**Assessment Plan Political Science – September 2018**

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| I. **PLO1: Communication**—Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively about politics and government.  | 1. PLO1a: Students should be able to express themselves coherently in writing about politics and government. | GOVT 170GOVT 130GOVT 140 | 2018/19 | Examine papers in courses. | We will develop a rubric to assess writing. | Faculty teaching the courses.  | The data will be reported in the annual assessment report. | The assessment committee. | It will be used in our ongoing discussion of how to improve student writing. |
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| II. **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. | GOVT 170GOVT 130Other courses with research papers | 2019/20 | Examine papers in courses. | We will update a rubric we used before. | Faculty teaching the courses | The data will be reported in the annual assessment report. | The assessment committee. | It will be used in our ongoing discussion of how to improve student writing. |
| III. **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.  | Advanced political theory courses taught that year. | 2020/21 | Examine papers in courses. | We will update a rubric we used before. | Faculty teaching the courses | The data will be reported in the annual assessment report. | The assessment committee. | It will be used in our ongoing discussion of how to improve student writing. |
| IV. **PLO4: Core Knowledge of Politics and Government** --- Students should be familiar with key concepts and knowledge in the areas of American politics and Government, international relations, and political theory.  | PLO4a: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the working American politics and institutions. PLO4b: Students will explain and apply key concepts and theories in international relations. PLO4c: Students will explain and apply key concepts in political theory. | GOVT 1 GOVT 35GOVT 170GOVT 136GOVT 140 | 2021/22 | Multiple choice questions | Update questions we used before. | Faculty teaching the courses | The data will be reported in the annual assessment report. | The assessment committee. | Discuss with faculty. |
| V. **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.  | GOVT 100 | 2022/23 | Examine papers in courses. | We will update a rubric we used before. | Faculty teaching the courses | The data will be reported in the annual assessment report. | The assessment committee. | Discuss with faculty. |

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