### Political Science

1. Develop an understanding of the fundamental principles and theories of politics to include foundations of political community, the structure and process of government, citizenship and forms of political participation, and the public policy process.

2. Gain an understanding of American Government and World Politics are assessed by writing essays on a rubric. The seminar is a capstone course that majors complete their junior and senior years. They are required to write a paper which is assessed by a rubric. Students who take an internship are assessed by their supervisor and they complete a journal for the department.

   - **Introduction to American Government**
   - **World Politics**

   - **Internships**
   - **Writing Assessments**

   - **Spring 2020**

   The seminar is only offered every other year so we will compile our data after spring 2020. Internships are being analyzed currently. Because of the limited number of students taking the internship (1-2) each semester we are compiling them and analyzing them spring 2020. We are compiling the data from both introduction courses. It seems from this preliminary data that students are meeting the goals set by the political science department.

   - **Political Science Department**
   - **Reviewing Results**
   - **Spring 2020**

   The data has not been completely analyzed but we have added a number of things based on student responses. Two women VLS were hired for the fall and spring semesters for the 2019-2020. The department has added two events each semester to improve relations with the first years.

   - **Political Science Department**
   - **Reviewing Results**

   - **AY 2015-16**
and appreciation of current political issues and concerns and their impact upon the contemporary political environment.

3. Develop an understanding of political methodology and analysis and the ability to construct basic political theories used to explain political and governmental behavior.

4. Develop the ability to research, analyze, and evaluate political data and information and the ability to use information data bases.

5. Develop the ability to communicate effectively and a paper which is assessed by a rubric.

The curriculum has been reduced to 12 credits. Because of part-time and full-time work of students we have made the number of courses to meet their schedules.
clearly in written and oral form.

The results are discussed in the departmental meetings. The goals are listed in the syllabi.

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