

Program Assessment Plan
 American University
 Academic Program: SIS: International Studies - BA

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Assessment:

Unit's Primary Department: SIS-GenI

Learning Outcome: Critical and Analytical Skills

Demonstrate critical and analytical writing, presentation and thinking skills including the ability to apply relevant and contemporary theories to the analysis of international relations.

Outcome Year: 2009-2010

2010-2011

2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
SIS-206 Introduction to Int'l Relations Research faculty evaluate sample writing assignments based on rubric. Measure Type: Written Assignment	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	Evaluations in spring 2010, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Program Directors.	Yes
Indirect Measure from faculty observations at Undergraduate Research Conference. Measure Type: Presentation	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	Evaluations in spring 2010, and on two-year cycle. Results of indirect measures on Student Teaching Evaluations will be reported annually.	Yes

Related Courses

- SIS-206 - Introduction to International Relations Research

Learning Outcome: Interpret Issues

Interpret issues from more than one cultural perspective, fostering an environment and learning community among students of active cultural exchange and engagement both in and out of the classroom.

Outcome Year: 2009-2010

2010-2011

2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
SIS-140 faculty evaluate sample projects (papers, exams) based on rubric. Measure Type: Written Assignment	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	Evaluations in spring 2011, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Field Directors.	Yes

Related Courses

- SIS-140 - Cross-Cultural Communication

Learning Outcome: Values and Ethics

Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of values, ethics, and social justice in international relations.

Outcome Year: 2009-2010
 2010-2011
 2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
Senior seminar or senior course professors evaluate sample final projects (papers, projects, reports, etc.) based on rubric. Measure Type: Final Paper/ Final Project	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	No schedule identified.	Yes

Learning Outcome: Issues and Theories

Display an in-depth knowledge of issues and theories related to one's specific area of study.

Outcome Year: 2009-2010
 2010-2011
 2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
Senior seminar or senior course professors evaluate sample final projects (papers, projects, reports, etc.) based on rubric. Measure Type: Final Paper/ Final Project	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	No schedule identified.	Yes

Learning Outcome: Multi-Dimensional Knowledge

Demonstrate a multi-dimensional understanding of a specific geographical area or country.

Outcome Year: 2009-2010
 2010-2011
 2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
Senior seminar or senior course professors evaluate sample final projects (papers, projects, reports, etc.) based on rubric. Measure Type: Final Paper/ Final Project	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	No schedule identified.	Yes

Learning Outcome: Knowledge in Multiple Disciplines

Demonstrate a breadth of understanding of multiple disciplines and fields related to international relations (liberal arts focus).

Outcome Year: 2009-2010
 2010-2011
 2011-2012

Start Date: 06/30/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan

Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
SIS-105 World Politics professors evaluate sample final exam responses based on rubric. Measure Type: Quiz/ Exam	75% meet excellent range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	Evaluations in spring 2010, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Field Directors. Results of indirect measures on Student Teaching Evaluations will be reported annually, beginning in 2010.	Yes

Related Courses

- SIS-105 - World Politics