Political Science Undergraduate Assessment Plan

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

- Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 1
  At the end of each semester, the department will use:
  POLS 1100 – United States Government and Politics course grades
  as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 1100 for assessment purposes

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

- Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 2
  At the end of each semester, the department will use:
  POLS 2300 – Introduction to Political Theory course grades
  as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 2300 for assessment purposes

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

- Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 2
  At the end of each semester, the department will use:
  POLS 3000 – Introduction to Political Research course grades
  as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 3000 for assessment purposes

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

- Assessment Plan for Learning Objective 4
  At the end of each semester, the department will use:
  POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar course grades and grades on senior research paper
  as well as IDEA evaluations for POLS 4990 for assessment purposes