

Assessment Plan and Timeline

MA in Political Science

Program Learning Goals & Outcomes	When to assess	What evidence to collect (measures & strategies)	Who will collect evidence	How evidence will be assessed	How “closing the loop” decisions will be made	How assessment results will be used/ acting on assessment
Understand the relevance for politics and policy-making of formal political institutions, rules, and processes in the U.S. and cross-nationally	Yearly	Comprehensive exam answers	Program Assessment Coordinator	Question integrated into comprehensive exam evaluations, restricted to those with subject area expertise	Assessment committee reports on results to full faculty.	Assessment committee makes annual reports to full faculty with recommendations about areas of concern. Faculty approve plans to address areas of concern.
Understand the relevance for politics and policy-making of non-institutional aspects of politics, including the roles of class, race, gender, religion, and political beliefs in the U.S. and cross-nationally	Yearly	Comprehensive exam answers	Program Assessment Coordinator	Question integrated into comprehensive exam evaluations, restricted to those with subject area expertise	Assessment committee reports on results to full faculty.	Assessment committee makes annual reports to full faculty with recommendations about areas of concern. Faculty approve plans to address areas of concern.

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Understand the relevance of classical and contemporary political philosophy to the study of politics	Yearly	Comprehensive exam answers	Program Assessment Coordinator	Question integrated into comprehensive exam evaluations, restricted to those with subject area expertise	Assessment committee reports on results to full faculty.	Assessment committee makes annual reports to full faculty with recommendations about areas of concern. Faculty approve plans to address areas of concern.
Demonstrate proficiency in the use of various tools of analysis, including library research, computer skills, and data analysis techniques	When POSC 501 is offered (biannually)	All final projects for POSC 510	Program Assessment Coordinator and Instructor for POSC 501	Paired faculty rotated among all faculty	Assessment committee reports on results to full faculty.	Assessment committee makes annual reports to full faculty with recommendations about areas of concern. Faculty approve plans to address areas of concern.

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Be able to think and write clearly, critically, and intelligently about topics relevant to political science and to defend claims in writing and orally at a level appropriate to a graduate degree	Yearly	Comprehensive exam answers	Program Assessment Coordinator	Question integrated into comprehensive exam evaluations, restricted to those with subject area expertise	Assessment committee reports on results to full faculty.	Assessment committee makes annual reports to full faculty with recommendations about areas of concern. Faculty approve plans to address areas of concern.

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