Don't know (skip to <b>Q5.2</b> )						
Q5.1.1. Please describe <i>what changes</i> you plan to make in your program as a result of your assessment of this PLO. Include description of how you plan to assess the impact of these changes.	e a					
This was the first time we assessed his PLO and used these instruments. We plan to discuss the PLO and whether these instruments are well suited to measure them.						
The IR/Comparative faculty plan to meet and discuss the results. We were encouraged by the fact that majors performed better and some of our majors did quite well. There were also some flaws in the design. We tested students in Govt 130 and Govt 140 which includes both Juniors and Seniors. The courses also include both Government and Government/IR majors. We believe that Senior Government/IR majors did better on this test, but we had no way of figuring this out. Next time we will account for these differences. We also plan to discuss how we can improve the substantive knowledge of our students.						
Q5.1.2. Do you have a plan to assess the <i>impact of the changes</i> that you anticipate making?  1. Yes  2. No  3. Don't know						
Q5.2.						
Since your last assessment report, how have the assessment data from then been used so far?  3. Some	5. N/A					

	1. Very Much	2. Quite a Bit		4. Not at All	
1. Improving specific courses	0	0	•	0	0
2. Modifying curriculum	0	0	•	0	0
3. Improving advising and mentoring	0	0	•	0	0
4. Revising learning outcomes/goals	0	0	•	0	0
5. Revising rubrics and/or expectations	0	0	0	•	0
6. Developing/updating assessment plan	0	0	•	0	0
7. Annual assessment reports	0	0	•	0	0
8. Program review	0	•	0	0	0
9. Prospective student and family information	0	0	0	•	0
10. Alumni communication	0	0	0	•	0
11. WSCUC accreditation (regional accreditation)	0	0	0	•	0
12. Program accreditation	0	0	0	•	0
13. External accountability reporting requirement	0	0	0	•	0
14. Trustee/Governing Board deliberations	0	0	0	•	0
15. Strategic planning	0	0	0	•	0
16. Institutional benchmarking	0	0	0	•	0
17. Academic policy development or modifications	0	0	0	•	0
18. Institutional improvement	0	0	0	•	0
19. Resource allocation and budgeting	0	0	0	•	0
20. New faculty hiring	0	•	0	0	0
21. Professional development for faculty and staff	0	0	•	0	0
22. Recruitment of new students	0	0	•	0	0
23 Other specify:					

05.04

Please provide a detailed example of how you used the assessment data above:

We continue to talk about assessment and how students have done. We did not make any policy changes based on last year's assessment, but we have discussed how we can design writing assignments in our courses to improve our students' critical thinking. We also used past assessment results when we made priorities for hiring this year.

Q5.3.  To what extent did you apply last year's feedback from the Office of Academic Program Assessment in the following areas?	1. Very Much	2. Quite a bit	3. Some	4. Not at All	5. N/A
Program Learning Outcomes	0	0	•	0	0

3. Measures		$\circ$	$\circ$	•	$\circ$
	0	0	•	0	0
4. Rubrics	0	0	•	0	0
5. Alignment	0	0	0	•	0
6. Data Collection	0	0	0	•	0
7. Data Analysis and Presentation	0	0	0	•	0
8. Use of Assessment Data	0	0	0	•	0
9. Other, please specify:	0	0	0	•	0
This year we used very different instruments than last we have not had an opportunity to incorporate feedba about how we can improve data collection and analysi	ck from last y	ear. How	ever, we	continua	
(Remember: Save your progress) Additional Assessment Activities Q6.					<i>(</i> : - :
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Attachment 2: Government/IR Curriculum Map  Program Information (Required)
Program:
(If you typed your program name at the beginning, please skip to Q10)
Q9. Program/Concentration Name: [skip if program name appears above] BA Government & International Relations Conc
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Q10. Report Author(s):
Jim Cox
Q10.1.
Department Chair/Program Director:
Nancy Lapp
Q10.2.
Assessment Coordinator:
Jim Cox

