

Academic Learning Compact

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mission Statement

The mission of the Reubin O'D. Askew Department of Government is to educate students in the areas of government, politics, and international affairs, and by this means to foster more knowledgeable, informed, and active citizenship, as well as more enlightened future political leadership, in the in communities to which they belong.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students should be able to:

Content

- Describe political institutions and behavior around the world.

Critical Thinking

- Apply quantitative, qualitative, or normative methods to explain and evaluate politics and address political issues.

Communication

- Execute effective communication in different modes appropriate to the discipline.

Integrity/Values

- Pursue the use of legitimate scholarship and appropriate citation in keeping with standards of academic integrity.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

In our Political Science program, students demonstrate learning in a variety of ways, including quizzes, examinations, contributions to class discussion, term papers and oral presentations. Required coursework provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate content knowledge across the major. A required upper-division research methods course provides an opportunity to demonstrate critical thinking, communication, and integrity / values.

Job Prospects for Graduates in Political Science

Elected Official	Policy Analyst
Public Relations	Political Activist
Civil Servant	Military
Lawyer	Think Tank
Lobbyist or Government Liaison	Nonprofit Administrator
Journalist	Researcher
Campaign Manager	Teacher

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