Political Science Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Political Science students will develop intellectual and practical skills, including inquiry and analysis, creative and critical thinking, written and oral communication, information literacy, teamwork and problem-solving.

Outcome 1: Political Science students will be able to write, read, speak and listen effectively in academic and social contexts.

Outcome 2: Political Science students will be able to construct research questions and use appropriate sources and research methods to answer them.

Goal 2: Political Science students will gain knowledge of the theories, methods and approaches utilized within political science. They will develop their knowledge in the four subfields of political science, including American government, political theory, international relations and comparative government.

Outcome 3: Political Science students will analyze individual and group political behavior; the political process; public policy and administration; and case law within American government.

Outcome 4: Political Science students will analyze the core intellectual traditions in political thought and apply their central tenets to contemporary political questions and issues.

Outcome 5: Political Science students will analyze the behavior of state and non-state actors and the nature of their interactions.

Outcome 6: Political Science students will compare and contrast the various political, social and economic systems that exist across the international community and analyze the political consequences of those variations.

Goal 3: Political Science students will develop personal and social responsibility and promote equity, diversity and inclusivity; through the study of ethical principles and reasoning, application of civic knowledge, and interaction with diverse and global cultures, and issues.

Outcome 7: Political Science students will use analytical skills to understand civic, social and environmental challenges

Outcome 8: Political Science students will demonstrate social responsibility and ethical reasoning within a variety of contexts

Goal 4: Political Science students will integrate the skills, knowledge and responsibilities, adapting them to new settings, questions and responsibilities

Outcome 9: Political Science students will generate a scholarly product that demonstrates appropriate knowledge, technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.
Comprehensive World Politics: Additional Outcomes

1) Political Science World Politics students will analyze the contending theoretical explanations for state behavior, international conflict and international cooperation
2) Political Science World Politics students will analyze the principal epistemological and methodological debates within the discipline of International Relations
3) Political Science World Politics students will analyze the contending theoretical explanations for global political – economic relations
4) Political Science World Politics students will analyze the principal causes and solutions for global economic inequalities and underdevelopment