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

Contact Person for Assessment: Maria Green Cowles on behalf of Program Directors
Unit’s Primary Department: SIS-Genl

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

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<td>SIS-206 Introduction to Int'l Relations Research</td>
<td>Faculty evaluate sample writing assignments based on rubric.</td>
<td>75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range.</td>
<td>Evaluations in spring 2010, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Program Directors.</td>
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Measure Type: Written Assignment

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.

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<td>SIS-140 faculty evaluate sample projects (papers, exams)</td>
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Measure Type: Written Assignment

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.

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<td>Senior seminar or senior course professors evaluate sample final projects (papers, projects, reports, etc.) based on rubric.</td>
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Measure Type:
Final Paper/ Final Project

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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Learning Outcome: Multi-Dimensional Knowledge
Demonstrate a multi-dimensional understanding of a specific geographical area or country.

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Learning Outcome: Knowledge in Multiple Disciplines
Demonstrate a breadth of understanding of multiple disciplines and fields related to international relations (liberal arts focus).

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Measure Type:
Final Paper/ Final Project
SIS-105 World Politics professors evaluate sample final exam responses based on rubric.

**Measure Type:**
Quiz/ Exam

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**Related Courses**
- SIS-105 - World Politics