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Political Science (B.A.)

Department Website: <http://www.american.edu/spa/gov/>

1. Learning Outcomes

1. Conduct a literature review of previous scholarly literature on the topic being investigated in the papers the students write for the course.
2. Apply social science research design methods, such as how to create a hypothesis, to the paper they write for the course.
3. Apply basic statistical techniques to analyze already existing data sets or data sets created by the students.
4. Analyze data and present their results in a written report.

2. Assessment Plan

Measures	Target	Learning Outcomes	Cycle and Reviewers
<p>Direct Measure:</p> <p>Research papers from Introduction to Political Research courses to determine if students have conducted a literature review, learned basic statistical techniques, and applied those techniques to analyze data and present the findings of their research.</p>	<p>The learning outcomes will have been met if 85% of students successfully meet the three learning outcomes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. xxx 2. xxx 3. xxx 4. 	<p>Data will be collected at the end of each semester. Data will be reviewed by the faculty members teaching the courses, and the data will be reported to the chair of the Department.</p>
<p>Indirect Measure</p> <p>Faculty meeting to review specific student work</p>			