

## #7

**Academic Degree or Certificate Program Name:** Political Science

### Annual Assessment Plan

**Academic Year:** 2015-2016

**Please provide the academic year for this assessment plan from the dropdown menu below.**

### Program Learning Outcome:

**Please provide the program learning outcome that was assessed during this academic year.**

Written Communications PLO #1

**Measure Title:** Outcome: Power Dynamics in Political System

**Please provide a descriptive title for this measure.**

**Measure Type:** - Assignment

### Description:

**Please provide a brief description of the measure below:**

BS-PSCI Written Communications PLO #1 Be able to make comparisons among different political structures within the world, to include the congressional and parliamentary systems.

Program Objective Assessed:

1. Review the instructions for the assignment so you know what the student believed to be the expectations for the assignment.
2. Randomly select 5 papers/exams from each course to be assessed. Distribute them to each reader from the program review committee.
3. Each reader from the program review committee rates the level of each item of student work (artifact) on each criterion, so that there are 4-6 ratings for each piece of work.

**Target:** 80% of the students exceed the expectations for this PLO

**Please indicate the target for student performance on this measure.**

**(e.g., 85% of students will achieve a score of 2 or 3 on the rubric.)**

### Annual Assessment Findings

**Result:** - Met Target

**Please select the option that describes the result of your assessment.**

### Summary of Findings:

**Please provide a brief summary of your assessment findings.**

100% resulted in meeting or exceeding the acceptable target of 50% of the student work evaluated meeting or exceeding the learning objective where the objective was applicable.

100% resulted in meeting or exceeding the ideal target of 80% of the student work evaluated meeting or exceeding the learning objective where the objective was applicable.

These strong results indicate that the Political Science program is successfully meeting this PS program learning outcome.

### Action Plan

#### Description:

**Please provide a brief description of your action plan.**

Concern was expressed that only one Upper-Division Major Requirement was included in this Political Science Program Review, with all remaining artifacts originating from approved program electives. Analysis of course offerings during Spring 2016 indicates that there were only three PSCI required courses offered, with one being a directed study. The remaining two were both iterations of PSCI 3500, one on-line for CEIE and the other f2f downtown. It is recommended that future PSCI Program Reviews include as many required courses as possible, along with expanding modalities into CEIE and part-time faculty PSCI course offerings.