

# Political Science Major Learning Objectives

**1. To demonstrate factual knowledge about the American political system, its institutional structure, and its basic principles.**

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 1100 – United States Government and Politics course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 1100.

**2. To demonstrate understanding of theories critical to the discipline of political science and the history of ideas important to the discipline.**

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 2300 – Introduction to Political Theory course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 2300.

**3. To demonstrate basic competency in qualitative and quantitative political science research methods and analysis.**

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 3000 – Introduction to Political Research course grades.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 3000.

**4. To differentiate political ideas and arguments relevant to the most important issues that have defined American and international politics.**

Performance evaluation:

- POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar course grades and grades on senior research paper.
- IDEA evaluations for POLS 4990.