

Political Science Senior Seminar Career Portfolios 2018

Description:

Best work from all courses in Political Science and related non-Political Science required courses for the Political Science Major. For each of the "Standards" in the portfolio, attach ONE document required in that course reflective of best work.

Reflection form when creating Artifacts!

- Writing and documentation that the student chooses as best representative of core or elective courses related to: Political Science knowledge, Political Science reasoning & argumentation, Political Science methodology, Political Science theory, and Reflective Essay on Political Science & Political Science final research paper;
 - Internship or co-curricular experience, as appropriate, and written supervisor assessments.
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OUTCOME ONE: POLITICAL SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science knowledge

Graduates should have the ability to demonstrate comprehension of the political beliefs and values that have shaped Western or non-Western politics:

-- One document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science.

-- Specific categorical assessments for measuring understanding and ability in Political Science Knowledge:

** The political structure, operations, processes, and ideologies of American government, comparative foreign governments, and international political institutions (elections, parties, interest groups, public opinion);*

*** A comprehension of constitutional principles, including the separation of powers, federalism, civil liberties, civil rights, due process) and comparative foreign government separation of powers of similar or differing constitutional or non-constitutional governing systems;*

**** The substance and controversies of domestic American public policy (education, health care, criminal justice, etc.) and comparative governmental systems of public policy and international political institutions (homeland security, international trade and*

commerce, military and defense, environment, globalized ethics, standards, and cultures).

INDICATOR	1 DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	2 MEETS STANDARD	3 EXCEEDS STANDARD	SCORE
Ability to make coherent arguments about political beliefs and values that have shaped <u>Western</u> politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Documents demonstrates basic ability to make a coherent argument	Document demonstrated comprehensive ability to make a coherent argument	
Ability to write cogently on the political beliefs and values that have shaped <u>non-Western</u> politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to write cogently	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to write cogently	
Ability to debate different points of view on the political beliefs and values that have shaped Western and non-Western politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to debate different points of view	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to debate different points of view	

**OUTCOME TWO: POLITICAL SCIENCE REASONING
AND ARGUMENTATION**

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science reasoning and argumentation

-- Graduates should have the ability to make arguments coherently, write cogently, and debate different points of view effectively on some of the major political/political science issues of our time, demonstrating mastery of that course's materials:

-- Provide one document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain how becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science reasoning and argumentation.

INDICATOR	1 DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	2 MEETS STANDARD	3 EXCEEDS STANDARD	SCORE
Ability to reason and make coherent arguments	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to reason and make coherent arguments	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to reason and make coherent arguments	
Ability to write cogently	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to write cogently	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to write cogently	
Ability to reason and debate different viewpoints	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to reason and debate different viewpoints	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to reason and debate different viewpoints	

OUTCOME THREE: POLITICAL SCIENCE METHODOLOGY

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science methodology

-- Graduates should have the ability and knowledge to utilize Political Science methodology to research and interpret political data, including statistical data.

Specifically, graduates need to:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific process as applied to the study of government and politics;*
- 2. Correctly choose, calculate, and interpret statistical data at the introductory level.*

-- These abilities may be demonstrated by presenting: Tests, exams, or other applied statistical documentation from either a version of the MATH Applied Statistics courses OR their Research Methods Course proposal and statistics assignments for the Political Science Research Methods course.

Indicator	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Meets Standard 2	Exceeds Standard 3	Score
Ability to understand methodological measurement concepts and limits	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to understand concepts and limits	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to understand concepts and limits	
Ability to employ methods of data collection for survey research, documented analysis, and observation	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to understand survey research, document analysis, and observation	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to understand survey research, document analysis, and observation	
Ability to interpret and calculate basic statistics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to interpret and calculate basic statistics	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to interpret and calculate basic statistics	

OUTCOME FOUR: POLITICAL SCIENCE THEORY

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of knowledge of Political Science theory

Graduates should apply American domestic or International Political Science theories of political systems at local, regional, national, and/or international levels of governments:

-- Provide one document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain how becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science theory.

-- Specific categorical assessments for measuring understanding and ability in Political Science Theory:

** Ability to grasp the theoretical Political Science literature and theoretical debates of the discipline (elections, political parties, public sector roles, private sector influences, international organizational and institutional approach and impact);*

*** The application of theoretical principles to the daily functioning of American government at the local, regional, state-wide, national or federal level; comparative foreign governments at the country-wide level; and international political organizations and institutions (regionalism, federalism, institutionalism/idealism, realism, and/or constructivism).*

INDICATOR	1 DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	2 MEETS STANDARD	3 EXCEEDS STANDARD	SCORE
Ability to understand Political Science theory for both American and International Politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic understanding for both American and International Politics	Document demonstrates comprehensive understanding for both American and International Politics	
Ability to grasp the theoretical Political Science literature and debates of the discipline	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to grasp the theoretical Political Science literature and debates of the discipline	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to grasp the theoretical Political Science literature and debates of the discipline	

Ability to apply theoretical principles to the functioning of American Government, foreign governments, and International Political institutions	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to apply theoretical principles to the functioning of American Government, foreign governments, and International Political institutions	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to apply theoretical principles to the functioning of American Government, foreign governments, and International Political institutions	
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