Political Science Senior Seminar Career Portfolios 2018

Description:

Best work from all courses in Political Science and related non-Political Science required courses for the Political Science Major. For each of the "Standards" in the portfolio, attach ONE document required in that course reflective of best work.

Reflection form when creating Artifacts!

- Writing and documentation that the student chooses as best representative of core or elective courses related to: Political Science knowledge, Political Science reasoning & argumentation, Political Science methodology, Political Science theory, and Reflective Essay on Political Science & Political Science final research paper;
- Internship or co-curricular experience, as appropriate, and written supervisor assessments.

OUTCOME ONE: POLITICAL SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science knowledge

Graduates should have the ability to demonstrate comprehension of the political beliefs and values that have shaped Western or non-Western politics:

- -- One document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science.
- -- Specific categorical assessments for measuring understanding and ability in Political Science Knowledge:
- * The political structure, operations, processes, and ideologies of American government, comparative foreign governments, and international political institutions (elections, parties, interest groups, public opinion);
- ** A comprehension of constitutional principles, including the separation of powers, federalism, civil liberties, civil rights, due process) and comparative foreign government separation of powers of similar or differing constitutional or non-constitutional governing systems;
- *** The substance and controversies of domestic American public policy (education, health care, criminal justice, etc.) and comparative governmental systems of public policy and international political institutions (homeland security, international trade and

commerce, military and defense, environment, globalized ethics, standards, and cultures).

INDICATOR	1 DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	2 MEETS STANDARD	3 EXCEEDS STANDARD	SCORE
Ability to make coherent arguments about political beliefs and values that have shaped Western politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Documents demonstrates basic ability to make a coherent argument	Document demonstrated comprehensive ability to make a coherent argument	
Ability to write cogently on the political beliefs and values that have shaped non-Western politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to write cogently	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to write cogently	
Ability to debate different points of view on the political beliefs and values that have shaped Western and non-Western politics	Document shows significant errors and/or omissions	Document demonstrates basic ability to debate different points of view	Document demonstrates comprehensive ability to debate different points of view	

OUTCOME TWO: POLITICAL SCIENCE REASONING AND ARGUMENTATION

<u>Objective</u>: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science reasoning and argumentation

- -- Graduates should have the ability to make arguments coherently, write cogently, and debate different points of view effectively on some of the major political/political science issues of our time, demonstrating mastery of that course's materials:
- -- Provide one document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain how becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science reasoning and argumentation.

INDICATOR	1	2	3	SCORE
	DOES NOT	MEETS	EXCEEDS	
	MEET	STANDARD	STANDARD	
	STANDARD			
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
reason and	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
make coherent	significant	basic ability to	comprehensive	
arguments	errors and/or	reason and	ability to	
	omissions	make coherent	reason and	
		arguments	make coherent	
			arguments	
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
write cogently	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
	significant	basic ability to	comprehensive	
	errors and/or	write cogently	ability to write	
	omissions		cogently	
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
reason and	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
debate	significant	basic ability to	comprehensive	
different	errors and/or	reason and	ability to	
viewpoints	omissions	debate	reason and	
		different	debate	
		viewpoints	different	
			viewpoints	

OUTCOME THREE: POLITICAL SCIENCE METHODOLOGY

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of comprehension of Political Science methodology

-- Graduates should have the ability and knowledge to utilize Political Science methodology to research and interpret political data, including statistical data.

Specifically, graduates need to:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific process as applied to the study of government and politics;
- 2. Correctly choose, calculate, and interpret statistical data at the introductory level.
- -- These abilities may be demonstrated by presenting: Tests, exams, or other applied statistical documentation from either a version of the MATH Applied Statistics courses OR their Research Methods Course proposal and statistics assignments for the Political Science Research Methods course.

Indicator	Does Not	Meets	Exceeds	Score
	Meet Standard	Standard	Standard	
	1	2	3	
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
understand	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
methodological	significant	basic ability	comprehensive	
measurement	errors and/or	to understand	ability to	
concepts and	omissions	concepts and	understand	
limits		limits	concepts and limits	
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
employ	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
methods of	significant	basic ability	comprehensive	
data	errors and/or	to understand	ability to	
collection for	omissions	survey	understand survey	
survey		research,	research,	
research,		document	document analysis,	
documented		analysis, and	and observation	
analysis, and		observation		
observation				
Ability to	Document	Document	Document	
interpret and	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
calculate basic	significant	basic ability	comprehensive	
statistics	errors and/or	to interpret	ability to interpret	
	omissions	and calculate	and calculate basic	
		basic statistics	statistics	

OUTCOME FOUR: POLITICAL SCIENCE THEORY

Objective: Demonstrates evidence of knowledge of Political Science theory

Graduates should apply American domestic or International Political Science theories of political systems at local, regional, national, and/or international levels of governments:

- -- Provide one document illustrative of the student's best work in a requirement for a Political Science Course. In the "Reflection," explain how becoming proficient and improving learning in and knowledge of Political Science theory.
- -- Specific categorical assessments for measuring understanding and ability in Political Science Theory:
- * Ability to grasp the theoretical Political Science literature and theoretical debates of the discipline (elections, political parties, public sector roles, private sector influences, international organizational and institutional approach and impact);
- ** The application of theoretical principles to the daily functioning of American government at the local, regional, state-wide, national or federal level; comparative foreign governments at the country-wide level; and international political organizations and institutions (regionalism, federalism, institutionalism/idealism, realism, and/or constructivism).

INDICATOR	1	2	3	SCORE
	DOES NOT	MEETS	EXCEEDS	
	MEET	STANDARD	STANDARD	
	STANDARD			
Ability to understand	Document	Document	Document	
Political Science theory	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
for both American and	significant	basic	comprehensive	
International Politics	errors and/or	understanding	understanding	
	omissions	for both	for both	
		American and	American and	
		International	International	
		Politics	Politics	
Ability to grasp the	Document	Document	Document	
theoretical Political	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates	
Science literature and	significant	basic ability to	comprehensive	
debates of the	errors and/or	grasp the	ability to grasp	
discipline	omissions	theoretical	the theoretical	
_		Political Science	Political Science	
		literature and	literature and	
		debates of the	debates of the	
		discipline	discipline	

Ability to apply	Document	Document	Document
theoretical principles	shows	demonstrates	demonstrates
to the functioning of	significant	basic ability to	comprehensive
American	errors and/or	apply theoretical	ability to apply
Government, foreign	omissions	principles to the	theoretical
governments, and		functioning of	principles to the
International Political		American	functioning of
institutions		Government,	American
		foreign	Government,
		governments,	foreign
		and	governments,
		International	and
		Political	International
		institutions	Political
			institutions