

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Institutional (ILO), Program (PLO), and Course (SLO) Alignment

Program: Political Science		Number of Courses: 7	Date Updated: 10.30.2014	Submitted by: Eduardo Muñoz, ext. 3740	
ILOs	1. Critical Thinking <i>Students apply critical, creative and analytical skills to identify and solve problems, analyze information, synthesize and evaluate ideas, and transform existing ideas into new forms.</i>	2. Communication <i>Students effectively communicate with and respond to varied audiences in written, spoken or signed, and artistic forms.</i>	3. Community and Personal Development <i>Students are productive and engaged members of society, demonstrating personal responsibility, and community and social awareness through their engagement in campus programs and services.</i>	4. Information Literacy <i>Students determine an information need and use various media and formats to develop a research strategy and locate, evaluate, document, and use information to accomplish a specific purpose. Students demonstrate an understanding of the legal, social, and ethical aspects related to information use.</i>	
	SLO-PLO-ILO ALIGNMENT NOTES: Mark boxes with an 'X' if: SLO/PLO is a major focus or an important part of the course/program; direct instruction or some direct instruction is provided; students are evaluated multiple times (and possibly in various ways) throughout the course or are evaluated on the concepts once or twice within the course. DO NOT mark with an 'X' if: SLO/PLO is a minor focus of the course/program and some instruction is given in the area but students are not formally evaluated on the concepts; or if the SLO/PLO is minimally or not at all part of the course/program.				
PLOs				PLO to ILO Alignment <i>(Mark with an X)</i>	
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PLO #1 Contemporary Issues Upon completion of their course of study in the Political Science Department, students will be able to identify and explain major economic, political, social, cultural and historical themes underlying contemporary issues in the policymaking process.				X	
PLO #2 Primary and Secondary Sources After completing their course of study within Political Science, students will be able to critically analyze different theories pertaining to the discipline using primary and/or secondary sources in support of their arguments.				X	
PLO #3 Political Issues and Policy Making After completing their course of study in Political Science, students will be able to identify and distinguish various academic and journalistic sources, and explain what these reveal about contemporary political issues and policy making.				X	

SLOs	SLO to PLO Alignment <i>(Mark with an X)</i>			COURSE to ILO Alignment <i>(Mark with an X)</i>			
	P1	P2	P3	1	2	3	4
POLI 1 Governments of the United States and California: SLO #1 Articles and Amendments In a multiple choice test, students will demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of the United States Constitution including its Articles and Amendments, as well as those for the government of California.	X			X	X		
POLI 1 Governments of the United States and California: SLO #2 Linkage Mechanisms In a multiple choice or written essay test, students will demonstrate an understanding of how political parties and interest groups serve as channels for popular participation, and compare/contrast the techniques they use to do so.	X						
POLI 1 Governments of the United States and California: SLO #3 The Executive Branch In a written essay or multiple choice exam, students will demonstrate an understanding of the various roles played by the President and California Governor, the political resources available to them to meet the expectations associated with those roles, and how those resources are limited.	X						
POLI 10 Introduction to International Relations: SLO #1 Major Theoretical Approaches In a written assignment, students will demonstrate knowledge of the major theoretical approaches to studying international politics including but not limited to: Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism, Feminism, etc.	X	X	X	X	X		
POLI 10 Introduction to International Relations: SLO #2 Causes of War In a written assignment, students will discuss and critically analyze the causes of war within the international system of states.	X	X					
POLI 10 Introduction to International Relations: SLO # International Political Economy In a written assignment, students will discuss and compare and contrast the major theoretical approaches as they pertain to International Political Economy.	X						
POLI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics: SLO #1 Political Systems In a written essay, the students will discuss and critically analyze both differences and similarities found among different political systems as they pertain to the functions that their institutions perform.	X	X		X	X		
POLI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics: SLO #2 Institutional Choices In a written essay, students will demonstrate knowledge and analyze the differences between presidential and parliamentary systems and the impact they have on the policymaking process.	X						
POLI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics: SLO #3 Democracy In a written essay, students will demonstrate knowledge of and analyze the various concepts of democracy and how these differences impact the system of government.	X	X	X				

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	P1	P2	P3	1	2	3	4
POLI 3 Introduction to Principles and Methods of Political Science: SLO #1 Ideologies In a written essay, the students will discuss and critically analyze the major political ideologies found among contemporary political systems.	X	X					
POLI 3 Introduction to Principles and Methods of Political Science: SLO #2 Presidential and Parliamentary Systems In a written essay students will demonstrate knowledge and analyze the differences between presidential and parliamentary systems found in democracies today.	X			X	X		
POLI 3 Introduction to Principles and Methods of Political Science: SLO #3 Methodology In a written essay, students will demonstrate knowledge and distinguish the differences among the various methodological techniques used to study Political Science.	X	X					
POLI 5 Ethnicity in the American Political Process: SLO #1 Inclusion Strategies In a written essay students will demonstrate knowledge and analyze the inclusion strategies used by minority groups within the democratic system as applicable to urban politics.	X	X					
POLI 5 Ethnicity in the American Political Process: SLO #2 Race within Policymaking In a series of multiple choice questions students will critically analyze the major theories regarding race within the policymaking process.	X			X	X		
POLI 5 Ethnicity in the American Political Process: SLO #3 Public Policy In a written assignment students will demonstrate knowledge of and compare and contrast the different government public policies that have influenced race and ethnic relations in America.	X	X	X				
POLI 6 Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States: SLO #1 Judicial Tests In a written essay, students will demonstrate knowledge of the various judicial tests pertaining to speech, press, and assembly as interpreted through various court decisions.	X	X					
POLI 6 Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States: SLO #2 Constitutional Jurisprudence In a written essay, students will discuss and critically analyze the different approaches to Constitutional Jurisprudence.	X	X		X	X		
POLI 6 Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States: SLO #3 Equal Protection Clause In a written essay students will demonstrate knowledge of the various judicial tests pertaining to the Equal Protection Clause.	X	X	X				
POLI 7 IS THE SAME COURSE AS PHIL 17. POLI 7 Political Theory: SLO #1 Greek Philosophers In a written essay students will analyze how philosophers, from ancient Greece through the modern era, have considered and conceptualized a variety of ideas critical to the discourse of political theory.	X	X	X				
POLI 7 Political Theory: SLO #2 The State In a written essay students will describe and assess the value of a state based on privilege versus one based on equality, and the apparent conflict between liberty and equality in a democratic state.	X	X		X	X		
POLI 7 Political Theory: SLO #3 Social Justice In a written essay students will describe and analyze the different theories of the “just state”, and compare and contrast their ideas on political power and social justice.	X	X					