Assessment: Assessment Plan

Degree Program - AS - Political Science (PHD)

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Modality: Face-to-Face

Student Learning Outcome: Multivariate Statistical Procedures_1
Students will demonstrate a mastery of multivariate statistical procedures as applied to different data structures.
Outcome Status: Active
Outcome Type: Program
Start Date: 07/01/2015

Assessment Methods

- **Exam** - final exam in the 1st Graduate quantitative methods class (Active)
  - Criterion: 90% of students should answer correctly

- **Essays** - second year paper (Active)
  - Criterion: 90% of students will demonstrate understanding of multivariate statistics

Student Learning Outcome: Understanding of two fields_1
Students will demonstrate an understanding of major concepts and theories in at least two fields of Political Science.
Outcome Status: Active
Outcome Type: Student Learning
Start Date: 07/01/2015

Assessment Methods

- **Qualifying Exam** - successful completion of qualifying exam in first field (Active)
  - Criterion: 90% of students should pass

- **Qualifying Exam** - completion of qualifying exam in second substantive field (Active)
  - Criterion: 90% of students should receive a passing grade

Student Learning Outcome: Conduct independent research_1
Students will demonstrate an ability to conduct independent research through the presentation of second year papers and conference papers.
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Outcome Type: Student Learning
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Assessment Methods

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<th>Essays</th>
<th>production of a research paper that is presented at a reputable academic conference (Active)</th>
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<td>Criterion:</td>
<td>75% of students should complete this task prior to completion of the dissertation</td>
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<td>90% of students should produce a paper of acceptable quality to a faculty review committee</td>
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Student Learning Outcome: Classroom unstruction effectiveness_1

Students will demonstrate effectiveness in classroom instruction.

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<th>serving as a teaching assistant for at least one academic year (Active)</th>
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<td>Criterion:</td>
<td>all Ph.D. students must complete satisfactorily</td>
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<th>Employment</th>
<th>successfully designing and teaching one's own class (Active)</th>
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<td>Criterion:</td>
<td>40% of Ph.D. must teach their own class before accepting a post-Doc, instructor, or Assistant Professor position.</td>
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Student Learning Outcome: Commitment to Research_1

Students will demonstrate a commitment, and ability, to conduct continuous research.

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<th>present a second (not dissertation related) substantive research paper at an academic conference (Active)</th>
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<td>Criterion:</td>
<td>50% of Ph.D. students must complete this task</td>
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<th>Dissertation</th>
<th>successfully defend a dissertation of sufficient quality (Active)</th>
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<td>Criterion:</td>
<td>80% of entering Ph.D. students must complete this</td>
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Student Learning Outcome: Knowledge of specific field(s)

Students will demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of concepts, literature and research traditions in at least one field of Political Science.

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Start Date: 07/01/2006

Assessment Methods

**Course Level Assessment** - All students submit an annual self-evaluation during each spring semester describing their course performance, professional activities, and progress to date toward the M.A. These annual evaluations are reviewed each spring by the department's Graduate Affairs Committee and the Director of Political Science Graduate Programs. From these annual self-evaluations the Committee and Director determine which students have, and which have not, met the expected outcomes (Active)