Q11. Department/Division/Program of Academic Unit
Government
Q12. College:
College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies
Q13. Total enrollment for Academic Unit during assessment semester (see Departmental Fact Book):  461
Q14. Program Type:  ① 1. Undergraduate baccalaureate major
2. Credential
3. Master's Degree
4. Doctorate (Ph.D./Ed.D./Ed.S./D.P.T./etc.)
O 5. Other, specify:
Q15. Number of undergraduate degree programs the academic unit has?  Q15.1. List all the names:
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Q17. Number of credential programs	the academ	nic unit has	?					
Q17.1. List all the names:								
Q18. Number of doctorate degree pro	ograms the	academic	unit has?					
Q18.1. List all the names:								
Q16.1. List all the hames.								
When was your assessment plan	1. Before 2011-12	2. 2012-13	3. 2013-14	4. 2014-15	5. 2015-16	6. 2016-17	7. No Plan	8. Don't know
Q19. developed?	•	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q19.1. last updated?	$\circ$	0	0	0	0	•	0	0
Q19.2. (REQUIRED) Please obtain and attach your latest as	ssessment	plan:						
Assessment PLO IR Major.docx								
12.68 KB								
Q20. Has your program developed a curricul	um map?							
<ul><li>1. Yes</li></ul>	•							
O <sub>2. No</sub>								
3. Don't know								
Q20.1. Please obtain and attach your latest cu	urriculum r	map:						
International Relations map.docx 16.1 KB								

(Remember: Save your progress)

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O 2. No	
3. Don't know	
Q22.	
Does your program have a capstone class?	
1. Yes, indicate:	
● 2. No	
3. Don't know	
Q22.1.	
Does your program have <b>any</b> capstone project?	
O <sub>1. Yes</sub>	
● 2. No	
3. Don't know	

## Attachment II: Curriculum Map Government International Relations Major 2016/2017

International Relations	PLO 1: Communication	PLO 2: Inf Literacy	ormatio	1	PLO 3: Critic Thinking	al	PLO 4: Core Knowledge				PLO 5: Quantitative Analysis		
	PLO 1a	PLO 2a	PLO 2b	PLO 2c	PLO 3a	PLO 3b	PLO 4a	PLO 4b	PLO 4c	PLO 5a	PLO 5b	PLO 5c	
	writing	aquire info	citation	evaluate	arguments	evidence	IR	Comparative	IPE	Нур.	Methods	Interp.	
Govt 35	ı	I	ı	I	I	I	ı	I					
Govt 100	D	D	D	D	D	D				I,D,M	I,D,M	I,D,M	
Govt 130	D	D	D	D	D	D	D,M						
Govt 111/112			D	D	D								
Govt 140	D	D,M	D,M	D,M	D,M	D,M		D,M					
Govt 136	М	D,M	D,M	D,M	D,M	D,M			D,M				
Electives	M	М	M	M	М	M							
Timeline													
First Round	2011	2011	2011	2016	2011	2014	2017	2017	2020	2015	2015	2015	
Second Round	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2016	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	
Percent over standard	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	75%	75%	75%	90%	90%	90%	

I = INTRODUCED

D = DEVELOPING

M = MASTERED

### **Assessment Program Learning Objectives Government Major – 2016/17**

**PLO1: Communication**—Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively about politics and government.

PLO1a: Students should be able to express themselves coherently in writing about politics and government.

**PLO2: Information Literacy** – Students will locate, identify and evaluate information related to politics and government.

PLO2a: Students can use the library and web resources to find information relating to government and politics.

PLO2b: Students can properly cite sources used in their research.

PLO2c: Students can critically evaluate information sources they are using as evidence.

**PLO 3: Critical Thinking**—Students need to be able to critically examine arguments, claims, and alternative explanations.

PLO3a: Students will provide appropriate evidence to support claims and arguments and recognize obvious objections and alternative views.

PLO3b: Students identifies and evaluates the context and underlying assumptions of competing arguments.

## PLO4: Core Knowledge of International Relations and Comparative Politics ---

Students should be familiar with key concepts and knowledge in the areas of international relations, international political economy, and comparative politics.

PLO4a: Students will demonstrate an understanding of international relations and politics

PLO4b: Students will explain and apply key concepts in International Political Economy.

PLO4c: Students will explain and apply key concepts in Comparative Poltics.

**PLO5: Quantitative Knowledge** - Students will be able to analyze quantitative data and write up research findings.

PLO5a: Developing Hypotheses- Student states a clear and testable hypothesis and explains why it is plausible.

PLO5b: Research methodology and analysis- Student uses an appropriate research design and explains data, independent and dependent variables.

PLO5c: Interpretation and presentation of results - Student presents and interprets the results by explaining how it is linked to their hypotheses.