

Political Science BA

I. What do we expect students to learn?				
A. Program Learning Outcomes: List your PLOs (the cognitive/knowledge, behavioral/skills, and/or affective/values you expect your students to achieve). These must be stated in measurable terms. Generally, there should be 5 to 10 PLOs.		B. Standards For Your Program's Success: State percentage of students you expect will achieve each PLO at each competency level by the end of your program.		
Program Learning Outcomes		Competency Levels		
		Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
	<i>Sample: Distinguish between descriptive and inferential statistics and understand how these apply to outcome measurements.</i>	100%	60%	40%
1.	Becomes conversant with the theories and conceptual frameworks of the major subfields of political science.	85%	60%	30%
2.	Applies critical analysis to political institutions, political issues, and political behavior at the international, national, and sub-national levels.	85%	60%	20%
3.	Accesses diverse information resources and utilize information from these sources effectively to develop and informed understanding of the dynamic political environment.	85%	60%	20%
4.	Understands and applies the techniques of quantitative political analysis, including the design, execution, and analysis of research.	85%	60%	20%
5.	Analyzes and evaluates the recent major issues, conflicts, and problems in American government institutions.	85%	60%	40%
6.	Assesses basic international political theories, principles, and practices, including the examination of international system characteristics and foreign policy decision-making.	85%	60%	20%
7.	Examines the sources and patterns of political continuity and change in selected countries in the First and Third Worlds	85%	60%	30%
8.	Critically analyzes the major political philosophies and schools of thought from Plato to the sixteenth century.	85%	60%	20%
9.	Understand the nature and development of the US constitutional system, with an emphasis on the separation of powers, federalism, police power, and the commerce clause.	85%	60%	30%

