

BA Political Science Program Learning Goals and Outcomes

PROGRAM LEARNING GOAL	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME
<p>Learning Goal 1 Critical analysis of political arguments & government institutions: Students will demonstrate an understanding of key political institutions and be able to construct and evaluate various political arguments.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 1.1 Demonstrate an ability to structure and evaluate normative political arguments.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 1.2 Demonstrate an ability to verbally evaluate political arguments.</p>
<p>Learning Goal 2: Methodological Competency: Students will apply the major methodological tools in political science to effectively describe, explain and predict political phenomena.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 2.1 Demonstrate an ability to read and interpret discipline specific scholarly journals.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 2.2 Ability to conceive an executable research design on a political science topic.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 2.3 Ability to use data to conduct and interpret quantitative analysis of political phenomena.</p>

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<p>Learning Goal 3 Professional Competency: Students will demonstrate professional oral and written communication skills and cultural competencies needed to thrive as professionals in the political world.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 3.1 Demonstrate understanding of the debates surrounding political institutions and at-risk communities.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 3.2 Show understanding of the values and factual assumptions that underlie one's own political ideology.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 3.3 Ability to write white papers, policy analyses, literature reviews, advocacy pieces, etc. for various political audiences/purposes.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 3.4 Ability to apply a gender lens to political arguments, institutions, and policies.</p>