

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

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Contact Person for Patrick Jackson

**Assessment:**

Unit's Primary Department: SIS-GenI

COLA Reader -1: Chana Barron

COLA Reader -2: Betsy Cohn

**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

**End Date:** 12/10/2012

**Outcome Status:** Archived 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. <b>Measure Type:</b> 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.	No
Indirect Measure from faculty observations at Undergraduate Research Conference. <b>Measure Type:</b> 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.	No

**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

**End Date:** 12/10/2012

**Outcome Status:** Archived Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
SIS-140 faculty evaluate sample projects (papers, exams) based on rubric. <b>Measure Type:</b> 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.	No

**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

**End Date:** 12/10/2012

**Outcome Status:** Archived Program 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. <b>Measure Type:</b> 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.

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2010-2011  
2011-2012

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**Outcome Status:** Archived 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. <b>Measure Type:</b> Final Paper/ Final Project	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	No schedule identified.	No

### 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

**End Date:** 12/10/2012

**Outcome Status:** Archived 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. <b>Measure Type:</b> Final Paper/ Final Project	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.	No schedule identified.	No

### 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  
**End Date:** 12/10/2012  
**Outcome Status:** Archived Learning Outcome

<b>Assessment Plan</b>			
<b>Assessment Measure</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Schedule/Cycle</b>	<b>Active</b>
SIS-105 World Politics professors evaluate sample final exam responses based on rubric. <b>Measure Type:</b> 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.	No

**Related Courses**

- SIS-105 - World Politics